

PORT LUDLOW VOICE

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Break Out that Holiday Spirit!

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Community Enrichment Alliance (CEA) is pleased to present the Port Ludlow Holiday Home Tour on **Saturday, December 8**, from 10:00 to 2:00 p.m. This year five homes will be dressed in their holiday best for you to enjoy. You'll have an opportunity to meet many of the owners. Here is a peek at what will be waiting for you:

At Searidge, the home of Harvey and Vicki Pepper, you will be greeted by the bear collection. The dining room features a Venetian screen hung as a wall panel. The home features several metal sculptures by Hoffman, and commanding views of the harbor. IDecoration is in jewel tones of garnet, emerald, gold and silver with a seasonal abundance of poinsettias and candles.

Past the wreath on the Driftwood Court home of Roy and Jean Kraft you will find European Christmas Collectables, family heirlooms and nautical treasures. Handmade quilts and wall hangings, made by Jean, are featured. Meissen angels and a Hummel Madonna occupy the mantel. An eight-foot tree with ornaments from Germany and France dominates the living room. The home looks out on the Twin Islands.

At Water's Edge, Richard and Carol Grieves have placed a freshly cut tree decorated with lights outside the entry. The house is decorated in green and features another Christmas tree hung with antique ornaments that are family heirlooms. It also contains Carol's collection of birds, modern ornaments and the traditional star on the top. The house faces the Inner Harbor and the Olympic Mountains.

A sleigh full of presents waits for grandchildren beside the front door of the home of Myron and Val Vogt in Greenview Village. House-fronts, created by Myron, form a collage over the fireplace and lend warmth to the room. Much of the cabinetry in the home was also created by its owner. Japanese Kimedomi dolls, made by Val, are also on display. The home looks out on the Golf Course.



A Venetian screen hangs in the Searidge home of the Peppers.

Photos by Peggy Lee Flentie

From One Editor's Keyboard

by Beverly Browne, Co-editor in Chief

Peace on earth. It's a statement that appears on Christmas cards and in beauty pageant interviews. Question: "Miss Washington, can you tell us about your hopes for the future?" Answer: "Peace on earth!" (Applause ensues.) It is a safe answer because no one can disagree with peace. It puts the cork in the evil genie's bottle. The sticky part is getting there from here.

Recently a forum was held at the Bay Club to talk about the concept of "One Port Ludlow," its benefits and obstacles. It's a good concept. It would be better if there was agreement about what it means. To some it means that everyone gets along. I like to call this the Pollyanna Principle: be nice and interpersonal problems will go away. There would be peace in Port Ludlow.

To others it means unification of the Beach and Bay Clubs. There are several variants of this proposal. One is to have two administrative organizations (as now) but residents would be free to use either Club. A fee of some kind would be charged for this privilege. Another proposes one administrative unit overseeing both Clubs. This implies changes in fees and liabilities for members and that doesn't sit well with many. A third is to build a new Club big enough for every one. It was suggested in prior years and rejected (see Greg McCarry's article in this issue). Would any of these proposals produce peace in Port Ludlow?

Radicals propose scrapping our geographically based system of homeowner associations and developing one governing unit similar to a city council, perhaps a strengthened Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC). The fur flies when this idea comes up! Past flirtations with incorporation have all died before the first kiss. Truthfully scrapping the current system would be very difficult and probably impossible, given our elaborate system of governing documents, covenants, conditions and restrictions (CC&Rs) and our dependence on volunteers. Anyway, would it produce peace in Port Ludlow?

Peace evokes thoughts of doves, starry skies, sunsets, warm fires, and quiet, soft, happy things; however, it is a tough nut to crack. There is nothing fluffy about peace. Attaining it often involves conflict. Nations have not been able to break the code, at least not for very long. Can Port Ludlow do it? Unless we want to continue devouring our own, we must. Happy holidays.

The views expressed in this column are the Editor's alone and don't necessarily represent the views of every volunteer member of the Voice staff.

Holiday continued from page 1

The Woodridge home of Tom and Lucy Stone draws guests to the front door with lighted garland. The Christmas tree wears silver, gold, and glass ornaments and special ornaments from the White House. There is a mixture of collectables from China, Japan, Tibet and Africa where the Stones have lived and traveled. Santas are everywhere. The home has a view of Admiralty Inlet and Whidbey Island.

To add even more festivity this year, the Resort at Port Ludlow joins the CEA in serving tea and light refreshments in the Sunroom at the Inn between noon and 3:00 p.m. It is a lovely spot for friends and neighbors to gather.



Collectables from China, Japan, Tibet and Africa adorn the Stone's Woodridge home.



Guests are greeted by a sleigh full of presents at the Vogt's Greenview home.

Tickets for the self-guided event are still available but are limited so don't delay. They can be purchased at: Dana Pointe Interiors, **Monday-Friday**, 10:00 a.m.–

4:00 p.m.; Once Upon A Time, **Monday-Friday**, 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.; and the CEA ticket table at the Bay Club, **Wednesdays**, 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Proceeds from the Holiday Home Tour go directly to the CEA Scholarship program. Last year the program gave three Chimacum seniors a total of \$5,100. This is a wonderful opportunity for the Port Ludlow community to assist local students.

Wondering Where to Turn for Help?

It happens to people everyday. Hopelessness, fear and embarrassment over a current situation can leave one isolated and ashamed to ask for help. Sometime it can feel as though there simply isn't anyone who cares.

This year, United Good Neighbors (UGN) is getting involved with this delicate issue by funding the Peninsula "2-1-1" call system. The Call Center provides information and referrals to all residents of Jefferson, Clallam and Kitsap Counties. The toll-free number offers help to callers by directing them to services many people don't realize exist. The idea is that UGN and other United Way groups should be more involved with problem solutions and not just allocating money to various agencies.

Bob Peden, Executive Director of UGN, states, "acting together with Kitsap and Clallam counties, UGN can provide a much needed service for the people of Jefferson County." Please take time to investigate 2-1-1 and the many other programs UGN supports in Jefferson County at www.unitedway-wa.org/jefferson.

The 2007 Annual Campaign for UGN is \$275,000, with a Port Ludlow target of \$35,425. As of November 6, Port Ludlow residents donated \$10,285. For more information regarding UGN please contact Bob Peden at 385-3797.

Cucina Pizza Hosts Tri-Area Christmas Fund Tree

This year, Cucina Pizza will be the drop-off place for bringing unwrapped Christmas gifts for children in the Tri-Area. Last year the residents of Port Ludlow responded abundantly to the request. We were so grateful to everyone who came by, selected a card from the tree and returned with gifts.

Owner Tanner Stephens said, "We are all so blessed to live in such a lovely community and to be able to help out in this important way." Let's work together again to bring bright smiles to children this year at Christmas.

This is the twentieth year that children in the Tri-Area have been supported during the holidays by the Christmas Tree Fund. Please drop your gifts off no later than **Wednesday, December 19**. The Fund organizers are requesting that all gifts be unwrapped. Contact: Tanner Stephens, Cucina Pizza, 52 Village Way or call 437-8200 or 206-769-1285 (direct line) for information.

Local Girl Shares Aloha Spirit

Port Ludlow's own Hannah Lawson, age 13, daughter of David and Anne Lawson, danced hula for the "Adventures In Music" program sponsored recently by the Port Angeles Symphony. The program is designed to teach students how the indigenous people of the Pacific Islands used music and dance to pass on their history and culture.

Hannah, who has taken Hawaiian dance lessons for the past seven years from Bernie Robinson, also of Port Ludlow, toured with musicians Mike and Erma Keenly of Sequim to provide music, song and storytelling to the students. They traveled to twelve different elementary schools (K through 6) over a period of five days. They started in Neah Bay with Hannah dancing her way through Clallam Bay, Forks, Crescent, Joyce, Port Angeles and ending in Sequim.

She demonstrated Tahitian, Maori and Hawaiian dance accompanied by the Hawaiian music group, "Naki'I" of Sequim. She danced to *Nga Waka*, a New Zealand canoe song, *Hoki Hoki*, a Tahitian song using poi balls, and *Nani Wale*, an implement dance using bamboo sticks and feather rattle gourds. Al Harris, director of the Symphony's Adventures In Music program, played the piano.

The teachers were asked to pick six to eight students who would like to learn a Hawaiian dance. They were invited to come up before their classmates to learn *Hukilau*, a fishing song that was first demonstrated to them by Hannah, who danced along to show them the steps.



*Hawaiian dancer
Hannah Lawson, age 13.
Submitted photo*



Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

Carbon monoxide (CO), called the silent killer, is an odorless, colorless gas produced by incomplete burning of fuel such as propane, kerosene, gasoline, oil, natural gas, wood and charcoal. Sources of CO in homes can include malfunctioning gas-fired appliances, space heaters and chimney flues. Symptoms of CO poisoning include nausea, fatigue, headaches, dizziness, breathing difficulty and confusion—symptoms that may be confused with the flu.

To prevent CO poisoning, Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. recommends that a qualified technician inspect fuel-burning appliances and chimneys. Installing a UL-Listed CO alarm at least ten feet away from the fuel-burning appliances and outside of sleeping areas is also recommended. Test the alarm at least once a month and replace the battery once a year. If the alarm sounds, immediately call 9-1-1; move to fresh air, outside or to an open window or door. Account for all household members. Do not re-enter the home or move away from the fresh air source until emergency services have arrived, the home is sufficiently aired out, and the CO alarm doesn't reactivate. CO detector alarms may be purchased at your local hardware store.

When there are power outages, avoid creating a CO poisoned atmosphere. Place generators outside and positioned so that toxic fumes are not sucked into ventilation or heating systems or infiltrate through open doors or windows.

Do not use outdoor camping gear, gas lanterns, cooking stoves, the barbecue, or space heaters inside the home. Items designed for outdoor use do not have proper ventilation for indoor use.

Dial 9-1-1 immediately should you suspect CO poisoning. Remember, carbon monoxide is called the silent killer.

Holiday Safety Reminders

Christmas Trees: Discard worn, frayed, broken, or loose-bulb tree-light strings; unplug tree lights when going to sleep or leaving home. Don't use real candles on the tree. Keep live trees well watered; dispose of dry trees. Artificial trees must be fire-retardant. Maintain a minimum of three feet from the heat source. Position the tree near an outlet so that cords are not running long distances. Do not block exits. Do not leave dried trees in the house, lay them against the house, or leave them in the garage.

Candles: Extinguish candles when leaving home or going to sleep. Use sturdy, stable candleholders that are large enough to collect dripping wax and are made from unburnable material. Keep candles away from Christmas trees and decorations, placed on a sturdy, uncluttered surface. Keep candles and all open flames away from flammable liquids. Trim wicks and do not walk around with lit candles. Light candles carefully. Keep hair and loose clothing away from the flame.

Holiday Cooking: Stay in the kitchen when frying, grilling, broiling or boiling food. If there is a need to leave the kitchen, even for a short time, turn off the stove. When simmering, baking or roasting food, check regularly, stay in the home, and use a timer as a reminder. Use the back burners when young children are in the kitchen; keep children and pets at least three feet away from the stove. Wear clothing with tight-fitting sleeves while cooking.

Entertaining: Provide large, deep ashtrays for guests who smoke. Check frequently to be certain that cigarettes/cigars in the ashtrays are not smoldering; completely douse butts with water before discarding. Keep matches and lighters out of sight and reach of children, and have visitors do the same thing. After a party, always check under, on, and between upholstery and cushions and inside trashcans for smoldering materials. Be sensitive to the possibility of a loved one falling asleep while smoking.

Other: Replace multi-plug adapters and light-duty extension cords with heavy gauge, UL electrical power strips and cords equipped with self-breaking re-set switches/buttons. Phone Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue at 437-2236 to have your fire fighters change the batteries in your smoke alarms.

Homes Still Needed for Holiday Musicians

The Arts Council is still looking for a couple more homes to house the Scotch-Irish folk duo Men of Worth, the Irish harpist, piper and two young step dancers. A total of five homes are needed and two have been confirmed—leaving the need for three more. The group will be driving up from Oregon on **Sunday morning, December 16** and will perform at the Bay Club in the afternoon.

If you can volunteer your guest room for **Sunday** night, please e-mail bwagnerj@olympus.net or leave a message at 437-9726. The Arts Council is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and your hospitality is considered an in-kind contribution.

Working Image Asks for Volunteers

If you have a desire to serve your community in a positive way, Working Image/OlyCAP (Olympic Community Action Partnership) may fill your needs. Designed to serve low-income women who are either returning to the work force or furthering their education, Working Image provides donated, gently-used career apparel at no cost. The program will assist anyone in need including domestic violence victims, disaster victims and those experiencing financial hardships.

Working Image was founded by Anne Schneider and Ruth Merryman in the late 1990s to help low income women achieve a professional image. Clients were referred by 25 agencies in Jefferson, Kitsap and Clallam Counties. They worked through Skookum until 2005 when the program became part of OlyCAP. Schneider and Merryman were honored as 2007 real heroes and received the Fifth Annual Red Cross Real Heroes Awards in November of this year. The program is managed by Port Ludlow resident, Helen Cotta.

Clothing and financial donations often come from Port Ludlow residents. About half the current volunteer dressers are women from Port Ludlow. The Boeing Bluebills assists the program and the Community Enrichment Alliance (CEA) held a "Closet Sale" with proceeds going to the Working Image/OlyCAP program. Clients are gifted three to five career outfits, including shoes, purses, jewelry and coats. Haircuts are donated by Cuts and Curls in Port Townsend. A "goodie bag" containing soap, shampoo, bath gel and other items gives the clients a feeling of being special. Up to 16 women a week can be served by the program.

Working Image/OlyCAP needs more volunteers. If you are interested in giving time to an extremely important cause that will make a positive difference in a woman's life, please contact the Working Image/OlyCAP office at 385-2571. OlyCAP also has need for volunteers to assist in driving people to doctor appointments, assist with various projects and accept warm clothing for children and blankets.

Jefferson County Fire District #3

Alarm Statistics October 2007

Alarms

Fire	1
Emergency Medical	33
Motor Vehicle Accidents	0
Rescue	0
Service	15
Hazardous Conditions	1
Good Intent Calls	1
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	0
Total Alarms	51

Ambulance Transports

Jefferson Healthcare	13
Harrison Medical Center	6
Naval Hospital ~ Bremerton	1
Airlift NW Landing Zone	2
Total Transports	22

Mutual Aid with Neighboring Districts

Provided	5
Received	1
Total Mutual Aid	6

Chief Ed Wilkerson's Safety Tip: Preparing for Winter

By anticipating power failures you can stay safe and comfortable. Check flashlights, radios and other battery-operated appliances for charged batteries, and make sure you have spares in the correct size. Make sure your fire extinguishers are charged as well. Stock extra food that does not require cooking and have emergency water stored.

Celebrate at the Port Ludlow Community Church

Keeping the spirit of Christ in this holiday season, Port Ludlow Community Church (PLCC) will host the following special events:

Sunday, December 16, 10:00 a.m., Christmas program, *The Gifts they Brought*

Sunday, December 16, 5:00 p.m., First annual Christmas dinner and evening of fun.

Monday, December 24, 6:00–6:45 p.m., Christmas Candlelight Service.

The church is on Oak Bay Road above the Village Center. For more information, call 437-0145.

Creosote Removal in Puget Sound

by Stephen Cunliffe, Contributing Editor



Creosote pilings in Port Ludlow's Inner Harbor.

Photo by Peggy Lee Flentie

On November 1, the Washington State Department of Natural Resources held an open house at the Tri-Area Community Center in Chimacum to discuss the ongoing program for creosote cleanup in Puget Sound.

Creosote has been used as a wood preservative for a century, commonly used to treat telephone poles, railroad ties, piers and docks. As a consequence there are thousands of derelict creosote pilings in Puget Sound, many of which break and distribute tons of polluting debris onto beaches. Creosote is known to be harmful to the marine species, most notably herring, which are important in the food chain for salmon, Orcas, and birds. Creosote debris on beaches also presents a hazard to the public either through exposure to creosote vapors during warm weather or direct contact with the treated wood.

The current program began as a beach clean-up operation, but was then funded to include removal of actual pilings in selected areas of Puget Sound. So far, more than 1,300 pilings have been removed, including a good number from Port Townsend.

To avoid too much disturbance to aquatic life, clean up takes place in a window from mid July to late February. All work under the current funding needs to be completed by early 2009. Activity in the window starting mid 2008 is now being planned, and possible areas for creosote removal which are relatively close to Port Ludlow include the Wooden Boat School in Port Hadlock, the cut between Indian Island and Oak Bay and many pilings around Fort Flagler. It has not yet been finally determined whether the pier on the east side of Fort Flagler will be removed. As yet, the Department has not made a creosote inventory of the Port Ludlow area, but hopes to be able to do so next spring.

Creosote removal is one of many actions that will, cumulatively, help to restore the health of Puget Sound. If you have any questions concerning this program, you can contact Lisa Kaufman at the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) by phone at 360-854-2808, or by e-mail at lisa.kaufman@dnr.wa.gov.

PSE Substation Construction Delayed

Puget Sound Energy (PSE) has been working to upgrade the electrical system that serves Port Ludlow. The substation is intended to ameliorate the effects of severe winter storms that have frequently left Port Ludlow without electrical power.

Construction was expected to be complete by the end of November with the substation coming on line at the end of **February 2008**. Difficulties in obtaining permits and easements have resulted in delays to the project. According to PSE representatives, the substation is unlikely to be on line before the end of winter.

PSE employees have cleared and graded the site and have begun working on the transmission lines. The lines will run from the substation along Chimacum Road to the intersection of State Route 19 and Chimacum Road.

Questions about the project may be directed to project manager Chris Brown at 1-888-225-5773, select option 3, then option 4 and dial extension 81-2846. Questions may also be directed to Linda Streissguth, Government and Community Relations Manager, at linda.streissguth@pse.com.

Cub Scout Christmas Tree Pick Up

Do you find getting your car messy lugging a Christmas tree to the dump after the holidays annoying? Let the Cub Scouts pick it up for you instead! Cub Scout Pack 4480 will be picking up Christmas trees in the Port Ludlow area on **Saturday, January 5**. If you would like them to pick up your tree, send a request to Cub Scout Pack 4480, c/o Amy Recht, 103 Puget Loop, Port Ludlow, WA 98365 with your name, address and phone number (in case we get lost or have questions). Suggested donations to the Pack for this service are \$10 for a small-to-medium-sized tree and \$20+ for a large or extra large tree.

Have your tree at the curb on the morning of **Saturday, January 5** for pickup by the Scouts. As the trees will be composted, flocked trees cannot be included in the pick-up service. If you have any questions concerning this service, phone Amy at 437-4069. The Cub Scouts thank you for your support during the past year and wish you a very Merry Christmas and a bountiful New Year!

County Responds to Water Scare

Jefferson County Associate Planner, David Wayne Johnson, addressed the issue of the adequacy of Port Ludlow's water system, recently publicized in the *Port Townsend Leader*. According to Johnson, there is no imminent threat to the water supply. Earlier this year, Johnson reviewed the Draft Water System Update Plan, which the State requires all public water systems to produce every six years. The Plan identifies necessary upgrades to the system for future uses. Plans for addressing future growth will be implemented.

Johnson said that the State Departments of Ecology and Health regulate and have jurisdiction over water supply and systems; Jefferson County does not. The County relies on the State to identify problems and determine whether or not the County should impose a building moratorium. Claims to the contrary are in error. Reports from the Department of Ecology that regulates water supply for Port Ludlow indicate that there is nothing wrong with the water system. Port Ludlow has adequate capacity to not only handle existing homes and businesses, but also enough for the proposed Ludlow Cove II subdivision of 42 homes plus some before new water rights will be required.

Additional information may be obtained from the Jefferson County Department of Community Development, 360-379-4465.

Funfest 2007

by Lia and Neil Robinson, Funfest Co-Chairs

We want to thank this year's Funfest Committee Chairs and team members for all your hard work and efforts in planning, administering, creating and executing such a wonderful event. Countless hours were dedicated to ensure that Funfest would be the best that it could be and even a little rain on Sunday tried, but could not dampen our spirits.

In addition to our team members, we were supported by so many of you who came forward to volunteer before, during and after Funfest to contribute to the many details that needed your help and expertise. And, for those of you not physically involved in the process, we thank you for your words of encouragement, support and gratitude along the way.

Funfest attracted an attendance of over 1,800 visitors this year who were rewarded by being able to visit and shop at the more than 50 participating arts, crafts and food booths. Children were rewarded with hands-on activities

provided by the North Olympic Peninsula Modelers Society and our local Fire Department. Additional highlights included a Saturday visit and tour of the U.S. Coast Guard ship *Blue Shark*, and on Sunday, a display of classic cars made possible by the Rakers Car Club.

We recognize that this event would not be possible without the generous support of our sponsors: ReMax Admiralty, American Marine Bank, Kitsap Bank, Kathy A. Morgan with Olympic Hood Canal Real Estate and the Port Ludlow Chamber of Commerce.

Fund Formed for Injured Marina Employee

Port Ludlow employee, Sean Pickering, was badly burned in an accident at the Marina on Wednesday, October 25. Pickering was air lifted to Harborview. The explosion of a gas can left Pickering with burns from the waist down. Skin grafts were required but his prognosis is good.

Insurance will not cover all the medical treatment for the injuries. The Port Ludlow Yacht Club (PLYLC) has placed a jar for donations on the counter at the Marina. There is also a card to sign. The Port Ludlow Community Church (PLCC) has set up a fund, the Sean Pickering Benevolent Fund, to receive gifts for Sean and his family. Those wishing to contribute should contact the church at 9534 Oak Bay Road, 437-0145.

Northwest Flower and Garden

Have you gotten your tickets yet for the Northwest Flower and Garden Show in Seattle?

The show starts **Wednesday, February 20** and goes through **Sunday, February 24, 2008**.

Port Ludlow Garden Club members can purchase one ticket each for \$15. These tickets must be purchased from Eline Lybarger 437-7701 or Linda LaCroix 437-7790. All other tickets are \$16 each and can be purchased at the Community Enrichment Alliance (CEA) ticket table any **Wednesday** from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Bay Club.



Literary Events Announced

Tuesday, December 4, 6:30 p.m. at the Sons of Norway in downtown Poulsbo. This event is for knitters/crocheters: Textile artist Debbie Stoller, author of the bestselling *Stitch 'N Bitch: The Knitter's Handbook* and other knitting books, combines fashion savvy with uncommon knitting sense. Stoller will present and sign copies of her newest book, *Son of Stitch 'N Bitch: 45 Projects to Knit and Crochet for Men*. Bring your needles and yarn and join us for hors d'oeuvres and beverages. Non-knitters welcome. Learn about this author at www.knithappens.com.

Friday, December 7, 3:00 p.m., Poulsbo Library. Christmas Tea with Debbie Macomber: Bestselling author Debbie Macomber will present and sign copies of her latest book, *Where Angels Go*. She is the author of several series and the non-fiction book, *Knit Together: Discover God's Pattern for Your Life*. There will be great food by What's for Dinner. RSVP required to Liberty Bay Books by **Monday, December 3**. Cost is \$5/\$20. Learn about the author at www.debbiemacomber.com.

Saturday, December 8, 3:00 p.m., Liberty Bay Books, Poulsbo. Author event and children's writing contest: Mermaids and Vikings come to Poulsbo! Bainbridge author, Suzanne Selfors, will read from and sign copies of her young readers' book *To Catch a Mermaid*. Learn about the author at www.suzanneselfors.com.

For event information, contact Liberty Bay Books, 18881-D Front Street, Poulsbo, 360-779-5909 or www.libertybaybooks.com.

Do Not Call Registrants Need to Renew

The Washington State Attorney General's Office reminds everyone who signed up for the national Do Not Call Registry when it was created in 2003 that it's time to renew their registration if they want to remain off telemarketers' phone lists. Numbers are removed from the Do Not Call Registry after five years. About half of the 148 million numbers on the nationwide registry are due to be removed from the list starting in **June 2008**.

To renew or sign up for the Do Not Call Registry, go to www.donotcall.gov or call 888-382-1222. Registrants must call from the same phone number that they want to register. Home phone numbers and cell phone numbers can be registered, but not business or fax numbers.

To remove an address from junk-mail lists, contact the Direct Marketing Association (DMA) online at www.dmaconsumers.org or write to Direct Marketing Association's Mail Preference Service, P.O. Box 282, Carmel, NY 10512. There is a \$1 fee for this service.

To receive fewer credit card offers, contact the credit bureaus' free opt-out program. Call 888-5OptOut (888-567-8688) or make a request online at www.optoutprescreen.com. Names will be removed from mailing lists for five years. To have a name permanently removed, download a form from the website, fill it out and mail it in.

Those seeking to opt out of credit card offers will be asked for Social Security numbers and birth dates. Credit bureaus already have this information, and the website is encrypted. The bureaus will attempt to process requests from persons choosing not to provide the information. When registering by phone, participants should say "no" when asked for their Social Security number and birth date. They will need to say "no" twice.

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the nation's consumer protection agency, manages the national Do Not Call Registry. The FTC, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and state law enforcement officials are responsible for enforcement.

Call for Book Manuscripts

Blue Begonia Press, independent publisher of poetry for thirty years, is accepting submissions of full-length manuscripts for publication in 2008 from poets residing in Washington State who have never published a full-length poetry book. They are looking for well-crafted work that transcends the page, that moves us, takes our breath away—poems of meditation, testimony, praise, exploration, protest, reflection, witness.

The poet will receive publication, thirty copies, regional distribution/promotion of the book, and assistance scheduling/advertising featured readings. Deadline is **Monday, March 31, 2008**. Send the manuscript with cover sheet, title page and paginated table of contents, acknowledgments, a #10 SASE for results, and \$20 reading fee in the form of a check made out to Blue Begonia Press. The reading fee includes one copy of the book selected for publication.

For complete submission guidelines and more information about the Blue Begonia Press, visit www.bluebegoniapress.com/ or contact Terry Martin at martint@cwu.edu.

Duplicate Bridge Winners for October

by Ian Feltham

October 1: David Hendrie and Bill Schoenemann (first); Doris and Ian Feltham (second); Dottie St. Onge and Norm Crump (third).

October 8: Shirley Porter and Carol Land (first); Ian and Doris Feltham (second); Ralph Phillips and Lois Ruggles (third).

October 15: North/South winners were Doris and Ian Feltham (first); Dottie St. Onge and Norm Crump (second); Bill Schoenemann and David Hendrie (third). East/West winners were Shirley Porter and Marilyn Linrothe (first); Marilyn Elgin and Ralph Phillips (second); Marge Wille and Marion Peterson (third).

October 22: North/South winners were Doris and Ian Feltham (first); Dottie St. Onge and Norm Crump (second); David Hendrie and Bill Schoenemann (third). East/West winners were Michael Walker and Robert MacNeal (first); Marion Peterson and Vivian Hayer (second); Marilyn Elgin and Marvin Segar (third).

October 29: Ian and Doris Feltham (first); Ralph Phillips and Lois Ruggles (second); Norm Crump and Dottie St. Onge (third).

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

Singles Holiday Potluck

June DeMers has offered to host our Singles Holiday Potluck in her beautiful home at 5:00 p.m. on **Monday, December 17**.

June will provide her excellent Chicken Tetrizzini, coffee and tea. Please notify her at 437-9546 by **Monday, December 10** of your choice to bring an appetizer, salad, other main dish, vegetable, dessert or dinner rolls. She will provide her street address and take note of all singles needing a ride so a carpool can be arranged.

Please bring your drink of choice and a \$15 gift for our annual fun exchange.

All singles are warmly welcomed. Invite your friends! Come in your holiday finest, wear your nametags and be prepared for a great party

Dine and Discover

The December Dine and Discover on **Monday, December 3**, 5:30 p.m. at the Bay Club, features Mike Porter telling of his 3,000-mile bike trip across the United States in 2002.

The **Monday, January 7** Dine and Discover will be at 5:30 p.m. at the Beach Club. Ed Taylor will be the presenter describing "Forty Years of Brigs and Barques." The talk will cover the forty-year sailing career of the speaker's great-grandfather, Captain Henry R. Taylor, whose career spanned the period from 1850 to 1890 during which he crossed the Atlantic Ocean 79 times.

Captain Taylor spent his entire career in sailing ships in an era when steam power became dominant. The audience will obtain a clear idea of the tough life of a small merchant ship seaman in the latter half of the nineteenth century. Life at sea in a small merchant ship did have its dangerous and stressful moments and this will be shown by the description of some interesting seafaring incidents in which Captain Taylor was involved.

December Hiking Club Activities

Friday, December 14: Billy's Back Yard

Expect an easy walk of about six miles through some local forest roads in the Pope Forest land near Port Ludlow. Meet at the Bridge Deck at 8:30 a.m. to arrange car pools and get directions to the trailhead. Information: Soozie Darrow. 437-9208, or Debbie Wills. 437-7639.

Friday, December 28: Port Ludlow Trails

Here's a chance to learn about the many trails here in Port Ludlow. Explore trails with experienced guides from the Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) Trails Committee. Expect some serious walking, possibly including the new Niblick's Loop Trail under development, as well as the Around the Bay, Interpretive Trail, Ludlow Cove and more. Total walk will be about seven to eight miles with time out for a snack/lunch. Meet at the Bridge Deck at 8:30 a.m. Information: Dan Darrow, 437-9208, or Dale Wills, 437-7639.

Every Wednesday: Timberton Loop

Walk the 4.5 mile-Timberton Loop. Enjoy views of the Olympic Mountains and Mount Rainier. Meet at the trailhead on Timberton Road at 9:00 a.m. For info, contact Doris Monti at 437-0716.

Passionate about Movies?

Are you curious about movies? Do you wonder how they are made and what is required to prepare the set? Do you have questions about actors or the musical score or editing and marketing? If you have the "bug," please attend the next MovieMakers meeting. It will be held Thursday, December 6 from 10:00 a.m. until noon at the Jefferson County Library, 620 Cedar Avenue in Port Hadlock. Come, learn with us and find the answers to your questions.

At this meeting we will be planning future projects and exploring our partnership with the Jefferson County 4-H. The 4-H will benefit from our expertise, and we will benefit from their enthusiasm.

We will also be working on our next production *Ruby Heart*. This project presents many opportunities which may spark your interest. We have a need for editing, set design and construction as well as setup and breakdown, and help with props and costumes. We also need an Assistant Director, Props Manager, Set Assistant Director as well as help in areas like Public Relations. We can use your help and your enthusiasm.

Our most recent production, *The Courthouse*, was incredibly enjoyable and rewarding to create. *Ruby Heart* will be even more fun as we expand our knowledge and provide new opportunities for participation.

For answers to your questions, contact Maureen Poole at 436-2165 or moviemakersvp@aol.com or Matt Wallace at 437-2071 or moviemakers@earthlink.net.

Picture your Pet with Santa Claus



John L. Scott is bringing Santa Claus to Port Ludlow on **Saturday and Sunday, December 8 and 9**. Santa will be at the new model home in Olympic Terrace to have his picture taken with your best friend. Use your photograph as a warm reminder of your pet or for your Christmas card. You may also join us for some cider to toast the season.

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Artists' League Reception and Open House

A new exhibit opens on **Friday, December 7**, at American Marine Bank representing fifteen local artists' expressions of winter on canvas, board and paper. The Winter Impressions Exhibit will hang in the bank through **January 2008**. Come to see how an artist's eye and interpretation of this colder season might influence your approach to winter and to meet the artists showing their work. An Artists' Reception will be held in the bank lobby from 4:00 until 5:00 p.m.

Port Ludlow Artists' League invites you to the Christmas Shoppe Open House, 5:00–6:00 p.m., **Friday, December 7**. The artists whose work is on display and for sale are the hosts. The Christmas Shoppe at the Art Gallery, next door to American Marine Bank, is open on **Thursdays and Fridays**, 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. and on **Saturdays**, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m., through **December 22**.

Several merchants in the area have artists' work on display in their businesses through **December**, and you are invited to stop in and enjoy their exhibits. Homer Smith Insurance Agency has pastel and acrylic paintings by Ginny Ford. A photographic display by Lenetta Johnson is at Coldwell Banker Real Estate, and in the Conference Room at American Marine Bank you will see an exhibit of floor cloths, which are painted canvas rugs, by Jeanne Joseph.

Artists' League Champagne Brunch

Whether a member of the Artists' League or merely a lover of art, come and join the festivities at the Beach Club on **Wednesday, December 19** at 11:00 a.m. when the artists wrap up the year with a Christmas Champagne Brunch. There will be good entertainment, good food and good friends along with election and installation of new officers. The cost is \$8 and each person should bring a small plate of cookies. Please call Marti Mathis, 437-2704, for reservations before **Monday, December 10**.

Crafts and Cookie Extravaganza

A Crafts and Cookie Extravaganza will take place on **Saturday, December 8**, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Parish Hall. The Church is located at the corner of Tyler and Jefferson Streets in Port Townsend. St. Paul's will supply the container. You fill with cookies and enjoy! Other baked goods, craft items and corn brooms will also be available. For further information contact Rose Horvath at roseh@olypen.com.

A Short History of Development in Port Ludlow, II

by Greg McCarry

Greg McCarry is the former vice president of Pope Resources and is currently president and owner of Westerra Homes with his wife Lani. He lives in Port Ludlow and was intimately connected with its development until four years following the sale of the properties to Port Ludlow Associates. This is the last part of his description of development in Port Ludlow.

I joined Pope Resources in 1987 and was asked to find a way to stop the financial bleeding by attracting new people to the community. Influencing existing lot owners in North and South Bay to build homes and establish residency would have been difficult. However, home development in South Bay could be expanded to attract new owners. A strategy of building houses would also minimize sales of properties to land speculators. A major challenge was the lack of a clearly identifiable market in Port Ludlow. Our decisions would have to be based upon studying other communities. We did a year of market research before starting.

The activity in North Bay indicated that the community was attractive to retirees and that became the market we decided to evaluate. Based upon the research, I formulated development concepts for usable South Bay land parcels. The physical challenges, soil conditions, rock, steep slopes, wetlands, and so on, were much more extreme than in North Bay. As a result, the South Bay plan would need to be more broken up.

Our research showed that successful communities had recreational facilities. We also observed that the original purchasers of South Bay golf lots wanted to use Beach Club facilities. A deal had been made between North Bay and the developer to allow golf lot owners into the Beach Club in exchange for adding a new pool. However, the agreement expired after 20 years and a new, bigger club for everyone to use made sense to us. There was also a selfish motive to build a larger club because, if we could encourage existing owners to be members, it would instantly create a large pool of dues paying members.

We designed a new 32,000 square foot clubhouse and asked the Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) to consider trading the Beach Club for memberships in the new clubhouse. The idea was overwhelmingly rejected. We had no power to merge LMC into the new club without approval because only lot owners can change conditions once developed lots have recorded CC&Rs. Lacking LMC approval, we designed a scaled back, 16,000 foot clubhouse for new owners.

Marketing Strategies

Three key strategies for the new South Bay expansion plan were: 1) build homes in the market range (then between \$200,000 and \$300,000) to attract home buyers; 2) offer a variety of housing to accelerate absorption; and 3) generate revenue from all aspects of the project, i.e. lot development, home building and real estate sales. The revenue strategy was necessary because the Port Ludlow expansion was very capital intensive. We did not believe sales would ever exceed 40 homes per year and needed revenue from additional activities in order to justify the capital investment. The other strategies were important because they addressed the challenges of getting people to use and pay for infrastructure, accelerating sales and Bay Club memberships, and reducing the developer's subsidy of the Club.

In order to respond to these needs and the physical challenges of the land conditions, I envisioned villages rather than North Bay's large lot development. The Village concept allowed us to keep a relatively tight inventory and offer a variety of homes for quick absorption. By creating multiple product types we attracted more owners. Some buyers wanted big homes; some wanted smaller homes. Some wanted yard maintenance and some didn't. Some wanted condos and some wanted single-family homes. The new Port Ludlow expansion effort proved timely from a perspective of market conditions and demographic changes.

Legislative Challenges

The County approved the South Bay development plan in 1989 under a phased review process. An unanticipated challenge was that, before we were done, Washington State changed the land use approval regulations. By 1993, Jefferson County was required to comply with the new Growth Management Act (GMA) by adopting a new Comprehensive Plan. The designation applied to Port Ludlow under the 1993 Comprehensive Plan was challenged. The resulting rural designation for Port Ludlow effectively stopped new projects.

Unfortunately, there were no definitions in the GMA that were suitable to Port Ludlow. The original definition of a Master Planned Resort (MPR) did not allow permanent homes. The only solution was to ask the State Legislature to change the definition of an MPR to include permanent housing. In 1995, we began a concerted effort to amend the GMA. After intensive effort and testimony before various Committees, the Legislature approved a request for an amendment to the Act that was signed into law by the Governor.

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The next step was to get the approved change adopted by the County. This effort proved to be a bigger challenge than amending the state GMA. In 1996 before adopting a final plan for Port Ludlow, Pope Resources decided to involve the community in developing a plan. The Planning Forum, launched in August, took 2 years and 6 months. There was intensive involvement between the developer and the residents. A new plan and the Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) emerged at the end of a long process that included mediation. The result was that the MPR Code was adopted by the PLVC and Jefferson County.

The cost of all this effort was staggering in both dollars and time. Over the period between 1993 and 1999, the Board of Directors at Pope Resources increasingly viewed the cost and effort as too much of a distraction. Their frustration ultimately led them to the conclusion that it was time to move on. The result was the sale to Port Ludlow Associates (PLA). The bottom line is that time and new and shifting challenges have been the greatest obstacle to the completion of a Port Ludlow development plan.

When I first began learning the development business, wise men said that a developer should not plan a project that cannot be finished in a five to seven year period. While I never believed that could be applied as a hard rule, there is a lot of merit to the axiom. A developer cannot control economic cycles, political cycles, demographic shifts or leadership changes in organizations, including his own. Port Ludlow offers a case study in the importance of such factors.

Out to Lunch for the Holidays

The Community Enrichment Alliance (CEA) invites you to its Holiday Luncheon, **Monday, December 10**, 11:30 a.m., at our very own beautifully decorated Fireside Restaurant at the Inn At Port Ludlow. Choose among four delicious entrees: Chicken Marsala, Grilled Salmon, Beef Stroganoff or Grilled Portobello Mushrooms.

The cost will be \$21 and includes tax, tip and coffee or hot tea. Wine or other beverages may be ordered at an additional charge. The Fireside Room cannot take credit cards that day but you may pay for your lunch with cash or with a check.

Sign up at the CEA ticket table in the Bay Club any **Wednesday** through **December 5**. The ticket table is open from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. At that time you will be asked to indicate your lunch preference.

If you have any questions, please call Diane Ruff at 437-4160 or e-mail her at dianekayr@aol.com.

First Wednesday Luncheon

Please come deck the halls with us for **December's** First Wednesday Luncheon, a Christmas musical celebration. The Luncheon will again be held at the Bay Club on **Wednesday, December 5** at 11:00 a.m. Our musical program will feature the Port Ludlow Singers, directed by Dave Weakley, and will include a Christmas Carol sing-along, guaranteed to catapult you into the holiday spirit. We will also have a silent auction for the Christmas tree table decorations. The deadline to sign up at either the Bay or Beach Club is **Saturday, December 1** or you may call Joey Wheeldon at 437-8214. To guarantee your space, please make a reservation. Don't forget to bring your new friends and wear your nametag.

The Tri-Area Food Bank requested donation for this month is stick margarine. However, we've been advised that they have many new families in need, so in addition to your donation of margarine, cash or check, please consider a generous donation of personal hygiene products for adults and children. Soaps, detergent, toothbrushes and toothpaste, diapers, facial tissue, paper towels, shampoo and feminine products will be greatly appreciated.

We wish to thank Bread & Roses of Port Townsend for their generous gift certificate last month. All raffle money, after expenses, is donated to the Food Bank.

Looking Ahead: Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, January 2** at the Beach Club. Please bring a brown bag lunch. We're having a Show and Tell, where you'll be asked to bring an interesting item from home (perhaps a family memento) and share it at your table. The person with the item voted most interesting at each table, will then share it with the group. Also, plan to bring eight copies of one of your favorite cookie recipes, and eight of the cookies as well, for an exchange among tablemates.

Like to Sing?

The eight-voice, a cappella Wild Rose Chorale invites you to sing with them at the conclusion of their annual concert. Performances are on **Saturday and Sunday, December 15 and 16**. The rehearsals will be in Port Townsend on **Sunday, December 9**, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and again on **Friday, December 14**, time TBA.

The community singers will participate with the Wild Rose Chorale and youth singers in two mass choirs for the finale of the concert. Rebecca Rottsolk will be guest director. E-mail Lynn Nowak at lnowak@cablespeed.com or call 385-1402.

A War Remembered

by Barbara Berthiaume, North Bay Editor

A few months ago, I had occasion to talk with John Van Zonneveld. At the end of our conversation and out of curiosity, I asked when he came to the U. S. His reply was that he was 19 years old. After a series of questions, the following story unfolded:

Sixty-seven years ago on May 5, 1940, John Van Zonneveld recalls lying on the lawn in his back garden looking up at the blue skies when he noticed hundreds of paratroopers drop from the sky. At age 13, he had no idea that with this observation, his world would soon turn upside down. Germany had invaded Holland and was inundating the country with troops.

John's father was a flower bulb grower who traveled to America annually from October to May. He was on his way home when the country was invaded and had to return to America where he stayed for the duration of the war.

By the spring of 1941, the Secret Police or Gestapo entered the country and life began to change. John remembers people using radio crystals to get news and having to change crystals regularly so they were not detected. He was asked to deliver an underground single sheet newspaper on his bicycle to 20 people in town. He had to memorize the addresses as the deliveries were made after curfew. He knew the back streets and the various ways to get around, and at age 13, felt a sense of excitement and a feeling that he was doing something important.

By 1942, daily life was getting much more difficult with no electricity and extensive rationing as food was being moved to Germany. John could not remember eating one piece of fruit during the occupation and clearly remembers his mother single-handedly kept the family going with her unbelievable strength and courage.

Military air traffic across the country was increasing and so were the number of crash landings. An underground network moved downed American and British flyers from house to house with the goal of getting them to a fishing village eight kilometers from John's house so they could get back to England. In his home, there was a hole in the floor and John remembers his mother moving the piano bench and taking the rug off so a soldier could hide for one or two nights before someone would come to take him to the next village. One day, three Gestapo officers demanded to search the house. They did not find the hole where a soldier was hiding but after that, the house was watched constantly. The Gestapo insisted that John report to them so that he could work in Germany but his mother

decided he should move out to his uncle's farm in the countryside. John reflected that his mother saved more than 20 soldiers' lives during the occupation.

On the farm, John slept in a barn and worked in the wheat fields. By 1943, the U. S. Office of Strategic Service (OSS) had emerged and began parachuting their people into the country. There was a safe house system within a five-mile radius and, because they were constantly watched, they had to make sure everything appeared normal. The National Socialist Party, which represented three to four percent of the population, sympathized with Hitler. This also increased the level of tension in daily life.

Radio relays of British Broadcasting Company (BBC) messages came in at a specific time and John remembers using hand generators and constantly switching channels to hear the broadcasts that would tell where the next drop would take place. After airdrop times and locations were identified, the underground would build four or five small fires in the fields to guide pilots in dropping supplies and weapons. John emphasized that his role was a small part of the overall activity.

In 1944, John was 17 years old and returned home. He noted life had become much more brutal over the past two years and many friends had been picked up and never seen again. Rationing became even more severe and he remembers hungry people living on a maximum of 1,250 calories a day. Jews had been identified and were forced to wear yellow stars on their sleeves. There were noticeably fewer yellow stars in the community.

For an adolescent, it was an exciting time as all the normal rules were broken, going out after curfew was necessary, and rebellion was a noble quality. However, it was also a time of tremendous upheaval, chaos and loss. The emotional letdowns were tremendous with the disappearance of so many people he had known.

John remembers when news was received of the allied invasion of the Normandy beaches and the radio crystals told of the rapid advancement of the allied forces toward the river Rhine. With the allies' possible crossing into Germany, the total attitude of the downtrodden Dutch people changed to one of hope. For years with no electricity and inadequate food as select German forces occupied a proud, small country, the Dutch people had little hope of survival.

On May 10, 1945, John remembers getting up with a strange feeling. Upon going outside, he instantly noticed that no German SS-troops were visible in their usual guard positions. Changing the crystals on the radio, he heard from the BBC in London that Canadian forces

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were liberating Holland. He remembers dancing with his mother in the streets and that the celebrations continued throughout the night. Real victory for John was achieved when he saw American bombers come in for their bombing runs and drop food in unbelievable quantities.

John began to dream of his future in a world without war in a free Holland. Those plans changed suddenly when his father returned and the family immigrated to the U.S. Shortly after moving to Tacoma, he was drafted into the Army. There was a silver lining because he became eligible for the G. I. bill, which enabled him to attend college. His widowed mother also went to college, had a rewarding career as a nurse and lived to be 94.

Life has taken John to many places in the past 80 years but May 10, 1945 will always bring back the feeling, "Oh God, to be free again."

Arsenic Awareness

by Jen Portz

In *Arsenic and Old Lace*, the elderberry wine's the culprit; here it's the water. Does that make for comedy or tragedy?

An Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) report states that arsenic is among "the most potentially toxic metals in the environment." It is "ubiquitous in nature and present in air, water and soil, so that some level of exposure is not readily preventable." In its organic form, arsenic is an impressive poison; some even occurs naturally in seafood. In its inorganic form it lurks in groundwater supplies and has been linked to Type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, myriad cancers and rare skin ailments.

Originally the EPA mandated a 50 parts per billion (ppb) primary standard for arsenic in drinking water. But in January 2006, the level was lowered after some studies suggested even very low-dose exposure significantly raised the incidence of cancer. Thomas Peltier, an Engineering Geologist and expert in groundwater issues who was working in California at the time, remembered the debate. "Some scientists argued for an extremely low, 2 ppb standard while others felt 30 ppb was more realistic and still safe." In the end the EPA weighed the merits of the studies and the realities of treatment technology and came to a 10 ppb requirement.

Olympic Water and Sewer, Inc. (OWSI) has one well that, at 12 ppb, exceeds the EPA limit. Larry Smith, President of OWSI, is currently in discussions with Washington State Department of Health to create a plan to bring the

overall arsenic level to 9 ppb by blending wells. Peltier, who is not associated with OWSI, describes this as a common, respected remedy.

Removing arsenic from Port Ludlow's entire water system would be extremely expensive and over-kill as only a small fraction of water usage is for human consumption. Yet because arsenic exposure is cumulative, some concerned Ludlowites are choosing to filter individual taps. When considering this option, it's essential to do some research, ask questions and read literature carefully to ascertain if the system is specifically designed to lower arsenic levels. If it doesn't say it will, it won't.

Bluebill Christmas Festivities

The annual Olympic Peninsula Boeing Bluebill Christmas Luncheon will be held at the Bay Club on **Tuesday, December 4** from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All Bluebills and spouses as well as all retired Boeing folk are cordially invited. The Olympic Peninsula Bluebills also extend a warm and friendly invitation to anyone who might be interested in volunteering their time to help the elderly and less fortunate in the Clallam, Jefferson, or Kitsap County area.

The Silverwater Café, Port Townsend, is serving assorted hors d'oeuvres, mixed green salad, an entrée of either wild Alaskan salmon or stuffed loin of beef, roasted garlic mashed potatoes, chocolate hazelnut mousse, wine, beer, assorted soft drinks, coffee and tea. Anyone requesting vegetarian will have a pasta dish prepared by the Silverwater Café.

The deadline for RSVPs with entrée preference was Wednesday, November 25. You can check with Michael Graham at 437-5052 or via e-mail to michaelg@cablespeed.com to see if you still can be accommodated.

The Bluebills look forward to seeing you all at their annual Christmas luncheon.

Grace Your Home with Wreaths

It's that time of year again! Gather your trimmings and greens and learn or re-learn how to use the wreath machine at the Bay Club. Come on **Tuesday, December 4** at 3:00 p.m. Ann Radwick will demonstrate the technique and provide inspiration using several types of greens or dried materials.

Space is limited, so please sign up at the Bay Club desk if you plan to attend. The cost is \$5. Call Ann at 437-0318 if you have questions.

Village Activities Calendar

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

December

Mon., December 3

9:00 a.m. – noon, LOA Board Meeting (members), Beach Club
 10:00 a.m. – 2:15 p.m., AARP 55-Alive Class, Beach Club
 10:30 a.m. – noon, Computer Club Office SIG (members), Bay Club
 5:30 – 9:00 p.m., Dine and Discover, Bay Club

Tues., December 4

10:00 – 1:00 p.m., CEA Meeting, Beach Club
 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Bluebills Annual Christmas Luncheon, Bay Club
 2:00 – 5:00 p.m., PLWGA meeting, Bay Club
 2:00 – 5:00 p.m., Plush Investment Meeting, Bay Club
 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Wreath-Making Demonstration, Bay Club

Wed., December 5

10:00 a.m. – 2:15 p.m., AARP 55-Alive Class, Beach Club
 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., First Wednesday Christmas Musical Luncheon, Bay Club
 5:00 – 8:00 p.m., Inner Harbor Holiday Potluck (members), Bay Club

Thurs., December 6

Member Appreciation Day, Golf Course Clubhouse
 10:00 a.m. – noon, Knitwits, Beach Club
 10:00 a.m. – noon, Resort Plan Revision Closed Record Appeal Hearing, Beach Club
 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Woodridge Board Meeting (members), Bay Club
 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., LMC Trustee Workshop (members), Beach Club
 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., PLVC Meeting, Beach Club
 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Teal Lake Annual Meeting (members), Bay Club
 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., Computer Club Mac SIG (members), Bay Club

Fri., December 7

8:00 a.m., Take Bus to Meet Quakers' Walk, Village Center
 9:00 – 11:00 a.m., SBCA Board Meeting (members), Bay Club
 4:00 – 5:00 p.m., Artists' League "Meet the Artists" Reception, American Marine Bank
 5:00 – 6:00 p.m., Artists' League Christmas Shoppe Open House, Gallery
 6:00 – 9:00 p.m., Jefferson County Democrat Party, Beach Club
 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., Family Movie Night (members), Bridge Deck

Sat., December 8

Pet Pix with Santa, Olympic Terrace Model Home
 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., CEA Holiday Home Tour, various locations
 Noon – 3:00 p.m., CEA Tea and Light Refreshments, Sunroom, Inn At Port Ludlow
 6:00 – 10:00 p.m., South Bay Free Spirits Holiday Dinner, Bay Club

Sun., December 9

Pet Pix with Santa, Olympic Terrace Model Home

Mon., December 10

9:00 – 11:00 a.m., Bluebills Meeting, Bay Club
 9:00 a.m. – noon, Bayview Board Meeting (members), Bay Club
 11:30 a.m., Out to Lunch Bunch at the Fireside Room, Inn At Port Ludlow
 4:00 – 5:30 p.m., Ten Karat Investment Club (members), Bay Club
 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Computer Club General Meeting (members), Bay Club

Tues., December 11

4:30 – 6:00 p.m., Winter Open House, Ludlow Bay Massage and Wellness Spa
 5:30 p.m., Hiking Club Holiday Dinner, Bay Club
 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., Book Club, Bay Club

Wed., December 12

Noon – 2:00 p.m., Garden Club Festive Holiday Tea Party (members), Bay Club
 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., Model Home Tour and Open House, Olympic Terrace
 5:30 – 8:00 p.m., Chamber of Commerce Annual Christmas Party, Inn At Port Ludlow
 6:00 – 9:00 p.m., Olympic Terrace Christmas Party (members), Bay Club

Thurs., December 13

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

Fri., December 14

8:30 a.m., Hiking Club leaves for Billy's Back Yard, Bridge Deck
 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Hands on Clay, Bay Club
 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Inner Harbor Board meeting (members), Bay Club
 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., Holiday on the Docks, Marina
 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., SBCA Cocktail Party (members), Bay Club

Sat., December 15

9:00 a.m. – noon, LMC Board of Trustees Meeting (members), Beach Club
 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., Holiday on the Docks with special guest and carolers, Marina
 6:00 – 9:00 p.m., North Bay Homeowners' Christmas Party (members), Beach Club

Sun., December 16

3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Performing Arts in Port Ludlow presents "A Celtic Christmas" with Irish/Scotch folk duo, Men of Worth, Bay Club (Doors open 2:00 p.m.)

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Mon., December 17

5:00 p.m., Singles Potluck, DeMers' Home

6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Computer Club Mac SIG (members),
Bay Club

Tues., December 18

10:00 a.m. – noon, Knitwits, Beach Club

1:00 – 4:00 p.m., Fly Fishers General Meeting, Bay Club

5:00 – 7:00 p.m., Fly Fishers Social, Bay Club

5:00 – 7:45 p.m., LPV-3/LPV-4 Cocktail Party (members),
Bay Club

6:30 p.m., Reader's Theater, call 437-2861 for location

Wed., December 19

11:00 a.m., Artists' League Champagne Brunch, Beach Club

Final day to drop off kids' gifts, Cucina Pizza

Thurs., December 20

1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Computer Club Video SIG, (members),
Bay Club

Fri., December 21

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

7:00 – 9:00 p.m., Family Movie Night (members), Bridge Deck

Mon., December 24

9:30 a.m. – noon, Kids' Pancake Breakfast with Santa
(members), Beach Club

Bay Club closes at noon

Tues., December 25

Merry Christmas! Both clubs closed

Thurs., December 27

Noon – 8:00 p.m., Hands on Clay, Bay Club

Fri., December 28

8:30 a.m., Hiking Club leaves for Port Ludlow Trails,
Bridge Deck

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

Mon., December 31

7:00 p.m., New Year's Eve Dinner Dance, Bay Club

Future Events

First Wednesday Luncheon, January 2

Cub Scout Christmas Tree Pickup, Community Wide

Dine and Discover, January 7

John Reischman & The Jaybirds, January 27

One Port Ludlow Forum Held

On Thursday, November 15, the South Bay Community Association (SBCA) held a forum at the Bay Club to discuss the topic of "One Port Ludlow." The objective of the forum, organized by SBCA Board member Lynn Gauché, was to start a community dialogue about more productive relationships and efficient use of amenities. The forum was attended by residents of both North and South Bay.

Gauché asked attendees to consider the following questions: What does the concept of One Port Ludlow mean? What would be the benefits? What would be the obstacles? What actions need to be taken?

Definitions of the concept focused on harmony, openness, consolidation of the Clubs and of common properties, and elimination of multiple homeowner associations.

Attendees voiced benefits that included economies of scale in purchasing and staffing, reduction of duplication, increased value of real estate, social benefits, elimination of orphans not belonging to either Club, increased political clout, and increased creativity and energy.

Some of the obstacles were defining the concept, pre-existing animosity and apathy, the number of votes required to change the organization of the two Clubs and the articles of incorporation, differences in dues, and County filing requirements.

The forum resulted in the formation of a team consisting of two North Bay residents, Helen Cotta and Joyce Antoine. A third member is being sought. The three South Bay residents are Sherry Robinson, Janet Barnes and John Walker. The representative of the PLVC will be Lynn Gauché. A South Bay Community Association (SBCA) member and Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) member will be sought. The team is tasked with formulating an action plan. E-mail updates and an additional town meeting will communicate the results of the team's activities and conclusions. No time line was proposed.

CEA Silent Auction 2007

For the last three years the Community Enrichment Alliance (CEA) of Port Ludlow has partnered with the Olympic Peninsula Boeing Blue Bills to raise funds for the Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse in Jefferson, Clallam and Kitsap Counties. This year CEA has raised \$5,000 to be disbursed to the Olympic Peninsula Boeing Blue Bills for holiday gifts to the families who are in shelters in the three counties.

CEA wants to thank all of the Port Ludlow community for donating items for the auction as well as those who bid on these wonderful items. As a community we are grateful to be able to support those less fortunate. We are looking forward to our CEA 2008 Silent Auction and hope you will support this community activity once again.

Port Ludlow Village Council

Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) Report

by Bill Browne, PLVC Secretary

Approximately 15 guests attended the November Meeting held on Thursday, November 1, 2007.

At the October Annual Meeting, four new Board members were elected. New members of the 2007-08 PLVC Board are Lynn Gauché and Dean Mosier, South Bay, and Greg McCarry, North Bay. Members re-elected are Gene Carmody, Jack McKay and Larry Nobles, North Bay. Continuing members are Vaughn Bradshaw, Adele Govert and Frank Siler, North Bay; and Bill Browne, Tom McCay and Dan Meade, South Bay. The Board elected the following officers: President, Greg McCarry; Vice President, Lynn Gauché; Treasurer, Gene Carmody; and Secretary, Bill Browne.

Reports from Agencies and Organizations

John Fischbach, Jefferson County Administrator, was unable to attend the meeting; thus, his presentation on the County budget was deferred to the **December** General Meeting.

Diana Smeland, Port Ludlow Associates (PLA) President, reported that the second two model homes in Olympic Terrace II would open in **mid-December**. She also reported that the Land Application for Ludlow Cove 2, aka the Log Dump across from the Village Center, has been filed with Jefferson County. Notices have been placed in the appropriate areas.

Lead Jefferson County Port Ludlow Planner, David Wayne Johnson, reported that the closed appeal hearings on Ludlow Bay Village will be held at the Beach Club on **Thursday, December 6** at 10:00 a.m. The appellants have submitted their briefs with PLA who is entitled to respond by November 16. The appellants can respond to the applicant's response by **November 30**.

In regard to hearings on Ludlow Cove 2 with its 42 home sites, there is a 30-day comment period ending on **November 30**. The hearing on this proposal will probably be scheduled in **January**.

Arlene Obtinario, Fire District #3 Administrative Chief, indicated that the 2008 budgeting is underway. One new trainee and six volunteers will be joining the staff. There are still openings in the CERT classes.

Port Ludlow Village Council Board Meeting

General Meeting
Thursday, December 6
3:00 p.m., Beach Club

Workshop Meeting Cancelled

Committee Reports:

Communications Committee: Jack McKay reported that with Board approval the Committee would revise the PLVC brochure, and asked for suggestions or recommendations. Port Ludlow residents are encouraged to forward these suggestions to jmckay@hmleague.org. The Board authorized an expenditure of \$500 for the revised edition of the brochure.

2008 Friday Market: Sandie Schmidt has agreed to provide leadership in organizing next year's market. A number of popular vendors have already agreed to return. If residents have recommendations for possible improvement (vendors, layout, time and place) please forward them to Sandie at sjsandra5@msn.com.

Recycling Committee: Reported that the electronic recycle event exceeded expectations and donated half of their net proceeds (\$144.92) to the PLVC.

Disaster Preparedness Committee: On behalf of Tom Stone, Larry Nobles reported that new area coordinators for North Bay are Russ Henry and Hal Nesbitt. They will team with Kevin Ryan and Pat Lowery from South Bay to renew the block captain/co-captains network. The Committee will be working with the Fire Department to upgrade their communications network and response procedures. The Committee will also develop a refined mission statement and goals for the Committee. Memberships are now posted on the website, where you can find your representative at plvc.org/council.htm.

Utilities Committee: On October 16, Committee members met with Larry Smith and Diana Smeland to discuss manganese problems, water supply system adequacy and potential rate increases. The manganese situation is currently under study. Smith and Smeland confirmed that PLVC's Olympic Water and Sewer Inc. (OWSI) has continuously had plans in place to expand the water system as needed for a full Port Ludlow development. Well #16 water will be shared with #14 water so the combined

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volume dilutes to meet current arsenic standards (Note: The current standard for arsenic content is not to exceed 10 parts per billion versus the old standard of 50 parts per billion).

New Business

The County plans to place two bus shelters on Paradise Bay Road beside the Village Center. An invitation has been made to PLVC to fund an upgrading of the shelters from the standard offered by the County. The PLVC is reviewing its options in regard to this matter.

The PLVC voted to budget up to \$2,000 for holiday lighting on the new center strip on Paradise Bay Road beside the Village Center. Jimmy White, a North Bay licensed contractor, has volunteered to assist in this endeavor. Most of the budget would be used to purchase supplies that could be used annually between Thanksgiving to New Year's Eve.

Tom McKay, on behalf of the 2006-07 Board and community at large, thanked Larry Nobles for his efforts and long hard work during the year in redirecting the Council's efforts to best serve our community.

Announcements

The PLVC General Meeting will be held at the Beach Club on **Thursday, December 6**, at 3:00 p.m.

Disaster Preparedness

by Tom Stone, Disaster Area Coordinator

Although Southern California's wild fires were devastating, the Pacific Northwest has its own disasters. Located on a vast number of small faults and near several major faults, the area has experienced 28 earthquakes in the recent past, including the Nisqually earthquake in **February 2001**. In 1979 a windstorm destroyed the west end of the Hood Canal Bridge. Last year's windstorm shut off power for four days. These events caused hardship that preparation might have lessened.

The task of preparing for disaster is assigned to a committee of the Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC). The Disaster Management Team is composed of neighborhood volunteers linked to Fire District #3 and the Jefferson County Department of Emergency Management. The process of identifying volunteers to serve on the team is ongoing.

A disaster differs from an emergency. House fires and heart attacks are emergencies and require one to dial 911 for assistance. In a disaster this normally-used system may become inoperable. Port Ludlow's Disaster Plan is activated whenever a storm or earthquake is of sufficient intensity to (1) cause extensive injury to residents, (2) shut down the telephone system and (3) disrupt transportation.

The neighborhood Captains are an important part of disaster response. The 19 South Bay designated areas have 43 Disaster Captains and Co-captains assigned according to Village population. North Bay has 14 designated areas with 34 assigned Captains and Co-captains. The neighborhood Captains and Co-captains make themselves known to the residents in their area. They participate in quarterly radio check drills with provided Family Service portable radios. They also distribute resident information forms and emergency preparedness literature to residents, gather critical household information and solicit additional volunteers.

When disaster occurs, neighborhood Captains and Co-captains secure their homes and families and check their houses for damage and interruption of utilities first. Then they assess damage, determine medical and transport needs in their area and report by radio to their command central. The goal is to have a Co-captain assigned, trained and equipped for every ten to twenty homes in a neighborhood. More volunteers are needed.

Area Coordinators are responsible for selecting and training the neighborhood Captains and Co-captains. In an emergency and for quarterly radio check drills, the Coordinators proceed to the Beach or Bay Clubs, man the installed Disaster Communications Command Centers, receive reports from neighborhood Captains and relay information to the Fire Station's Command Center. The North Bay Area Coordinators are Russ Henry and Hal Nesbitt. The South Bay Area Coordinators are Pat Lohrey and Kevin Ryan.

We have been told by Jefferson County officials that in a disaster, we may be "on our own" for seven to fifteen days. It is prudent to know your neighborhood officials, have the green "OK" window sign with a red "Help" on its reverse and have a red emergency address sign visible from the street. Discuss supplies and procedures with your family and neighbors. A good emergency preparatory course is on line at www.getemergencyprepared.com/index.html. Preparation is your best protection.

Beach Club/North Bay News

Submit your articles to Barbara Berthiaume at 437-0423 or by e-mail at barbara.berthiaume@gmail.com no later than the 10th of the preceding month.

☼ Denotes Beach Club Members-Only Activity

LMC October Monthly Meeting Highlights

by Barbara Berthiaume, North Bay Editor

At the October 20 Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) Board Meeting at the Beach Club, the following issues were noted:

- The Board voted to retain the law firm of Inslee, Best, Doezie & Ryder of Bellevue to work with the LMC.
- The problem of Area 5 bluff ownership has been assigned to attorney Eric Frimodt at Inslee, Best, who has been given the packet previously provided to attorney Morgenstern.
- The Communications Committee was requested to explore the feasibility of establishing a communications workshop for Board members—both identifying and utilizing qualified members of the community as consultants.
- President Vaughn Bradshaw appointed an Ad Hoc Committee to discuss LMC concerns with representatives of the *Voice*. Ted Buehler will serve as the Board representative with Teddy Clark, Rob Robson, and Barbara Berthiaume serving as community representatives. The Board approved these appointments.
- Additional funding, up to \$625, for further mediation of the Ludlow Bay Village Appeal was approved. This approval is subject to there being representation by four Board members and a meeting held of the Board to prioritize remaining issues.
- The Board will seek legal opinion regarding the advisability of being involved in an appeal with the County in issues which may not be within the guidelines of our governing documents and/or RCW 64.38.020 (4).

Beach Club Manager's Report

by Brian Belmont

Year-to-date we have collected 99.8 percent of the invoiced 2007 annual assessments. We currently have three properties with outstanding assessment balances that, with late fees, total \$2,843.02.

Important Dates

LOA Meeting

Monday, December 3, 9:00 a.m.

LMC Trustee Workshop

Thursday, December 6, 1:00 p.m.

LMC Board Meeting

Saturday, December 15, 9:00 a.m.

Tel: 437-9102; e-mail: beachclub@olympus.net

Visit www.lmcbeachclub.com for more complete information

All LMC members are welcome. ☼

The south end of the Beach Club has been re-roofed by Hope roofing. The Board approved \$24,661 for this project. Since we didn't need to install plywood decking on the entire roof, that bid price was reduced by \$3,089.40 to \$21,571.60. The Bridge Deck building was re-roofed by Bartlett Roofing. The Board approved \$6,746.70 for this project. Again because the roof didn't need to be re-decked, the bid price was reduced by \$1,821 to \$4,925.70.

Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) maintenance personnel Phil Eng, John Hengstebeck and Dick Jovag painted the Bridge Deck building and repaired several dry rot areas on it. The quality of their work on this project is impressive.

From October 24 through November 2, I worked on a case study through Community Associations Institute (CAI). The purpose of the case study is to obtain a Professional Community Association Manager (PCAM) certification through CAI. The PCAM designation is the highest professional recognition available nationwide to managers who specialize in community association management.

Our maintenance staff is working on the clarity of the water in the indoor swimming pool and will continue to do so until it reaches a satisfactory level.

As of this writing, the Finance Committee has drafted and discussed the budget and expects to present it to the Board on November 15. Hopefully, the Board will have an opportunity to review and approve the budget in time so that we can have our Member Budget Ratification meeting on the same day as our Board meeting, **Saturday, December 15.**

Committee chairs are asked to submit their Board reports to our recording secretary, Carol Shamhart, electronically via e-mail. Carol's e-mail is shamhart@cablespeed.com.

LMC November Committee Chair Activities

The Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) Committee chairpersons reported the following November activities.

Architectural Control Committee (ACC):

Veronica Ryan, Chair

The ACC Committee has been working with the Covenants & Regulations Committee (CRC) on policies and guidelines for the ACC. Eleven requests were approved including one new home, one remodel, one construction extension, two paint, one fence and five tree removals. There are eighteen pending requests. Houses under construction are being monitored, and reported violations are being addressed.

Covenants and Regulations Committee (CRC):

Catherine Garrison, Interim Chair

The Committee requested that the Board formally place the newly adopted Trees and Views regulations under the authority of the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) in the Rules and Regulations. LMC governing documents have been reviewed for all references to trees and recommendations for consistency throughout the governing documents have been made. A number of recommendations regarding regulations were presented for first reading. A draft Policy and Procedures for Evaluation and Enforcement of the Trees and Views on Private Property Regulation was presented. The Board was invited to review these documents.

Communications Committee: Barbara Berthiaume, Interim Chair

The Committee's goal is to have a *Log* published and sent to homeowners by the end of the year. The Committee was requested by the Board to explore resources in the community for people who have a background in communication skills and board training. We are in the process of identifying people with this type of background. If you have or know of anyone with this professional background, please contact Barbara Berthiaume at 437-0423.

Finance Committee (FC): Ian Feltham, Treasurer

The Committee began a review of the proposed 2008 budget as presented to the Finance Committee (FC) by the Operations Committee and General Manager Brian Belmont. An extra meeting was held in November to get the FC's recommendations to the Manager for any changes before the budget is forwarded to the trustees. The goal is to get the budget finalized in time to go out for approval by the members with the assessment invoices in **Decem-**

ber. The last LMC reserve study performed for LMC was by Reserve Associates, a professional organization, in 2004. In the interim, the reserve study has been updated annually by staff and Committee members to account for changes in life expectancies, replacement costs and additional items.

Greenbelt Committee (GBC): Jack Riggen and

Larry Scott, Co-Chairs

There are 24 open requests for tree removal or utility easement. Other items addressed at the meeting included the Green Belt Committee (GBC) budget requirements for 2008, the cost sharing for removal of the spruce tree at the corner of Baldwin and Oak Bay Road, and the Kehele Park co-project with Operations. The GBC has made contact with the County office of the Washington State University (WSU) extension organization for assistance in developing a "Green Area" at the North end of Kehele Park in partnership with the Operations Committee. The GBC goal, as a partner with the Operations Committee, is to develop a natural area that will include and showcase native plants and shrubs identified on the GBC list of recommended plants. This is an opportunity not only to develop this as a natural area but also to provide examples of plants to those LMC members who are required to replant following approved tree and shrub removal in Greenbelt areas. The Operations Committee will submit the completed proposal for approval when the plan is completed. At least five trees, in addition to the spruce tree, along Oak Bay Road have been determined to be hazardous and will be removed before the winter storm season arrives. These trees were identified in requests for their removals that were submitted for review by GBC. Where required, we have had our arborist and our forester look at these trees to confirm their lack of health and potential danger. This notification is to make the LMC Board aware of this work that will be going on in a very visible corridor. Questions related to this work may be forwarded to Larry Scott at 437-9299 or to Dale Allen at 437-7955.

Operations Committee: John Van Zonneveld, Chair

The Operations Committee finalized the LMC tennis courts report to the trustees for comment and recommendations. Trustee Stan Kadesh and Operations Committee member Lenetta Johnson were recognized for their work on this project. The Operations Committee has completed its work on the LMC budget for 2008 and it has been forwarded to the Finance Committee.

Status Report: Negotiations Between LMC and PLA

by Elizabeth Van Zonneveld

In the matter of the Major Resort Revision Proposal by Port Ludlow Associates (PLA), a motion was passed at the Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) Board meeting of Saturday, October 20, 2007, to resume mediation at the request of Port Ludlow PLA, with all appellants to be included. The mediation, while productive, did not result in an overall agreement. The LMC negotiating team of Elizabeth Van Zonneveld, Ted Buehler, Art Moyer, Stan Kadash and Paul Moseley (alternate) felt that we were close enough to final agreement to be able to resolve our remaining issues with one more meeting. The team met with PLA on the following day, but with no result.

PLA indicated they would not reach agreement with individual appellants without a "package" agreement from all parties. The LMC team does not believe this to be the most effective solution since all issues are not shared by all parties. The other parties were contacted to see if they wanted to meet. To date such a meeting has not taken place.

The remaining alternative is for the LMC to go ahead with its appeal to Jefferson County. The brief was filed on Tuesday, October 30, in order to meet the mandated deadline. The actual Closed Record Appeal hearing has been set for **Thursday, December 6**. The LMC requested that this hearing be held here in Port Ludlow at the Beach Club, and the Hearing Examiner has agreed. During the period before the hearing, the LMC negotiating team will be requesting an opinion from LMC's attorney to make sure all of the LMC issues are consistent with LMC governing documents and the Revised Code of Washington (RCW).

On Tuesday, November 6, PLA's attorney delivered a proposal to each of the appellants. LMC's mediation team has met to review the PLA proposal, which is loosely based on the mediation talks of late October. The LMC team is disappointed that the offer is less than the last offer by PLA that was on the table at the conclusion of mediation talks. However, the LMC team is preparing a response and is optimistic that a mutually acceptable agreement that will benefit both LMC and PLA will be reached.

Family Movie Nights

Movie Nights will be on **Friday, December 7, and Friday, December 21**, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Bridge Deck. This is a great way for the kids in the neighborhood to get together and for families to socialize. Popcorn and juice will be served along with the movie.

Pancake Breakfast with Santa at the Beach Club

On **Monday, December 24**, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, bring your children or grandchildren to the Beach Club and enjoy breakfast with Santa. There will be crafts, caroling and special entertainment. **Santa will arrive promptly at 11:00 a.m.** Please provide a wrapped gift for each child which can be dropped off at the Club prior to your arriving. Be sure each gift has the child's name and age written clearly on it. Gifts should be valued at \$10 and under.

Volunteers are welcome, as the Kid's Club can't do it without you! We had a great Halloween party with a big turn out. Thank you Community Enrichment Alliance (CEA) and the North Bay Lot Owners Association (LOA) for donating money to help with these parties.

For more information or to volunteer, please call Jen Herbig at 437-8209 or Michelle Moseley at 437-9264 or e-mail us at PLKidsClub@yahoo.com. ☼

Celebrate the Season

Join the North Bay Home Owners Pot Luck (HOPL) on **Saturday, December 15** for a wonderful evening of good food, great music and warm friendship. Just bring your table setting and wear your holiday best. You'll enjoy a very special prime rib dinner with all the trimmings and a very yummy dessert. Beer, wine, soft drinks and coffee will also be provided. Local musician and artist Peter Mercer will entertain us with seasonal music on the piano to make this a truly memorable event. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the cost is \$18 per person. Sign up by **Tuesday, December 11**. If you have any questions, call Marilyn Durand at 437-7677. ☼

Lot Owners Association Newsletter



The North Bay Lot Owners Association (NBLOA) would like to remind North Bay residents that they can subscribe for free to the North Bay Bulletin. The North Bay Bulletin is an e-mail service that sends out a monthly mailing of upcoming events in the community and news about issues concerning North Bay residents.

If you would like to subscribe to the North Bay Bulletin, send an e-mail request with your name and e-mail address to: PortLudlowLOA@yahoo.com. Remember: when you change your e-mail address, please notify us so you will continue to receive the Bulletin at your new address!

Welcome North Bay Newcomers!

Larry and Faye Ashland
Bruce and Eva Buren
Roger Dougherty/Ellen Mooney

Olympic Place
Cascade Lane
Mainsail Lane

Quakers Walk through Port Ludlow

On **Friday, December 7**, a Quaker couple walking from Vancouver, B.C., to San Diego will pass through Port Ludlow. In their words, "We are trying to walk more gently on the earth using renewable energy, growing some of our food organically, buying more locally-grown food, working for ecological sustainability in our community and generally trying to reduce our ecological footprints." Their website is peaceforearth.org.

Jefferson County Democrats will host a party for them at the Beach Club that evening from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Our guests will offer a presentation at about 7:00 p.m. to discuss their motivation for this walk. This event, while hosted by the Democrats, is open to all. Some local environmental groups will also have literature available.

Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. A \$2 per-adult fee will be collected at the door to cover expenses. Beer and wine will be on sale. Coffee and tea are free.

Some residents will join them at Oak Bay Park near Port Hadlock on Friday morning to walk the eight miles into Port Ludlow. We'll take the #7 bus at 8:00 a.m. from the Village to meet them at about 8:30 a.m. If you would like to walk with us, please call Adele Govert at 437-8090.

Eating Around: T's in Port Townsend

by Marti Duncan

Treat yourself to a lovely dining experience this holiday season. Go to T's. With a gourmet menu, fine wines and a top notch chef, T's is one of Port Townsend's fine restaurants. Owned by Gary and Nancy Tocatlian, T's features local produce with all cooking done in house (including delectable sauces and a variety of ice creams). Tim, the chef, started cooking as a child and has cooked all over the world—even for presidents and film stars. Gary and Nancy are his proud parents.

Two menus are offered: a bistro menu and a dinner menu. Bistro hours are from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m., **Wednesday to Monday**. Dinner hours are from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m., also **Wednesday to Monday**.

On the Bistro menu you will find grilled pork tenderloin skewers, rigatoni gorgonzola, Dungeness crab and tiger prawn pot stickers, crisp calamari, spinach and arugula salad, oyster stew and soup of the day. The prices for these dishes range from \$7 to \$10.

The Dinner menu features choices from the grill and from the oven. Spiced macadamia nut-crusted rack of lamb, grilled peppercorn-crusted top sirloin steak and miso-glazed grilled pork tenderloin are some of the items from the grill. A few from the oven are ginger and scallion-crusted wild salmon, pan-roasted wild sea scallops, and capellini pasta with house-made pesto sauce. These cost from \$15 to \$26. Starters and salads include crisp calamari with horseradish gremolata, exotic mushrooms and goat cheese strudel, beet salad with toasted hazelnuts, spinach and arugula salad and organic baby greens. Starters and salads range from \$6 to \$10.

On **Mondays and Wednesdays** half-price bottles of wine are offered, and on **Fridays and Saturdays** you will be treated to live music.

With delicious food, excellent service, a warm and inviting ambience and owners who are always friendly and accessible, a delightful evening is assured at T's.


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"Eating Around" wants to hear from you. Send us news on your favorite eating-places, any place you've had a pleasant-or not-eating experience, within an hour's drive from Port Ludlow. Send your comments, criticisms, conclusions, and compliments to Marti Duncan, "Eating Around" Editor, at martiduncan@cablespeed.com. Note: We reserve the right to edit your contribution to fit out style and space constraints.

Bay Club/South Bay News

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

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SBCA Board Meeting

Friday, December 7, 9:00 a.m.

All SBCA members are welcome. 

SBCA Update

by Lynn Gauché, Community Relations, SBCA Director

The South Bay Community Association (SBCA) Board of Directors meeting was held on November 2 at the Bay Club with the following directors present: John Cragoe, Joe Kelly, Ed Knodle, Dan Meade, Ken Snider and Chris Whitehurst. Mike Morgan, of the SBCA staff, was also present. Lynn Gauché was absent due to a family commitment. With 10 residents in attendance the meeting was called to order and prior meeting minutes approved. Members of the community raised two topics for the agenda: one being concern about Port Ludlow's water supply and the second a fire prevention recommendation to clean wood burning chimneys prior to winter.

Committee Reports:

Financial Report: Chris Whitehurst presented the financial highlights for September with Current Assets of \$325,812 and Total Assets at \$509,611 highlighting a difference of \$60,765 over last year's. September revenues are \$7,375 with operating expenses at \$26,656; creating a net operating deficit for the month of \$19,281. However, for fiscal year 2007 we have a net operating surplus of \$13,419, Maintenance Reserve funds of \$142,052 and total Renovation Funds of \$137,341. The financial report was approved and complete details are available at the Bay Club.

John Cragoe noted there would be considerable inflow of funds for October as this is the first month of our billing quarter.

Architectural Review Committee (ARC): In Linda's absence, Ed Knodle reported there were two applications to SBCA ARC and eleven Village ARC approvals. He also noted that Jefferson County Lead Planner, David Wayne Johnson, would be at the next SBCA ARC meeting on Thursday, November 15, to discuss critical area issues. Village ARC representatives are invited along with any interested residents.

Finance/Long-Range Planning: Ken Snider reported that an insurance agent would be here for a question period about liability insurance on Wednesday, November 14 at the Bay Club. Village Presidents or their representatives were invited to attend. Acoustical analysis by Dave Reid and his Committee continues with recommendations to follow.

Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) Report: Dan Meade stated that at its next meeting, the PLVC plans to identify five goals for the year with plans to achieve them.

Tennis Report: Clint Webb stated that maintenance and repair issues are being handled well. Things are winding down for the season and there will be no more tennis reports until spring.

Operations Report: Mike Morgan reported three sales for a total of 538 homes. The new oven has been ordered and will be shipped on Tuesday, November 20.

Old Business: A reminder was given for the "One Port Ludlow Forum" scheduled Thursday, November 15 at the Bay Club. Lynn Gauché, with volunteer help from both North and South Bay residents, will lead this event.

Open Discussion:

With no New Business to discuss, the floor was opened to member comments. A suggestion was made to cross check calendars at both Clubs prior to scheduling open events such as Dine and Discover to maximize attendance from the entire community.

Dave Armitage asked about progress on the emergency generator and was told this topic will fall under the auspices of Tom Stone's Emergency Preparedness Committee. A grant writer is still needed to help secure funds for the generator. Soozie Darrow asked when the new ARC tool for neighbor notification will be implemented and was told it had been approved for use as a tool in the process of architectural review. Finally, Dan Meade stated he would address the Fire Commissioners on **Tuesday, December 11, 7:00 p.m.** at the Fire Hall regarding concerns

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about the ratio of full-time versus volunteer fire fighters. All are welcome to attend.

Our next meeting will be held on **Friday, December 7**, 9:00 a.m., at the Bay Club. Join us and "let your voice be heard." 🌿

South Bay Cocktail Party

Join your neighbors on **Friday, December 14**, 5:00 p.m., at the Bay Club for our members' last hosted cocktail party for 2007.

Relax with your friends while enjoying the good hors d'oeuvres you all have provided. Pick up ideas for your own party later in the month! 🌿

Please Welcome Our New Members

The following people are newcomers to these South Bay Villages:

Larry and Laura Ainsworth	Edgewood
Bonnie Jean Armstrong	Fairwood
Lydia Kelly	Timberton
Carol Stugart and Kathleen Camero	Bayview

So You Want to be in Pictures?

Now's your chance! MovieMakers have two juicy roles remaining to be cast. We are looking for "just the right person" for each part. Oh, we could cast from the large turnout of actors we had at our auditions, but we are holding out for the "perfect" faces and voices. If you can see yourself as a sweet aspiring actress on the verge of "breaking out" or a married man itching to rid himself of his bitchy wife, we want to talk to you. Experience not necessary but the ability to learn your lines is a must. The "fun" of being on the big screen awaits you.

Please contact producers Matt Wallace, moviemakers@earthlink.net or 437-2071 or Maureen Poole, moviemakersvp@aol.com or 437-2165. We can make arrangements to meet, preferably at our meeting, **Thursday, December 6** at the Jefferson County Library in Port Hadlock from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

Garden Club's Festive Holiday Tea

On **Wednesday, December 12**, from noon to 2:00 p.m., members of the Port Ludlow Garden Club will hold their annual Festive Holiday Tea Party at the Bay Club. This popular members-only event features a scrumptious sampling of holiday tea sandwiches, cookies and candies provided by Club members. Individuals wishing to join the Club in order to attend should send a \$12 check for 2007 annual dues made out to PLGC, and mail to P.O. Box 65235, Port Ludlow, WA 98365. Checks must be received by **Thursday, December 6**.

This year, the lovely table centerpieces of fresh greens and flowers, in one-of-a-kind ceramic vases crafted and donated by Club member Mary Ann Sandor, will be silent-auctioned off to support the Club's ongoing white gardenia philanthropy. The Club uses proceeds from donations to supply high-quality garden books to the Jefferson County Library in Port Hadlock.

A short business meeting will precede the festivities. There is no charge to members, but attendees need to reserve a place and must sign up at the Bay Club by **Thursday, December 6** at 5:00 pm.

Questions on this event may be directed to Teresa Forrest, Tea Chair, 437-1191, or Syd Hatch, assistant chair, 437-9111.

Dues for the 2008 gardening year will commence with the **January** meeting and may be paid at that meeting by members or mailed to the above address. Dues cover the **January-December** calendar year regardless of the month in which they are paid. Only members may attend the Tour of Private Gardens in June and the **December** Holiday Tea. All lectures are free to members, and they also receive favorable rates on Club field trips.

Happy Holidays, and Keep on Growing!

Tea Party in Townsend

The Jefferson County Historical Society (JCHS) and the historic Bartlett House are hosting an elegant holiday afternoon tea party on **Saturday and Sunday, December 1 and 2** at 3:00 p.m. as a benefit for the Historical Society.

Enjoy a delightful traditional English tea, savories and desserts in this gracious Victorian mansion on the Bluff. The cost is \$20 per person. Reservation is by payment. Call 385-1003 or send payment to JCHS, 540 Water Street, Port Townsend, WA 98368-5725.

Arts and Entertainment

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

Have a Merry Peninsula Holiday

by Bev Rothenborg, Arts and Entertainment Editor

You don't have to take a ferry or drive hundreds of miles to enjoy the pleasures of the season. Here are some close-to-home ideas.

The Historic Victorian Seaport of Port Townsend will be festooned with lights and swags of greenery. On **Saturday, December 1**, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. the Wild Rose Chorale carols in the streets, and from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. horse-drawn carriages will carry you from one destination to another. At 4:30 p.m. Santa arrives by boat at Union Wharf and will light the Community Tree. Details and updates are at www.ptguide.com/mainstreet.

Another close-by destination bursting with charm is Port Gamble where Country Christmas continues on **Saturdays, December 1, 8 and 15**, from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. each day. Carolers in the streets, hayrides with Santa, arts and crafts vendors, and many activities for children delight the soul. Don't miss the Navy Band Northwest's Holiday Brass Septet at 1:00 p.m. on **Saturday, December 1**. The tree lighting and fireworks display will be at 5:00 p.m. on **Saturday, December 8**. On **Saturday, December 15**, watch a performance of *Mary's Little Boy Child* at 1:00 p.m. Did I mention the fruitcake contest? I missed it last year, but curiosity may get the best of me this time. You'll have to go to www.portgamble.com to find out when that takes place.

Port Ludlow also has many activities to welcome this joyous season. There's the CEA Holiday Home Tour on **Saturday, December 8**, when you can collect wonderful ideas for your own decorating. On **Saturday, December 15**, put on your warm coat, earmuffs and gloves to visit lighted boats at Holiday-on-the-Docks at the Marina. The next day, **Sunday, December 16**, The Men of Worth entertain with Celtic Christmas in the beautifully decorated Bay Club along with step dancers performing and Arts Council members serving hot wassail. On Christmas Eve

attend candlelight services at our own Community Church to quietly prepare for Christmas day.

And so I wish you, dear readers, a happy holiday season, good health and the love of family and friends.

Holiday Music in the Celtic Tradition

by Barbara Wagner-Jauregg

"I remember the smell of sherry and the taste of Christmas cake ... a childhood Christmas spent at my grandparent's croft," says folk musician Donnie Macdonald as he thinks back on Christmas in his native Scotland.

Winter holiday memories for Irish native James Keigher include walking ten miles from a dance in the company of good friends ... with only their songs and laughter to break the night. Leaving their native homes, Macdonald and Keigher met through the Celtic music scene in Southern California and in 1986 formed the Irish/Scottish folk duo, Men of Worth.

Performing Arts in Port Ludlow is pleased to bring "A Celtic Christmas," a true holiday celebration with Men of Worth, to the Bay Club, **Sunday, December 16**, at 3:00 p.m. Adding to the celebration are Maureen Brennan on the Irish harp and Kevin Carr on Uilleann pipes, fiddle and pennywhistle, as well as two young champion Irish step dancers. This show promises an exceptional blend of Celtic music and musicians presented by a stellar



Men of Worth perform on a multitude of instruments.

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ensemble with dancing and music to honor and highlight the holiday season.

The fragrant aromas of hot-spiced wine prepared by the Arts Council Board, gorgeous seasonal decorations throughout the Bay Club, an exhibit of watercolors by Gary Griswold of the Port Ludlow Artists' League, and holiday music in the Celtic tradition are bound to brighten everyone's spirits.

While remaining true to their Gaelic roots, Men of Worth have successfully evolved as entertainers, performing concerts throughout North America, Ireland and Scotland. Keigher will be heard on guitar, mandocello, bodhran and vocals, while Macdonald performs on banjo, concertina, octave mandolin, bodhran and vocals.

In "A Celtic Christmas," the ensemble has taken old and not so old songs and melodies to create a beautiful holiday concert of peace and goodwill. The songs and tunes are complemented with humor and stories from the highlands of Scotland and the shores of the Emerald Isle by Men of Worth. From their soulful interpretation of the song *The Little Drummer Boy*, with vocals, bodhrans (Irish drums), Uilleann pipes (Irish pipes) and Celtic harp, to the spectacular dancing feet of the two dancers who provide the "hard shoe" rhythm to the melodies, the performance is bound to be exciting, engaging and enchanting.

Maureen Brennan is an accomplished performer, playing both classical and Celtic music on the Irish harp. She has toured throughout the U.S. and Canada, specializing in traditional dance music, and song of Ireland and Scotland. Kevin Carr is a musical triple-threat, renowned in the U.S. and Canada as a dance fiddler, penny whistler, and Irish piper par excellence. He also teaches extensively at music camps and workshops across the country, and is a renowned storyteller.

Before the concert while enjoying liquid refreshment in the Great Room, you can enjoy the outstanding paintings of Gary Griswold, a member of the Port Ludlow Artists' League. He paints watercolors of Northwest scenes, classic boats and marine subjects. You may recall his classic wooden speedboat painting that was featured on the cover of "This Week Your Arts, Culture & Events Edge," an insert in the Leader newspaper during the 2006 Wooden Boat Show.

Tickets for "A Celtic Christmas" are \$18, and can still be purchased at the Bay Club; or get a six-concert Flex Pass at \$99 and use it for six concerts or for six tickets to one. Remember to exchange Flex Passes early to be assured of seats at these sold-out events. To check on ticket availability, call the Bay Club at 437-2208.

Snowbirds and travelers with Flex Passes that desire tickets for later concerts in the season can mail their instructions indicating concerts desired along with a self-addressed stamped envelope to P. O. Box 65210, Port Ludlow, WA 98365. Remaining concerts in the season include:

- **Sunday, January 27**, 3:00 p.m., John Reischman & The Jaybirds, bluegrass
- **Sunday, February 17**, 3:00 p.m., return of Tiller's Folly with an "After Glow" dinner
- **Thursday, March 6**, 7:30 p.m., Rani Arbo & Daisy Mayhem, American string band
- **Friday, April 18**, 8:00 p.m., Euphorics, award-winning a cappella quartet.

Community Orchestra to Perform

On **Saturday, December 1**, 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Chimacum High School, the Port Townsend Community Orchestra will present a program of mostly holiday music featuring two members of the orchestra. Violinist Barbara Henry will play a piece by Norwegian composer Johan Svendsen, and Bill Peters will perform a composition written for trombone and orchestra.

Come at 6:45 p.m. when Maestro Dewey Ehling will provide insight into the musical selections to be performed that evening. This is a great opportunity to enhance your musical appreciation.

Additional music to be performed will be the Overture to the opera *Zampa*, which includes a beautiful clarinet solo. You will also hear selections of Alfred Burt Carols and *The March of the Toys* from Victor Herbert's *Babes in Toyland*. An audience sing-along always ends this popular event of the holiday season.

Port Townsend Community Orchestra is supported by generous contributions from its patrons and local businesses. Admission to the concert is by donation. Visit www.olympus.net/community/ptorchestra for additional information.

Melodrama—What Is It?

by Janet Barnes

Mention melodrama and we all envision the villain with a leer and a cloak, the hapless heroine, the hero who always prevails in the end, and the piano. Introducing characters, heightening emotions and building to a crescendo at times of peril, the piano plays a central part in the traditional melodrama.

This is no mere coincidence since the word comes from *melos*, the Greek word for song and the French *drame* for drama. France and later Germany is where the earliest melodramas were performed in the 1700s. Very different from what we expect today, they were dramatic poetry readings interspersed with very dramatic musical interludes. Even composers such as Beethoven and Mozart are said to have expressed interest in the genre.

In the late 1800s, the form we know now became the most popular music hall entertainment. There was great use of dramatic effects, which included volcanic eruptions, wild animals and explosions. However, laws in England at the time allowed only musicals to be presented in music halls, thus, perpetuating the part of the piano—and the term melodrama.

Next in our series, we'll be telling you how the booing and hissing came about.

The final audition date for the Ludlow Village Players (PVP) production is **Thursday, November 29, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** at the Beach Club. If you're reading the **December Voice** before that time and want information, or if you missed the audition, call Val Durling at 437-2861 or Janet Barnes at 437-2431.

The melodrama will be performed the last weekend of **March 2008**; rehearsals begin in **January**.

The Music of What Happens

A poetry workshop with Nell Altizer will focus on prosody (rhythm, meter, sound affinities), those aspects of poetry which evoke the body's breath, blood and beat. It will take place on **Saturday, December 8, 1:00–5:00 p.m.**, at Northwind Arts Center in Port Townsend. All poets are welcome, beginners to Nobel laureates; however, the workshop will be limited to ten participants. Those participants must bring a poem they have written to read aloud. We will explore the poem's music to discover what revisions might enhance it. The instructor will distribute a small handbook of critical terms and poems for illustration by Elizabeth Bishop, Emily Dickinson, Seamus Heaney, Eleanor Wilner and Paul Muldoon.

The instructor for this workshop, Nell Altizer, is Emerita Professor of Literature and Creative Writing at the University of Hawaii. She has received teaching awards from the University of Hawaii and the University of California at Berkeley. Her book, *The Man Who Died Enroute*, won the Juniper Prize from the University of Massachusetts Press. In addition, she has won the Cades Award for Poetry, and in 2002 received the Hawaii Writer's Award sponsored by the Hawaii Literary Arts Council and Hawaii State Foundation for Culture and the Arts.

The cost of this workshop is \$50 (\$45 for Northwind Arts Alliance members). To register, contact Bill Mawhinney, mawhinneyw_w@msn.com, or call 437-9081.

Small Expressions

The month of **December** brings back Northwind Gallery's annual "Small Expressions" juried art show. This year's juror was David Sessions, the Exhibition Director at the Bainbridge Arts and Crafts Gallery on Bainbridge Island.

The submitted work could have been in any medium, but had to be small. The longest dimension permitted was 15 inches. This often challenges artists to think "outside the box." Given the size constraints, the selected works have always been varied and interesting. The small size also keeps the prices affordable, a plus for shoppers.

The exhibit opened in November and ends on **January 1, 2008**. Northwind Gallery is at 2409 Jefferson Street in Port Townsend. Gallery hours are **Thursday through Monday**, noon to 5:00 p.m.

Reader's Party Celebrates New Anthology

On **Thursday, December 13**, Northwind Reading Series hosts its annual Reader's Party to celebrate the publication of its new anthology. Entitled *Northwind 2007*, the anthology will be printed by Minotaur Press Editor Jim Watson-Gove. It will offer a sampling of the range and depth of work heard this past year during the reading series. The anthology is available for \$5 at the Northwind Arts Center.

To commemorate the many engaging performances enjoyed throughout 2007 by Northwind audiences, writers featured in the anthology will join for a year-end evening of poetry and prose. Coffee, tea and refreshments will be served. The readings begin at 7:00 p.m. at Northwind Arts Center, 2409 Jefferson Street in Port Townsend.

Performing Arts Calendar

Saturday, December 1

Port Townsend Community Orchestra's Holiday Concert features Barbara Henry, violin soloist, and Bill Peters, trombone soloist, with some Alfred Burt carols and more, 7:30 p.m., Chimacum High School Auditorium.

Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, December 1 to 9

Get into the holiday spirit with charming, funny tales and delightful characters based on stories by Robert Fulghum, Jewel Box, Poulsbo, 8:00 p.m. with 2:00 p.m. Sunday matinees, 360-779-9688, www.jewelboxpoulsbo.org.

Sunday, December 2

The 50-voice Community Chorus of Port Townsend and East Jefferson County has planned a varied holiday program, and the audience will join in on the familiar carols, 3:00 p.m., Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Chimacum, www.ptchorus.org

Wednesday through Sunday, December 5 to 9

A Golden Age Radio Christmas is an original production that depicts, in music and laughter, radio acts from the 1940s, 7:00 p.m. with a 2:30 p.m. Sunday matinee, 385-9518, www.keycityplayers.org.

Thursday, December 6

Concert rock violinist Aaron Meyer and his band, joined by South Kitsap High School choirs, deliver fresh holiday arrangements, 7:00 p.m., Admiral Theatre, Bremerton, 360-373-6743, www.admiraltheatre.org.

Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sunday, December 6 to 16

A comic hymn to love and marriage, *As You Like It* is the most accessible of Shakespeare's plays, 7:30 p.m., with 3:00 p.m. Sunday matinees, Bainbridge Performing Arts, 206-842-8569, www.BainbridgePerformingArts.org.

Saturday, December 8

The Port Angeles Symphony's holiday concert will include *Symphonie de Noel*, *The Holly and the Ivy*, Eight Russian Folk-songs and more, Port Angeles High School Auditorium, dress rehearsal at 10:00 a.m., pre-concert chat at 6:40 p.m., concert at 7:30 p.m., 360-437-5579, www.olympen.com/pasymphony.

Sunday, December 9

The Uptown Lowdown Jazz Band will be featured at the Jazz in the Olympics dancing/listening event, large dance floor, food and bar available, Eagles Club, Port Angeles, 1:00-4:00 p.m., 360-681-0710.

Sunday, December 9

The Sno-King Community Chorale has been delighting audiences since 2002, 3:00 p.m., The Admiral Theatre, Bremerton, 360-373-6743, www.admiraltheatre.com.

Saturday, December 15

Everyone's favorite holiday music is Handel's *Messiah*, and it will be performed by the Bremerton Symphony Orchestra, 7:30 p.m., Bremerton Performing Arts Center, 360-373-1722, www.bremertonsymphony.org.

Saturday and Sunday, December 15 and 16

On the program with the a cappella Wild Rose Chorale are The Port Townsend Vocal Ensemble, Port Townsend Youth Chorus and PT Kids Choir. Guest director Rebecca Rottsolik directs two

mass choir songs for the finale, Saturday at 7:00 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Port Townsend, 385-1402, www.webmac.com/wildrosechorale.

Sunday, December 16

Performing Arts in Port Ludlow presents the Scotch-Irish folk duo Men of Worth in "A Celtic Christmas," with Maureen Brennan on the Irish harp, Kevin Carr on Uilleann pipes, fiddle and pennywhistle, and two champion Irish step dancers. Bay Club doors open at 2:00 p.m. for seat selection, concert at 3:00 p.m. The Arts Council will serve hot-spiced wine during intermission.

Wednesday and Thursday, December 19 and 20

The Snow Queen is a fantasy puppet version of the Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale which draws on audience participation, puppets, adult actors plus magical trinkets to create extra special performance experiences, Wednesday at 4:00 and 7:00 p.m., Thursday at 7:00 p.m., Bainbridge Performing Arts, 206-842-8569, www.BainbridgePerformingArts.org.

Thursday, December 20

The Ninth Annual Sounds of the Season Talent Show is a holiday tradition with local singers, dancers and musicians in a fast-paced show, 7:00 p.m., Admiral Theatre, Bremerton, 360-373-6810, www.admiraltheatre.org.

Monday, December 31

Start the New Year off with the top performers of Seattle's Comedy Underground and dance until 2:00 a.m. on the stage of The Admiral Theatre, Bremerton, 9:00 p.m., 360-373-6743, www.admiraltheatre.org.

Port Ludlow Book Club

What do you find beautiful? In nineteenth century China, the tiny, delicate "golden lilies" (bound feet) on a lovely and delicate woman could bring a man to his knees in utter delight and longing and make her the envy of her peers. **Tuesday, December 11**, 6:30 p.m. at the Bay Club, we will discuss this phenomenon in a book by Lisa See, *Snow Flower and the Magic Fan*.

This compelling, historically set and suspenseful story delves into the traditions and expectations in rural China for its girls. Lily's beautiful "golden lilies" guaranteed her a good marriage and societal position and also an opportunity for deep and life-long friendship with a laotong ("old sames"), by the name of Snow Flower, a girl her age who shares a birth sign and common aspirations. This is a story of their friendship, its depths, deceits and its strengths, plus it provides an engrossing story about a land and society far different from ours. It is truly a fascinating read!

To celebrate the holiday season, please bring an hors d'oeuvres and beverage to share.

The book selection for **January 2008** is *Song of the Exile* by Kiana Davenport. All are welcome. Questions? Call Martha Dawson on 437-4167.

American Roots Music

Winter days can be cold, dark and damp, but the Arts Council strives to brighten the day by bringing lively, warm music to the community. That happens **Sunday, January 27**, at 3:00 p.m., when John Reischman & The Jaybirds, a top-flight band in bluegrass music appears as part of the Performing Arts in Port Ludlow concert series.

Bluegrass music is a form of American roots music. Its inspiration came from music played by immigrants from the British Isles, particularly the Scots-Irish immigrants who settled in Appalachia—but it also came from rural African-Americans, jazz and blues.

Bluegrass as a style developed during the mid 1940s. As with any musical genre, no one person can claim to have “invented” it. Rather, bluegrass is an amalgam of old-time music, blues, ragtime and jazz. Nevertheless, its beginnings can be traced to one band. Today Bill Monroe is referred to as the “founding father” of bluegrass music—the style was named for his band, the Blue Grass Boys, which formed in 1939.

Six years of touring across North America and Europe, critically acclaimed albums and a Canadian Juno nomination have established John Reischman and the Jaybirds. With a unique traditional sound, the mandolin master and his band are known for powerful original songs and instrumentals, soaring vocals and refreshing interpretations of songs from the old-time repertoire presented with their own bluegrass twist.

After touring many years with a California-based band, Reischman now makes his home in Vancouver, B.C. In addition to him, the Jaybirds include three highly regarded veterans: San Francisco’s Jim Nunally on guitar and vocals, British Columbia’s Trisha Gagnon on bass and vocals, Nick Hornbuckle also from B.C. on banjo, and Spokane’s Greg Spatz on fiddle.

Tickets for John Reischman & The Jaybirds are \$18 and will be available at the Bay Club on **Sunday, December 16**. Six-concert Flex Passes at \$99 are still available and can be used for six tickets to one or more concerts. Remember to exchange Flex Passes early to be assured of seats at these sold-out events. To check on ticket availability, call the Bay Club at 437-2208.

Snowbirds and travelers with Flex Passes that desire tickets for later concerts in the season can mail their instructions indicating concerts desired along with a self-addressed stamped envelope to P. O. Box 65210, Port Ludlow, WA 98365.

Holiday Lights

by Beverly Browne, Co-editor in Chief

About the middle of December, candles, Yule logs and electric lights spring from their hiding places in homes across the nation. Strings of bulbs that magically tied themselves into knots in the closet are untangled. Pre-lit trees are assembled.

For some, light serves a symbolic purpose. The tradition of placing a Christmas candle in a window has symbolized Christ, the light of the world, since the beginning of Christianity. Northern Europeans burn a candle throughout the night to light Mary and Joseph’s way to the nativity. Martin Luther, credited with bringing the tree into the house, used illumination with candles to symbolize the starry sky.

The first electrically illuminated Christmas tree was created in 1882 by Edward H. Johnson, the vice president of the Edison Electric Light Company. It was decorated with 80 red, white and blue hand-strung electric bulbs. Grover Cleveland sponsored the first electrically lit Christmas tree in the White House in 1895. By 1930 the practice had been adopted by the general public.

Soon, decorating with lights expanded beyond the illumination of trees. The custom of illuminating the house with lights began with the advent of tract housing. Eaves, windows and entire houses were outlined with lights. Electrical manufacturers knew a good marketing opportunity when they saw it. General Electric sponsored the first community lighting competition in 1956, a tradition that rapidly spread.

Holiday lighting has been admired and lampooned. The character played by Chevy Chase in *National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation* causes havoc with the “grand illumination” of his home. In *Deck the Halls*, Danny DeVito tries to cover his house with enough lights to be visible from space. Some communities, inspired by Barry “Mad Dog” Gottlieb, conduct tacky Christmas decoration tours.

The use of lights as traditional symbols of the season is important in the rabbinic holiday of Chanukah, too. The rabbis saw darkness as an independent state of being rather than the absence of light. The Torah, spirituality and human goodness are represented by light whereas evil, disbelief and cruelty are represented by darkness. The candles and lights of Chanukah represent the light of the creative spirit that burns within the human soul.

Chamber of Commerce

General Information

The Port Ludlow Chamber wishes to thank the community for their support of our local businesses. Any individual, business or organization interested in attending the Chamber's monthly luncheons and mixers is always welcome.

Upcoming Events

Our regular monthly meeting is always replaced in **December** with our annual Christmas party. All of our Port Ludlow Chamber of Commerce members are invited to attend and are encouraged to bring a guest and/or prospective new member. We also invite all members of the other Chambers of Commerce in Jefferson County.

This year we will again be at the Inn at Port Ludlow with an incredible array of edibles—and, as usual, door prizes and fun! Hold the date! **Wednesday, December 12, 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.**

We will also have our annual Bottle Auction, which supports one or more of our local charities this time of year. To participate, bring a wrapped bottle of something—it can be wine, whiskey, champagne, exotic juice, lotions or potions. Be creative with your bottle and your wrapping! (Please bring something you wouldn't mind taking home yourself.)

We are also holding elections for new and renewing Board members. If you would like to take a more active role in your business community, we would love to have you! E-mail us at the Chamber, info@portludlowchamber.org, or let us know if you would like to nominate a likely candidate.

The cost to join the Chamber for an entire year will be \$80 beginning **January 1, 2008**. We will be offering a 10 percent discount for any new or renewing members who get their dues in prior to the end of the year. (You may pay your 2008 dues at the party.)

Please watch your mailbox for Chamber mail. We will be sending out your Christmas party invitation, Board election ballot and 2008 invoices all in the same envelope. If for any reason you don't receive yours, please contact Chris Reynolds at the Chamber website address.

January is the time for the new Board to elect officers and hold a retreat to plan the next year's agenda. If you have thoughts or ideas you would like to see discussed, please forward them to us as soon as possible in order to get them on the agenda.

Benefits of Being a Chamber Member

The Chamber provides many benefits to its members:

- Inclusion in the Chamber's Welcome Bag containing business brochures, sales coupons and sales gimmicks that are distributed to each new resident.
- Networking with other business-minded individuals.
- Professional, organized support before County/Government bodies in order to lobby for wise, pro-business decisions, positions and governance.
- Website presence at www.portludlowchamber.org.
- Monthly membership meetings, socials and mixers with informative speakers and pertinent topics for business owners.
- Special health insurance rates for Chamber members.

Winter Open House

On **Tuesday, December 11**, between 4:30 and 6:00 p.m., Ludlow Bay Massage and Wellness Spa will be hosting their annual Winter Open House. Joining in the festivities for the all-building Open House will be Lander Custom Homes, Brady Chiropractic, Hear For Life and MacLearnsberry, Inc.

We invite you to come and enjoy beverages, hors d'oeuvres and door prizes while visiting with your local business owners and neighbors. The Wellness Spa will be having special promotions for gift certificates and spa packages during the Open House and throughout the month of **December**.

Our businesses are located in the two-story building between the Village Center and Kitsap Bank. We look forward to seeing you!

Port Ludlow Associates

Developer News

by Diana Smeland, Port Ludlow Associates (PLA) President

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

Really Running out of Water?

In response to the headline, "Ludlow running out of water" in The Leader on Wednesday, November 7, Port Ludlow is not running out of water. In the course of normal business, Olympic Water and Sewer, Inc. (OWSI) has submitted a final draft Water System Plan (WSP), which the Department of Health (DOH) is currently reviewing and is expected to approve by year-end. The plan identifies current and future demands on water based upon growth and anticipates where new supply and capital facilities are needed to meet the demand.

The WSP currently under review recognizes that OWSI will need to apply for more water rights to serve customers beyond its currently approved 2,000 connections. (At the end of October 2007 there were 1,527 residential water connections.) It also identifies capital infrastructure related costs, and projects a rate structure needed to ensure the financial viability of the water system. It is very much in the interest of all Port Ludlow property owners that the water company plans for future growth coupled with a rate structure that can support operation and maintenance costs as well as needed capital improvements.

The draft WSP anticipates that day when the approved connections are reached and sets forth a plan to respond to the needs. It is certainly the nature of such a plan to look to the future and provide for anticipated needs. We believe that the WSP accomplishes that goal.

In order to serve all potential residential water users within its service area, including the plat of Ludlow Cove Division II, OWSI is applying for additional water rights and, at the appropriate time, will request an increase in its authorized water service connections. There are other ways to meet the future demands that are addressed in the plan; perhaps the most important is water efficiency practiced by all OWSI customers. The DOH has recently

mandated new water efficiency standards that all water systems are required to meet. OWSI will be asking all of its customers to assist in this effort, which we view as a wise use of a valuable resource.

The Washington State Department of Health, Washington State Department of Ecology, Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission, and Jefferson County Public Health Department regulate OWSI in some manner. None of those agencies have found OWSI to be currently out of compliance with any applicable law, regulation, or ordinance, and OWSI is not aware of any basis on which it might be found to be out of compliance. If you are interested in seeing the Draft WSP, we have provided a copy at both the Beach Club and the Bay Club.

Model Home Tour at Olympic Terrace II

Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, December 12**. We would like to invite the community to tour all three models, enjoy some wine and light hors d'oeuvres from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

I hope this information is helpful and appreciate your questions; usually I learn something along the way as I answer them. If you are wondering about something, send that question to me at dsmeland@portludlowassociates.com. I am also trying to attend every Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) meeting and will answer questions there, too.

Resort News

by Kevin Earl, General Manager, Resort At Port Ludlow

Please join us in welcoming Robbie Wright, our new Sales Manager, to the Port Ludlow community. She brings a wonderful array of event planning, sales skills and a dynamic energy. With the start of any new season comes a sense of excitement and urgency to try something new. At the Resort, we are planning several new and very exciting events geared towards providing opportunities for members in our community to come together in a positive and fun environment.

A new event will be Mix, Mingle and Meet—up front and personal with famous Northwest authors for the first of our new Writer's Series. Dinner and overnight packages will be available. Pique your interest yet? Stay tuned for more details. Our Executive Chef, Dan Ratigan, is preparing a progressive five-course dinner the **third Saturday of January, February and March**. Call now for these

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soon-to-be-sold-out events. Seating will be limited. Reserve a spot by calling 437-7000.

Another event scheduled will be a resurrection of the Wine Makers Dinner on **Wednesday, January 16**, in the spectacular Sun Room. Call the Inn for reservations.

In addition to Holiday on the Docks at the Marina on **Saturday, December 15**, the Inn will be hosting Christmas activities throughout the day before the evening boat lighting festivities begin after dark. We are in contact with the big guy in the red suit. Ho! Ho! Ho! Call The Inn for details at 437-7000.

Toast the New Year with a special Dinner at the Fireside. Overnight and dinner packages are available. Cheers! Call 437-7000 now to secure your spot. This event sells out quickly. We celebrate an East Coast celebration so we all can be asleep by 10:00 p.m.

The Harbormaster has ongoing events that need to be marked on your calendars.

- Monday night football, 6:00 p.m. – close
- Thursday night Karaoke, 8:00 p.m. – close
- Saturday live music, 8:00 p.m. – close
- **December 1** - Skip Morris Trio/Jazz
- **December 8** - The Reflections/Swing
- **December 15** - Dukes of Dabob/Dixieland
- **December 22** - Michael & Leslie/40s-70s Variety
- **December 29** - Skip Morris Trio/Jazz

From the Jefferson County Administrator's Desk

by John F. Fischbach, Jefferson County Administrator

Happy Holidays to all of you. **December** will most assuredly fly by, and before we know it the New Year will be upon us. In the meantime, here a few important things happening in the County that I'd like you to know about.

The closed record appeal hearing for the Major Resort Plan Revision is scheduled for **Thursday, December 6**, 10:00 a.m. in the Beach Club. By having it there, it will be easier to conduct the site visit at the beginning of the hearing. The hearing will be held between Mr. Phil Olbrechts, the new Appellate Hearing Examiner (AHE), the four petitioners, Port Ludlow Associates (PLA) and Jefferson County. Since it's a "closed record" hearing, no new testimony or evidence will be allowed.

The Department of Community Development (DCD) has found the proposed Ludlow Cove II subdivision

application to be substantially complete. On November 2, it was noticed and opened for a 30-day comment period as required by the Shoreline Master Program (SMP). Once all comments are received by DCD, they are forwarded to the AHE to address. State Environmental Protection Act (SEPA) is then completed and a public hearing will hopefully be scheduled for some time in **January** with Hearing Examiner (HE) Stephen Causseaux, Jr.

Ludlow Cove II is planned for 42 single-family homes ranging in size from 1,800 square feet to 2,600 square feet covering 14.66 acres on the former "log dump" site. Four or five home plans are to be built throughout the plat. The development will be adjacent to Ludlow Cove I to the north, Paradise Bay Road to the west and the waters of Ludlow Bay on the east and southern edges. There will also be approximately two acres of open space.

Concern has been expressed by some of you about Port Ludlow's water supply. DCD is responsible for accounting of the MERUs (Measured Equivalent Residential Units) and as of this writing, our records show that there are sufficient MERUs available for the proposed development by PLA. Olympic Water & Sewer, Inc. (OWSI) is owned and operated by PLA, however all water systems plans are approved by the State Department of Health and the Department of Ecology, not the County. At this point in time, those two state agencies have not indicated that there's a problem, nor have they provided direction to change the approval process. The Ludlow Cove II subdivision is currently being reviewed by the Departments of Ecology and Health for adequacy of the water supply.

For more information about any of the above matters, please contact David Wayne Johnson, our Lead Planner for Port Ludlow in the Department of Community Development, at 379-4450 or via e-mail at dwwjohnson@co.jefferson.wa.us. Please feel free to contact me as well at 385-9100 or via e-mail at jfischbach@co.jefferson.wa.us.

Village Council Plans Lighting Ceremony

The Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) has negotiated the purchase of holiday lights to decorate the median strip in the Village Center. Off-duty firemen will be stringing the lights at no cost and the County will supply "flaggers" for the project.

A lighting ceremony will be held later this month. Please watch for announcements at the Clubs and in the Village Center.

Mariners' News

Dock Talk

by Kori I. Ward, Marina Manager

Once in awhile, something astonishes me by exceeding all expectations. The outreach that dock attendant Sean Pickering, his wife and child received from the Port Ludlow community was remarkable. Sean and his family give a special thank you to the Port Ludlow Yacht Club for the global e-mail that was sent out by Jerry Wetherbee informing the members of Sean's misfortune. For those of you unaware, Sean was badly burned in an accident at the Marina on October 24. At the time of this writing, Sean is still in the Burn Unit at Harborview Medical Center recovering and undergoing skin grafts to a portion of his left leg. A benevolent fund has been set up at the Port Ludlow Community Church for Sean and his family.

"Holiday on the Docks" is scheduled for **Friday and Saturday, December 14 and 15**. The docks will be open to the public from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. with cider and cookies being served in the Marina store on Saturday. You, the community of Port Ludlow, will judge the decoration efforts. So, stroll the docks, pick your favorites, and vote by ballot in the Marina office prior to 7:00 p.m. on **Saturday, December 15**. The grand prize will be one month of free moorage.

On Saturday only, a special visitor will be part of "Holiday on the Docks" and will be at the Marina from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Also, carolers will be on hand from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Contestants in the boat decorating competition are invited over to the Sunroom, located within the Inn, for refreshments and the announcement of the 2007 winner.

Speed Limit in Port Ludlow Bay

5 mph

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Steller Sea Lions

by Stephen Cunliffe, Contributing Editor



Two Steller sea lion bulls make themselves heard off Marrowstone.

Submitted photo

Now is the time of year when the huge Steller sea lions begin to make their relatively rare appearance in Puget Sound. I thought I was fortunate when a kind neighbor took me to see two bulls on a rock off the eastern shore of Marrowstone Island, only to be told that the day before there had been up to eight of these monsters crowded onto the same small rock! Males of the species can weigh over a ton, and their roar can be heard for literally miles across open water. They dwarf their mates who weigh in at a mere 700 pounds, and give birth to 50-pound pups.

During the June and July breeding season Stellers congregate at one of several rookeries, none of which is in Washington. After that the males disperse widely to find the best fish feeding, and the pursuit of Coho brings some of them to Puget Sound at this time of year. With luck you might spot some—although you might hear them first—at any of the typical haul-outs used by harbor seals, such as the rocks off Mats Mats and Tala Point, as well as the eastern Marrowstone location.

This species is spread across the coastline and islands of the northern Pacific from Japan to California. Parts of the population are in significant decline, and the western stock of Stellers is listed as an Endangered Species. The global population is estimated at around 80,000. Think of it as the population of Bellingham being spread across the entire northern Pacific and you will understand why you should count yourself lucky if you see one.

Tide Timber Trail

Golf Course Update

by Kevin Earl, General Manager, Resort At Port Ludlow

As we get closer to the Christmas Holiday I want to wish all the local residents and their families a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Golfers, don't forget your **Wednesday** Pro's Pick. This is open to all golfers, not just members! Breakfast specials are available each morning. Also, ladies will still be playing so check with the Golf Shop if you need to arrange a game.

The event of the holiday season is scheduled for **Thursday, December 6**, Member Appreciation Day. Join us for 10 to 50 percent off most items. One lucky winner will get their whole shopping cart free! Who knows, it may be you!

Course Improvements

- Timber #1 had a hanging branch removed.
- Aerification and sanding on fairways and surrounds is fairly complete.
- Hydro-seeded areas are in play as the crew continues to add fertilizer and sand in spots.
- Off-season projects:
 - Tees: Tide #5 and #8 are to be seeded, Trail #7 is seeded.
 - Bunkers: Some bunkers seeded, all bunkers edged. Tide #6 is being evaluated for a curtain drain.
 - Irrigation/Drainage projects are ongoing. They include repairing valves and adding new distance markers.

PLMGA Celebrates Thirty-two Years

Port Ludlow Men's Golf Association (PLMGA) completed its thirty-second season of golf on October 24 with its annual banquet at the Bay Club. Seventy-five attendees enjoyed a buffet dinner catered by the Belmont Hotel and a program that was packed full of prizes, awards and the election of new officers for the 2008 season.

The Hunton Award, presented to an individual who went beyond expectations to help the PLMGA improve, went to Hugh Pennington. Tom Smith received the 2007 Most Improved Golfer Award.

Individual crystal awards were given out to the following players for their achievements during the 2007 year: President's Cup winners were Bob Smith, Ken Schawel and Jack McKay. The Club Championship winner for low gross was Bob Smith. Low gross winners within their flights were Gary Smith, Ed Berthiaume and Jack Hirschmann. The low net champion was Chuck Byington. Low net winners within their flights were Dave Aho, Peter Conrady, Don Carlson and Ken Schawel.

Officers for the 2008 season are Doug Herring, President; John Cragoe, Vice President and Tournament Chairman; Don Thompson, Secretary; Jack McKay, Treasurer; Michael Graham, Social Chairman; and Joe Kelly, Handicap Chairman. Directors at Large are Wayne Samples, George Harrington, and Hugh Pennington.

The new Board is excited about the prospects for the coming season and look forward to the first member event in early **March of 2008**. If you are a member of the Port Ludlow Golf Course and want information on the PLMGA, it is available on our website plmga.org, at the Pro Shop or from any of the above Board members.

WGA Makes Awards

by Carol Katuzny

Women's Golf Association (WGA) ladies celebrated a wonderful golf year at the Annual Awards Banquet, October 10, in the bright and cheery Sun Room at the Inn at Port Ludlow. "The Wisdom of Women" theme cleverly adorned the tables with inspirational quotes of wise women. Caryl Oros chaired this annual affair featuring elegantly served salads followed by incredible decadent desserts.

Before the awards were presented, outgoing Captain Carol Katuzny recognized her Board and Committee chairs for their commitment and efforts to make it a special year. They each received a personalized golf towel in appreciation of their dedication. Turney Oswald presented Carol with a crystal vase in recognition of her efforts as captain.

Awards included a plaque to the TOP (Teams of Olympic Peninsula) team, Subs, for first-place. Sandie Yonke was named MVP for the Subs. Barbara Adams recognized those who earned the most points in the XTOPL (Xtreme Teams of Port Ludlow) matches.

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Impeccably selected awards were presented to the following golfers: Delee Panasuk (Broke 90); Lucinda Thompson (Most Birdies); Debi Bozanich (Hole in One); Lucinda Thompson and Kathy Stainfield (Spring Eclectic); Bonnie Vahcic, Linda Aho and Mea Graham (Summer Eclectic); and Sharon Zabloutney (Most Improved).

The Captain's Cup Champion was Debi Bozanich. The runner up was Lucinda Thompson. Consolation went to Linda Aho. The Club Champion was Bonnie Vahcic with a net 70. Runner-up was Lucinda Thompson. Low Net of Field was Carol Oros. Low Gross winners in their various flights were Sharon Zabloutney, Janet Samples and Linda Aho. Low Net winners were Cyndy Kelly and Mea Graham.

Our final organized play day on October 30th, "Wicked Game," was a 9-hole event with many Niner ladies joining us to share in our witch-garbed ladies' fun. The ladies will continue to play on Tuesdays as long as weather permits. Join us at 10:00 a.m., be paired up and create your own game. All ladies are invited to join us.

Driving in the Rain

The Voice checked this story, which came via e-mail, with Circle and Square. According to them, the advice is good. It especially applies if there is standing water on the road. So here goes.

A 36-year-old female had an accident and totaled her car. A resident of Kilgore, Texas, she was traveling between Gladewater and Kilgore. It was raining, though not excessively, when her car suddenly began to hydroplane and literally flew through the air. She was not seriously injured but was stunned at the sudden occurrence. When she explained to the highway patrolman what had happened, he told her something that every driver should know—never drive in the rain with your cruise control on. If the cruise control is on and your car begins to hydroplane, your car will accelerate to a higher rate of speed and you take off like an airplane. She told the patrolman that was exactly what had occurred.

The patrolman said the warning about using cruise control when pavement is wet or icy should be listed on the driver's seat sun visor along with the airbag warning. The only person the accident victim found who knew this (besides the patrolman) was a man who had a similar accident, totaled his car and sustained severe injuries.

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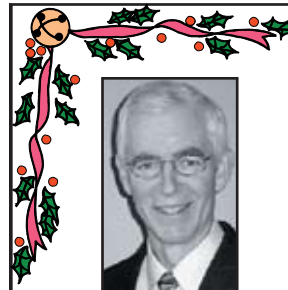
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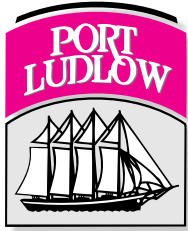
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