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Awesome! Beatboxing, Booming Bass and Five-Part Harmony!

by Barbara Wagner-Jauregg, Contributing Writer

One is a father of four, financial whiz and football fanatic; another is a fantasy football champion and proud father; while a third directs video operations at Stanford University and is a videographer and guinea pig enthusiast. Blend in a college basketball prospect, husband, father and pole position expert who's also a financial guru—and top it off with a guy who's a graphic designer, acrobat, husband and father—and you wonder? What are these guys doing in Port Ludlow?



(L. to R.) Jon Moore, Bud Anderson, Bill Craig, Eugene Rocha and Mark Baldi of Boyz Nite Out.

Provided photo

Known as Boyz Nite Out (BNO), these boyz just want to have fun! Hailing from Mount Shasta, Stockton and Lodi in Northern California and as far away as Lawrence, Kansas ... they got together in San Francisco and for over 15 years have been electrifying audiences with their musical talent and impressive style.

Friday, February 19, at 8:00 p.m., the Bay Club will be the scene of a fun-filled evening of favorite music featuring all the wonderful hit tunes from the 50s to the 90s performed in five-part a cappella harmony. Specializing in original, cover, pop and golden oldies music, BNO uses its all-vocal musical abilities, no instruments, to tantalize audiences. They've performed all over the country and around the world, with phenomenal results! Recently they opened for *The Jay Leno Show* and have traveled to Miami and Spain for performances.

Meet the Boyz! "The Swingman" tenor Bill Craig has a tremendous vocal range and talent. He can sing almost anything, including bass and vocal percussion. Mark Baldi "The Middleman" is an ultra rich baritone singer who can take on all of the middle parts and is the group's musical director. "The Screamer" tenor Bud Anderson is a rockin' soulman who brings the

Feature Articles

From the Editor's Keyboard

by Beverly Browne, Editor

This month I want to plug lifelong learning, the pursuit of knowledge for either personal or professional reasons that are not only lifelong but are various, voluntary and self-motivated. The definition recognizes that learning doesn't only occur early in life, doesn't always take place in school and may not involve a set curriculum sanctioned by the state or expert educational sources. Lifelong learning experiences can be quirky because the primary requirement is the interest of the learner. However, they are not less valuable than the pursuit of a formal curriculum in a traditional educational setting.

Our area has numerous lifelong learning opportunities. Some are associated with formal institutions. For example the Port Townsend Marine Science Center (PTMSC) offers workshops, beach walks and lectures. The Quimper Unitarian Fellowship has an adult learning program that is free and offers a range of classes described at quuf.org. The Jefferson County Library sponsors lectures and discussions. The Master Gardner program delivers specialized information. Peninsula College and Washington State University offer online/distance learning courses for those interested in a degree or vocational certification.

Opportunities in Port Ludlow include participation in the venues discussed above and also some other less traditional learning modes. This is the land of the book group, which doesn't necessarily imply fluffy novels, although there is nothing wrong with that. The Arts Council events entertain but they also provide opportunity for residents to learn about aspects of performing arts from various cultures. Dine and Discover continues to present a well-attended series of talks. This month's *Voice* contains the announcement of a new lecture series offered at the Bay Club. The many exercise classes offered at the Beach and Bay Clubs provide learning experiences, too.

Continued learning has more benefits than knowledge acquisition. Because many of the activities take place in groups, the experience enhances social integration and cooperation and fosters the development of friendships. Learners are permitted to exercise their mental muscles and, in the case of older people, confirm that they are still there. The experience is an enriching one. Assess your interests and try it.

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Census Cautions

by Susan Johnson, Better Business Bureau (BBB)

The first phase of the 2010 U. S. Census is under way and more than 140,000 census workers will count every person. They will gather information that includes addresses, age, gender, race and other relevant data.

Unfortunately, this process offers opportunity for con artists. The BBB offers the following advice. If a U. S. Census worker knocks on your door, he/she will have a badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag and a confidentiality notice. Ask to see identification and badge before answering questions. However, you should never invite anyone you don't know into your home.

Census workers currently are knocking on doors to verify addresses. Do not give your Social Security number, credit card or banking information to anyone claiming they need it for the U. S. Census. You only need to divulge how many people live at your address. They may ask about salary range but not information about your financial situation. The Census Bureau will not ask for Social Security, bank account, credit card numbers or solicit donations. Anyone asking for that information is not with the Census Bureau.

The Census Bureau does not work with The Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN). ACORN is a liberal collection of community-based organizations in the United States. No ACORN worker should approach you saying he/she is with the Census Bureau.

Eventually, census workers may contact you by telephone, mail or in person at home. It will use e-mail, so look out for e-mail scams impersonating the census. Never click on a link or open any attachments that are supposedly from the U. S. Census Bureau. For more advice on avoiding identity theft and fraud, visit www.bbb.org.

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Happiness Explored

by Barbara Berthiaume, North Bay Editor



Barbara Berthiaume,
North Bay Editor.

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Happiness is a booming business in this country. People spend a great deal of time, money and energy trying to be happy. Bookstores abound with all kinds of self-help books and there are endless websites with advice, ads, subscriptions and prescriptions promoting happiness. We talk, read and worry about being happy and fret about the happiness of friends. As our society places such an emphasis on the state of hap-

piness, is there anything we can actively do to become a happier person? The answer is yes.

All of us are born with different temperaments and personality traits; some people are more naturally optimistic and resilient than others. Researchers have found that pessimism can lead to depression. Conversely, an optimistic person seems to be inoculated against depression. He/she will bounce back from adversity more easily than someone who dwells on misfortune. Research demonstrates that optimism and resiliency can be learned. These positive qualities can actually make us happier.

Resilient people find purpose or a reason to get involved even in difficult circumstances and gain confidence with the fact that they persevered. They utilize social relationships, draw on inner strength, believe that change is normal and think that change is needed to stimulate growth. They feel that they can influence events and act as if they can. Resilient people think that actions they take and how they conduct themselves make a difference in outcomes.

Martin Seligman, a psychologist who has researched optimism, notes that optimistic people are hopeful and have a strong expectation that in general things will turn out all right in life despite adversity, setbacks and frustrations. They believe they have the will and the way to accomplish their goals. Optimistic people see failure as changeable; pessimists take blame for failure and see it as a lasting characteristic they are hopeless to change. Seligman terms the latter belief system as learned helplessness. These differing views have profound implications for how people respond to life.

Among the common qualities of resilient and optimistic people is a consciously positive emotional framework of interpersonal interactions and a focus on the present. Negative emotions like anger, fear and anxiety are necessary to keep us out of harm's way. However, constantly dwelling on past unfortunate experiences and worrying about the future produces a negative emotional environment. Gratitude, love, forgiveness, humor, connection and caring are positive emotions that are contagious when shared with other people and produce a happier and more contented you.

Understanding the power of positive emotions and practicing these traits can actually make you a happier and healthier individual. You will find yourself surrounded with other happy people because happiness is contagious and is a gift that keeps on giving.

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growl and scowl and high tenor to BNO. Eugene Rocha, a.k.a. "The Human Drum," provides vocal percussion and beatbox—the PFFT! KRRR. PFFT! PSHHHH! Finally "The Groovemaster," bassman Jon Moore gives new meaning to rumble seats to provide the groove, and the low, low end to Boyz Nite Out.

BNO takes the audience on an all-ages musical journey through time that will include audience participation, low bass, high tenor, great singing and world class beatboxing — a form of vocal percussion that primarily involves the art of producing drum beats, rhythm and musical sounds using one's mouth, lips, tongue and voice. There might even be a flip in mid air! For a preview of BNO, go to www.portludlowartscouncil.com.

Doors open at 7:00 p.m. for seat selection and a lively social hour in the Bay Club Great Room. Enjoy a glass of wine, visit with friends and be sure to take time to see Gary Griswold's watercolors of Northwest scenes. Preferring to paint outdoors in a Plein Air setting, Griswold is inspired by the wind, temperature and smells of nature and attempts to capture these elements in his paintings. His paintings can be seen in numerous galleries around the Pacific Northwest.

Get your tickets to witness this talented five. Individual tickets at \$20 can be purchased at the Bay Club. On-line credit card sales are available at www.brownpapertickets.com. To check on ticket availability, call the Bay Club at 437-2208.

How Diabetes Works

by Kathleen Traci, Contributing Writer

If you have been diagnosed with diabetes, your body is less sensitive to insulin, making it difficult to deliver glucose from your blood stream to inside your cells. According to Dr. Michael F. Roizen and Dr. Mehmet C. Oz, having too much sugar circulating in your blood stream has many important effects.



Contributing Writer
Kathy Traci.

Photo by Peggy Lee Flentie

The junctions between the smooth endothelial cells lining the arteries are weakened making the lining more vulnerable to nicks. Eventually, holes formed at these junctions are filled with LDL cholesterol. Your immune system mounts an inflammatory defense response to the foreign invader, resulting in plaque and arterial hardening.

The white blood cells stop fighting infections, resulting in a weakened immune system.

A chemical process is triggered in the red blood cells, causing them to want to hold on to oxygen more tightly—this keeps oxygen from getting to tissues. When that happens the glucose attaches to whatever it can find—most likely proteins in blood and tissues. These proteins deposit in tissues, leading to the development of cataracts, joint abnormalities and lung problems.

Excess sugar gets into the body's nerves, causing them to swell, become compressed, and lose their ability to function—usually in your hands and feet.

Sugar in the blood stream increases the power of the hammer to cause high blood pressure. A switch in the body's small blood vessels is flipped off by excess sugar in the blood stream and then high blood pressure makes more of the nicks and tears in the junctions between cells in the small blood vessels. The body's disrupted automatic regulation system cannot facilitate the flow of nutrients into the small blood vessels. Ordinarily, these small blood cells function as a backup system, functioning even when the big vessels might be experiencing problems.

For these reasons it is important to faithfully take all medications that your physician prescribes for glucose control, high cholesterol and high blood pressure. Keep blood sugar levels down by avoiding foods with simple sugar and aging fats, such as trans and saturated fats. Keep your muscles more sensitive to insulin with daily exercise.

Exercise for Fitness

by Beverly Browne, Editor



Voice Editor Bev Browne.
Photo by Peggy Lee Flentie

A very common resolution is to improve one's health, especially fitness. People start a new year full of good intentions to become better persons, thinner, better balanced mentally and physically, in tune with themselves and nature. They may join a gym and, for at least a month, work like they meant it or they may resolve to walk or run a certain distance every day. By February, however, other concerns intrude and will

falters a little and then, like water through a crack in a dam, everything bursts and determination goes down the drain. This article offers a few tips on keeping motivated.

First, know what is available and choose an activity that interests you. We are lucky in Port Ludlow to have a variety of exercise opportunities. Golfing, tennis, biking, kayaking and hiking are enjoyed by many. A large number of activities are listed on *Regularly Scheduled Community Activities* published quarterly in the *Voice*. They include aquatic exercise (aquarobics, water walking and swimming) and a variety of dance classes, from tap dancing to hula, at the Beach and Bay Clubs. Jazzercise classes offer a combination of weight-bearing aerobic exercise, coordination and fun. Yoga focuses on non-aerobic exercise to improve flexibility and concentration. Yolates is a cross training program that blends yoga and pilates. Its aim is to improve strength, flexibility and balance. Nia is a recent program that many find invigorating.

Try to vary your activity to avoid boredom and increase benefit. No one activity will do it all. Pick a couple of activities that you like and set up a schedule for yourself. The schedule part is important because we are creatures of habit.

Exercise with other people. We don't like to let others down so people are much more likely to continue their exercise plan when they are exercising with someone else. One of the secrets of exercise classes is that people want to keep up with their classmates. They will do that one additional crunch if others are doing it. Furthermore other people provide social stimulation. Not enough can be said for that.

Be considerate of your limitations. A large number of persons in Port Ludlow fall into that category we call "older," a nonspecific term generally understood to be

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nearing or post-retirement. Older people are usually not able to perform at the same level as they did in their 20s and 30s. However, they can still obtain substantial benefit from regular exercise. This also applies to people with physical handicaps.

Don't beat yourself up if you have to miss a session or two. It doesn't mean you are a bad person. Everyone has duties and responsibilities that require attention; so will you. It may take a while, but you will recover your previous level fairly quickly if you don't fall too far back. Certainly don't take a permanent vacation just because of a few skipped days. In the words of a well-known sporting goods manufacturer: Just Do It! You'll be glad you did.

Seeing Common Ground

by Jen Portz, Contributing Writer

On a dreary January afternoon Pope Resources (Pope) offered to show off some of its land in an effort to ease concerns regarding the East Jefferson Trust Land Exchange. This "land swap" would exchange 4,430 acres of Pope property for 3,085 acres of State land managed by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The swap has been in the works for nearly two years, but community apprehension has put the project on hold while DNR seeks further public comment.

One of our guides, Jon Rose, Director of Real Estate for Pope, said, "We want to eliminate the range of fears about what might happen if the land swap goes through." He believes his biggest mistake was "not jumping in sooner" to fully explain things. John Shea, Director of Business Development for Pope explained, "Originally the idea was to get a better ownership pattern for ourselves and for DNR." Consolidation is one key to controlling costs for both Pope and DNR.

Pope has roughly 115,000 acres scattered pell-mell over western Washington; 43,000 acres is in East Jefferson County. One timber tract, just off Beaver Valley Road, was a mottled assortment of trees of various ages. We drove through a canopy of nearly mature, 32-year-old Douglas firs, white pines and cedars, wound through a carpet of shorter seven-year-old trees, and finally stopped amidst newly hand-planted, foot-high seedlings. Shea explained, "There's a mosaic of these lands all across Jefferson County. We harvest on a 40- to 50-year cycle; then we replant." This is silviculture: the science and practice of renewing a forest crop. Silviculture is to forestry what agriculture is to farming.

Just as packaged steaks were once cows, so our homes were once trees. In the Pacific Northwest little tending of trees is required, but private companies usually apply one treatment of a broad-leafed herbicide just after harvest to control alder, salal and the invasive species Scotch broom, which crowd out young seedlings.

Our next stop was DNR #6, much of which is near-mature trees that DNR will harvest within the year. Other areas were a thick tangle of chest-high alder, waist-deep salal and dense swaths of Scotch broom with only a few spindly evergreens. Residents are concerned about how private companies manage their land versus how DNR does. Shea explained that DNR is restricted by their management rules and aren't allowed to use herbicides so it takes longer for their forests to re-grow. "In our forests just one application of herbicide every 50 years makes a huge difference." As for riparian setbacks, he said, "There are not many streams here (in DNR #6) and the State standards for private property buffers are very adequate." Rose noted, "Washington has the second most rigorous set of standards in the nation."

There's more to Pope than silviculture. In Skamania County, they've found common ground with very disparate groups to design their "Ring of Fire" project. A collaboration of environmental, business, County, State and Federal groups will fund a project that will include clustered development, a scenic byway, and hiking trails around the Swift Reservoir near Mount St. Helens. Some of the funding would come from the Federal Forest Legacy Program that aims to purchase development rights from working forests.

In neighboring Kitsap County, Pope has the "String of Pearls" project, a network of open spaces and public hiking/biking trails linking waterfront communities from Hansville to Poulsbo. The project includes Pope's 751-residence Arborwood development near Port Gamble and the hopes of a higher-education facility. Rose has already met with the University of Washington to discuss establishing remote-learning centers there for horticulture and oceanography and with the Bainbridge Graduate Institute, a business school which focuses on financial success, social responsibility and environmental sustainability.

What has Pope done for Jefferson County? When they created Port Ludlow they included a Marina, a Golf Course and clubhouse and they organized the Port Ludlow Planning Forum to seek mutual benefits for Pope and the community. These included preserving roughly 400 acres—and our Bay's Twin Islands—as open space, creating and granting a permanent easement for the

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Timberton Loop trail, donating to the public dock access on Teal Lake and capping development within Port Ludlow.

But what have they done for us lately? “We own huge swaths of land all the way up [State Highway] 104.” Rose explained, “We’d hoped to create an Olympic-Discovery Bay Spur Trail to link into String of Pearls in Kitsap ... but we need somebody on this side who’s willing to work with us.”

From the Commissioner’s Desk

by John Austin, Jefferson County Commissioner

On January 11 the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) held a workshop at the Jefferson County Library in Port Hadlock. The purpose was to listen to constituents in a setting and time other than the regular Monday morning meeting in the Courthouse. All elected County officials were invited to attend and every one of them showed up. It was impressive to see judges, the county auditor, assessor, clerk, treasurer, prosecutor and sheriff all in one place. The meeting room was filled to its 100-person capacity.

Blank sheets of paper were distributed so people could submit questions for the Commissioners and other elected officials. Questions also were taken from the floor. I cannot repeat all the questions here, but they all will be available on the County website as BOCC correspondence.

An initial topic was, “When will there be an equestrian park?” Young children, teens and adults spoke in favor of accelerating the process. Other topics included the Hadlock Urban Growth Area (UGA) and the projected sewer, water rights in the Chimacum Valley, the need for economic development, the need to simplify the permitting process and a number of specific concerns about County government. The three Commissioners responded to many of the questions and concerns, while some questions suggested a need for further study.

Former Sheriff Mike Brasfield moderated the workshop with some assistance from County Administrator Philip Morley. James Robinson, the newly assigned reporter for the *Leader*, took notes. I asked him for his impression of the meeting and he commented that, compared to meetings in other jurisdictions, it was remarkably civil.

Additional meetings will be held at various sites in the coming months including one at the Port Ludlow Fire Station on Monday, January 25. Other meeting times and places include the Port Townsend Community Center, **Thursday, February 11**, and the Quilcene Community Center, **Monday, March 1**. I look forward to seeing you at one or more of these meetings.

A Community Frozen in Time: Pompeii

by Diane Ruff, Contributing Writer

You can reach Naples, Italy, close to Pompeii, by plane, bus, train, or auto. We were quite unimpressed with Naples. It seemed a poor town with children running in gangs through the alleys lined with drying laundry, and a male bus passenger making indecent gestures at my traveling companion on the short trip through town. We took the local train line, the Circumvesuviana, to Pompeii; however I’d recommend a tourist bus. I remember asking the ticket booth operator if we could purchase food on the train. Once I saw the local train pulling up, covered with graffiti on the outside and cheap plastic chairs on the inside, I realized this train was unlike others in Europe.



Diane Ruff, contributing writer.
Photo by Peggy Lee Flentie



A decorated Circumvesuviana train.

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Pompeii is now some distance inland, but in ancient times was nearer the coast. A modern town by the same name lies next to the excavated ruins. Ancient Pompeii was destroyed and completely buried during the volcanic eruption of Mount Vesuvius, approximately five miles away, in 79 AD. Pompeii was buried under 60 feet of ash and pumice, which explains why it was lost for almost 1,700 years and accidentally rediscovered in 1748. Its excavation provides a view into the life of a city at the height of the Roman Empire.

We visited a shop where a baker ground his wheat, a public bath and even the House of Ill Repute, where the women sang bird calls out the door so the sailors coming

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ashore could locate them. In the House of Ill Repute you can still see the pictures etching the walls along with the small stone beds in each room. One area contains plaster casts of some of the victims, including a dog, and urns and other items that were buried in ash.

The homes were built around open courtyards. The well-preserved frescos depict people's everyday lives. There are also theatres, an amphitheatre, a gymnasium and hotel. An aqueduct built in 20 BC fed the extensive water system with open troughs.

There is so much more to experience here. For information, google Pompeii. Better yet, go visit.

Send your favorite get-away to dianekayr@aol.com. We reserve the right to edit your contribution to fit our style and space constraints.

Who's the New Interior Designer in Town?

by Kathleen Traci, Contributing Editor

Those of you who attended the Community Enrichment Alliance (CEA) Holiday Home Tour in December know the answer: Hilda Blanchard, Interior Designer. Hilda's stunning home on Dunbar Court says it all—a home layered with history (precious French, Swedish and Asian antiques), enhanced with whimsy and enriched with family heirlooms wearing a gentle patina. To add charm, Hilda played with refreshing fabrics resulting in a balance of proportion, color and pattern—changing scale for an added twist. Designer window treatments enhance the water views from rooms on both levels. She has redecorated and remodeled this home to reflect her personal style. Her beautiful collection of functional furnishings, fine fabrics, superior craftsmanship and charming accessories pamper the senses and welcome all who enter her home.

During the CEA Holiday Home Tour, the docents fielded many inquiries regarding Hilda's availability for local consultations. The answer is a resounding "Yes." Hilda would love to work locally so that she is able to slow her travel pace. According to her, "Those who use my services will benefit from my years of experience providing quality and comfort while expressing and refining my clients' personal styles. I like people's homes to be a reflection of their owners' personalities. When they enter their newly designed



Hilda Blanchard, Interior Designer.

Photo by Peggy Lee Flentie

interiors, the transformed atmosphere will extend its arms to welcome them home."

Prior to moving to Port Ludlow, Hilda operated an interior design shop in San Clemente, CA. She has an international clientele and is known for her positive, high-energy professionalism. Hilda listens to her clients' unique needs and desires and works with them to refine and enhance their personal style by providing the following services:

- She coordinates colors, arranges furniture and selects furnishings, fabrics, accessories and architectural elements to enhance her clients' home, office and lifestyle.
- She provides access to exclusive designer showrooms and designs and fabricates custom furniture, window treatments, accessories, and architectural elements at a lower cost than retail.
- She coordinates and schedules quality master crafts people to implement design remodeling or new construction.
- Due to the current slowdown in the resell housing market, Hilda's home staging skills have been in demand.

Hilda has an extensive photographic library of specific details to assist you in your selection of furniture, carpeting, window coverings and accessories. With her guidance, you will experience self-expression in your interior's design. Your home will reflect your values, personality and quality of life. To explore your decorating needs, call Hilda Blanchard, Interior Design at 437-9082.

To see photos of Hilda's home wearing its holiday finery, go to www.plvoice.org and click on Blanchard Interior Design.

Port Ludlow Coffee Company and Wine Bar

by Diane Ruff, Contributing Writer

Want to enjoy some great homemade soup and/or salad with wine in a cozy, friendly atmosphere? Or, as I've done, pick it up, and take it home! The French Onion Soup, along with another specialty soup, is fantastic. Served daily, you can enjoy an affordable dinner there or order for take out. Of course, the coffee, muffins and salads are equally delicious.

Connie Fidler has joined owner and manager Penny Garrison. Connie was formerly with Market 2 Market out of Seattle and joined Penny's staff in November as Wine Manager. She brings a wealth of knowledge spanning

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several areas of the food and wine industry. Among her special offerings are special case prices on select wines. They are available by the case at 10 percent off. Custom gift baskets can be created and designed to accommodate any occasion. The shop carries a unique line of Stonewall gourmet items for that special party.

Port Ludlow Coffee Company and Wine Bar will also cater events, based on availability. Closed parties can be arranged at the restaurant. Attendees at their company’s closed private Holiday Party reported that offerings were fabulous. They said the hors d’oeuvres, dinner buffet and wine were delicious.

Some special events are scheduled at the restaurant and reservations are recommended. Super Bowl Sunday reservations should be made now to watch the game on **Sunday, February 7** from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. A set buffet will be offered for \$12.95. The week of Valentine’s Day, enjoy a special glass of Six Grapes Port with a Truffle assortment and red rose for \$12.95 per person. Also for February, a “White Knight Special” with four flights of white wine, a “Take a Cab” night with four flights of red wine, both at special prices, and a “WINOS” Friday Night (Women In Need of Sanity) with some specials.

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Dirty Little Secrets

by Eva VanBuren, Contributing Writer

Do you have a soiled rug rolled up and hidden away in your basement or attic that you cannot bear to part with? Perhaps it is a family heirloom, or just the inexpensive first rug you ever bought and have loved ever since. You wish you could use it again in that special room, but who would lovingly clean, or even repair it, as you yourself would if you knew how? You wish someone could recommend such a person.

Fret no more—I’ve recently engaged the expertise of a fine, local artisan rug cleaner, and was so impressed I feel

compelled to tell you about it. “R. H. Koller, Oriental Rug Cleaning, Hand Washing and Repair,” located in Poulsbo and an advertiser in the *Voice*, has a state-of-the-art facility, over 15 years’ experience and knowledge to spare. Ron Koller and his wife Heidi impressed me with their commitment to their craft and desire to provide the



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Ron treated me to a tour of the facility when I opted to drop off my rug rather than use the pick up and delivery provided. You too will be amazed with the “blue light inspection” your rug receives in the darkened room (CSI anyone?) which is part of the thorough inspection Ron starts with. The washing and drying areas are equally fascinating, and Ron explains everything in such detail that it’s quite an education. You can rest easy knowing you left your special rug in good hands.

Visit the website at www.rhkoller.com and call Ron at 360-779-1775 to discuss the needs and condition of your rug. He will ask many questions pertaining to the rug’s history, and you will appreciate his attention to detail as I did.

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IMQ Cumulative Studies Needed

by Jen Portz, Contributing Writer



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Jen Portz.

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George Washington once said, "... It is essential that public opinion be enlightened." When a community faces change that is, perhaps, doubly true.

Change here involves mining. In mid-January David Wayne Johnson of Jefferson County's Department of Community Development (DCD) sent word that Iron Mountain Quarry's (IMQ) application for mining near Port Ludlow soon would be

submitted. If Port Ludlow hopes to make a difference, it needs to become proactive.

IMQ's submission will start the clock rolling toward a public comment period. Once received, DCD has 28 days to determine if the application is complete; if it is, a 30-day public comment period begins. Johnson notes, "If the application is incomplete ... the comment period would not necessarily begin right after the 28 days." He added that comments may be received at any time, but they "would not be part of the record unless received within the 30-day public comment period."

IMQ has conducted a number of studies that will be submitted with their application, but according to co-owner Jim Burnett, who spoke last year at a public forum, none explore cumulative impacts. But cumulative traffic impacts exist because IMQ's mine (called the "New Shine Quarry") will be located adjacent to two long-standing mining operations, Fred Hill Materials (FHM) and Shine Quarry. All three mines will use a common intersection (see map) to enter and exit State Route 104 (SR104). At that bottleneck, haulers to and from IMQ will increase the existing truck traffic by well over 1,300 tandem-axle trucks per month. Additionally, when Fred Hill Materials expands—as it's expected to—the overall truck traffic will increase even further.

Those statistics seem compelling, but there's more. One must factor in how long it takes for a tandem-truck at maximum weight to reach highway speeds: roughly 3 to 4 minutes (one mile) if they're pulling a load up hill; 1 minute (one-quarter mile) on a downhill grade. Further, trucks arriving at the three mines would need to reduce speed to near zero to negotiate the 90-degree entrance turns. This adds up to a recipe for disaster.



Locations of the three mines and shared intersection on SR 104.

Photo courtesy of Google Earth with additions by Jen Portz.

IMQ's increase in truck-traffic will doubtless cause a significant hindrance to the traffic flow on SR104 and therefore will pose a risk of accidents due to the conflict between high speed vehicular traffic and heavily laden trucks slowing or stopping for left- or right-hand turns. Currently Department of Transportation (DOT) estimates that, on average, an automobile passes this intersection once every four seconds and that volume is anticipated to nearly double in the next 15 years. When trucks attempt to enter or exit SR104 without adequate space, it could cause cars traveling at nearly 60 mph to either risk collision with the truck, slow dramatically or attempt to pass the truck with or without sufficient room. Additionally, when the Hood Canal Bridge opens for maritime traffic, SR104 traffic will back up toward this common mine intersection. As a backlog of trucks waiting to enter or exit SR104 grows, trucks may attempt to enter without sufficient room exacerbating an already dangerous situation.

In October's public forum, Burnett stated, "The net traffic will not change ... we will divide up the market, not add to it ... if Albertsons goes in next to Safeway, you don't [need] twice the food." What he fails to mention are the huge, near-by projects that are coming online in the next few years that will require high volumes of rock, most notably the Elwha Dam deconstruction project and Pope Resources' 751-residence Arborwood development.

All this would seem to demand a cumulative impact study, but will DCD require one? The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) gives them that authority, and prudent stewardship would seem to insist upon it, but we won't know until DCD weighs all the information—from IMQ and the public. The scales may

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tip if an enlightened public decides to argue for common good over the greed of one company. Comments should be submitted during the official public comment period to DCD at dwjohnson@co.jefferson.wa.us with the subject line "IMQ SEPA" or sent via U. S. Mail to 621 Sheridan Street, Port Townsend 98368. For breaking news and updates go to www.plvoice.org.

Helping Haiti

The events in Haiti are almost too horrific to comprehend. If you want to donate to relief efforts, be sure to investigate the organization to which you donate. There are a number of approved relief organizations including:

- Action Against Hunger, 877-777-1420
- American Red Cross, 800-733-2767
- Beyond Borders, 866-424-8403
- CARE, 800-521-2273
- Catholic Relief Services, 800-736-3467
- Childcare Worldwide, 800-553-2328
- Concern Worldwide, 212-557-8000
- Red Cross International, 800-391-8545
- Doctors Without Borders, 888-392-0392
- Project HOPE, 800-544-4073
- Save the Children, 800-728-3843
- UNICEF, 800-367-5437
- World Concern, 800-755-5022
- World Hope International, 888-466-4673
- World Vision, 888-511-6548

Many others exist but space prohibits listing them.

The FBI suggests people should beware of bogus help for Haiti.

- Ignore unsolicited e-mails and do not click on links within those messages.
- Be skeptical of individuals representing themselves as surviving victims or officials asking for donations via e-mail or social networking sites.
- Be cautious of e-mails that claim to show pictures of the disaster areas in attached files, because the files may contain computer viruses. Open attachments only from known senders.
- Decline to give personal or financial information to anyone who solicits contributions.
- Make contributions directly to known organizations, rather than relying on others who claim in e-mails that they will channel the donation to established groups.

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Local News

Timberton Water Supply Interrupted

Timberton residents experienced a disruption in their supply of drinking water on January 4 when a water main at Paradise Bay Road broke. The break allowed the system to fill with sediment and created water outages and low pressures. Olympic Sewer and Water (OWSI) had the pipe located and repaired within 24 hours. However, residents were informed that they should not drink the water without boiling it first to kill bacteria. Residents were also advised against using un-boiled water for making ice, preparing food, washing dishes and brushing teeth.

OWSI President Larry Smith and Operations Supervisor Greg Rae announced that the company, following regular OWSI and Department of Health procedures, would disinfect the system with chlorine and flush the system to eliminate contaminants. Water samples were collected at various points in the system and tested before residents were advised that the water was safe to drink. All samples had to be satisfactory before that could occur. Timberton was the only village affected by the problem. Residents were notified in writing when the water became drinkable without treatment.

Issues with or questions about Port Ludlow's water system may be directed to OWSI at owsi@portludlowassociates.com or by calling 437-2101.

Bridge Closure Updates Available

It is no fun being stuck in a line of traffic waiting for the Hood Canal Bridge to permit passage. Plan your trips to avoid 40- to 90-minute delays. Scheduled closures are listed online at www.hoodcanalbridge.com. You can also sign up to get text message alerts on your cell phone. To start the process, select "e-mail updates" at the top right-hand corner of the www.hoodcanalbridge.com home page. Updates can also be obtained by dialing 5-1-1. At the first prompt, say "traffic."

The bridge draw span opens for testing and for marine vessels that cannot safely pass under the trusses. Those vessels must provide one-hour notice. Navy submarines and security escorts sailing between the Strait of Juan de Fuca and Bangor on Hood Canal do not provide advance notice.

CEA Lecture Series

Are you interested in learning more about your medications? If so, Dr. Narinder Duggal, Medical Director of Liberty Bay Internal Medicine in Poulsbo, attending Physician at Harrison Memorial Hospital in Bremerton and Clinical Associate Professor in the School of Pharmacy at the University of Washington, may be able to answer your questions. He will provide information about prescription drugs, generic drugs, vitamins and alternative medications at a talk to be given sponsored by Community Enrichment Alliance (CEA) on **Wednesday, February 24, 2:00 p.m.**, at the Bay Club. There is no fee for this event but registration is necessary. Register at the CEA Promotional Table at the Bay Club any Wednesday between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. or by calling Sharon Commander at 437-2486.

Following the lecture Dr. Duggal and his pharmacist associate, Dr. Nicolas Wyatt, will answer specific questions participants may have about their drugs. Bring your list of medications and dosages to the lecture.

Getting the Voice (or Not)

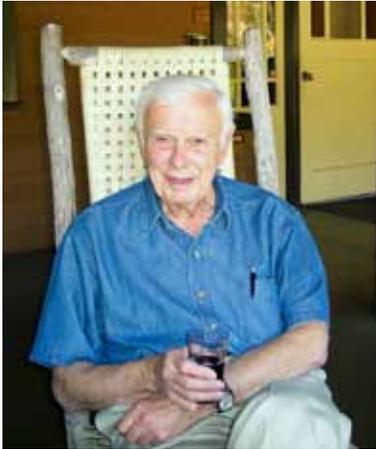
by Beverly Browne, Voice Editor

Every once in a while, the *Voice* receives a query from some poor soul who has a Port Ludlow mailing address, but isn't receiving the publication in the mailbox like everyone else. He/she wonders why that is. Usually the answer is that the address is not located within the Master Planned Resort (MPR) on the bulk mailing routes. Areas affected by this situation include Bridgehaven, Bywater, Ludlow Ridge, Paradise Bay and Shine.

Since the *Voice* receives financial support from the master associations in Port Ludlow as well as the Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC), it is delivered monthly, free of charge, by bulk mail to residents on postal routes within the MPR. Everyone else needs a subscription to receive the publication even if their mailing address is Port Ludlow. Although we have tried to keep subscription rates low, we do need to pay for extra labeling and mailing costs. It is possible to pick up a free copy of the publication at the Post Office, at the Bay or Beach Club, or read it on-line at plvoice.org.

If you would like to subscribe send your check for \$17, payable to the Port Ludlow Voice, to P. O. Box 65077, Port Ludlow WA 98365.

Hiker Club History



Hiking Club Founder Herman Schweitzer.

Submitted photo

The Port Ludlow Hiking Club was started 20 years ago. It recently held a winter celebration at which former leaders were honored. The group's founder, Herman Schweitzer, made the trek from Bellingham for the occasion. He started the group in order to share his hiking experiences with others. He has hiked extensively in the Olympics and the Cascades.

Following Schweitzer, Doris Monti took over the organization and was its leader for 11 years. She started the tradition of annual fall getaways that led members to explore Mount Baker, Mount Rainier, Methow Valley, the Leavenworth/Wenatchee area, Orcas Island, Lake Quinault, Stehekin and the Sol Duc Hot Springs.

Dick Ullmann has been the hiking group coordinator for the last five years during which adventures at exciting locations continued. Jack Riggen has now accepted the opportunity to guide the group.

Free Film Screening: *The Tapping Solution*

Please join Ludlow Bay Massage and Wellness Spa and local Emotional Freedom Technique (EFT) practitioner Brian Rohr for a special free screening of the documentary film, *The Tapping Solution – The Revolution Starts Within*, **Monday, February 1**, 1:00–3:00 p.m. at the Beach Club. This feature length documentary explores EFT with real life cases combined with interviews of world famous teachers, including Jack Canfield, Carol Look, Dr. Joseph Mercola, Bruce Lipton and more.

EFT is sometimes simply called “Tapping” or “Meridian Tapping.” It involves tapping on various acupressure points while repeating key phrases with the purpose of releasing the emotional causes of physical distress, past trauma, negative or uncomfortable emotions (hatred, anger, fear...) and the difficult life issues. EFT has been shown to be effective with a wide range of issues including depression, anxiety, asthma, fear of public speaking, insomnia and weight loss.

In *The Tapping Solution* ten people with diverse issues work with EFT practitioners over a four-day period to see if they can turn their lives around. You will be astounded by the results. Documented cases include recovery from fibromyalgia, help with eating disorders and emotional healing from past abuse and war trauma. The potency and potential of EFT is limited only by one's creativity.

The film is 90 minutes long and will be followed by a question-and-answer session held with Rohr, a Licensed Massage Practitioner (LMP). In addition to massage therapy, he is a Reiki Master and EFT practitioner who has had a healing practice for over five years in Portland, Chicago and Jefferson County. He has included EFT in his practice for the past two years with truly wonderful results and offers his services at Ludlow Bay Massage and Wellness Spa. To book an appointment please call 437-3798. For more information about the film or EFT, call Brian at 531-2535, or go to www.thetappingsolution.com.

Canadian Stake Muddled in Pit to Pier Project

by Beverly Browne, Editor

Reports published in the *Kitsap Sun* indicate the relationship between Canadian Athabasca Minerals, Inc., of Edmonton, Alberta, and Thorndyke Resource of Poulsbo, announced in January, has broken off. The project would bring \$3 million to a pit-to-pier gravel project in Jefferson County and give Athabasca 25 percent ownership.

Alex Hill, owner of Thorndyke Resource, says that the company considered the Athabasca proposal but would look for another funding alternative more beneficial to the Thorndyke Resource project. He did not release any information about other potential investors. Shaun Parsons, Vice President of Development with Athabasca, said the company's Board of Directors wanted more information before committing themselves, and time ran out.

The pit-to-pier project, designed to extract sand and gravel deposits near Shine, has been controversial. The project involves transporting material by conveyor belt to ships and barges at a 900-foot long pier in Hood Canal. Company spokesmen say the project would bring more than 4,000 jobs to the region through mining, construction, maritime and shipping trades, and would reduce truck-trailer trips on regional roads. Environmental groups oppose the project, saying it would damage the Hood Canal ecosystem and threaten the Hood Canal Bridge. The U. S. Navy has issued statements opposing the project on the basis of possible disruption of submarine and other ship traffic.

AMB Faces FDIC Scrutiny

Bainbridge-based American Marine Bank (AMB) has agreed to a consent order from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and the State's Department of Financial Institutions. Overview by FDIC regulators will address the bank's earnings and capital levels. The bank's potential loan losses reached \$18,979,699 in the third quarter of 2009, according to an AMB press release. Total deposits also dropped about \$13 million to \$308,391,870. AMB's net loss was \$19,034,000 in September 2009 according to the *Bainbridge Review*. Three other Washington Banks, Viking Bank of Seattle, Bank of Washington in Lynnwood and Pierce Commercial Bank of Tacoma, also were placed under special scrutiny.

AMB, which has a branch in Port Ludlow, has been working with banking regulators to secure the bank's overall health during these challenging times, according to Chief Financial Officer Renzo Lucioni. Usually this requires a bank to clear senior management changes with regulators, increase capital levels, plan to purge bad loans, reduce reliance on some loan categories such as commercial real estate, and to eliminate cash dividends. According to its press release, AMB is looking for an investor and "is open to consider all investment opportunities, including local investors."

The problems are largely due to several large real estate loans and the real estate-driven downturn of the past year. AMB was the primary lender for White Horse Development and Golf Club in Kingston, which opened two years ago and filed Chapter 11 bankruptcy in August. When public auction of the Golf Course failed, the course and 159 undeveloped lots were taken over by AMB. The bank was owed \$7.1 million by developers, according to a trustee's deed filed recently with the Kitsap County Auditor. The Golf Course reopened last month under the management of Touchstone Golf Company of Berkeley, California.

The outstanding loans, an increase in FDIC insurance premiums, and costs associated with "non-performing assets" put the bank in a loss position for most of 2009. AMB needs to either restructure the loans with borrowers or liquidate assets such as the White Horse development. AMB says it is analyzing "the entire loan portfolio to identify any further potential loss, has acquired updated collateral and property appraisals, and has identified risks and mitigation steps." Under the consent order, the bank has agreed to "eliminate all assets classified as losses, reduce substandard assets, improve lending and collection policies and improve liquidity and funds management policies."

Deposit accounts are not affected by the FDIC order as long as they fall within Federal guidelines. The FDIC now insures up to \$250,000 per depositor. According to AMB spokespersons, "Deposits are safe as long as they fall within the FDIC guidelines." Public depositors, such as municipalities, are also protected because AMB is registered as a public fund depository. Under State law other banks in the State's collateral pool would have to come to the rescue in lieu of the FDIC. New rules established in February of this year by the Public Deposit Protection Commission now requires all banks to back uninsured public deposits with collateral of at least 100 percent.

Working Image Clothing Drive

by Robert Burns

In the January issue of the *Voice*, it was announced that a donation drive for the Working Image Program, Olympic Community Action Program (WI/Oly/CAP) would take place **Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 25, 26 and 27**, at the Bay Club.

The jobs that WI/Oly/CAP clients seek and secure are diverse and are reflected in the range of clothing and other items needed. Within the past six months, women have been prepared for jobs in retail, nursing, child care, security, food service, clerical, customer service, cabinet making, gardening, social work, bookkeeping, front desk—and also as barista, dance teacher, home health aide, medical receptionist, bank teller and translator.

There remains an ongoing and immediate need for donations of clothing, undergarments, shoes, winter coats, purses, accessories, jewelry, new toiletries and cosmetics, money and volunteers due to the increase in the number of clients. This is generally attributed to the changing dynamics of the job market with the unemployment or underemployment of significant others, resulting in more women, including single parents, finding it necessary to enter the job market. Currently there is also great demand for clothing appropriate for young women.

All donated items should be in a new or clean, usable condition, so they can be available to the women immediately. As WI/Oly/CAP is a non-profit, Federally-registered 501(c)(3) organization, donations are tax deductible. A self reporting form for the IRS will be available at the donation site. For questions regarding the donation event, please contact Robert Burns at 437-0451. To explore the potential for volunteering or to ask questions about the WI/Oly/CAP program, please call Kristina Whipple, Program Manager, at 385-2571 ext 6334.

Artist of the Month



Jeanne Joseph, Artist of the Month.

Port Ludlow Artists' League is pleased to present February's Artist of the Month, Jeanne Joseph. After years in visual communication, Jeanne began an exciting career by starting her own advertising and design company, creating marketing pieces that included sales displays, signage and logo design, for which she won many awards. Her retirement in 1995 left her free to pursue experimentation in several art mediums, finally settling on painted

canvas floor cloths. Jeanne uses her graphic skills to combine interesting painting techniques and color in creating beautiful and fun pieces.

"Pencil in" on your calendar the month of February to see an excellent display of graphite and colored pencil art by Jeanne Joseph. The exhibit opens with a reception in the lobby of American Marine Bank on **Friday, February 5**, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Then visit the Art Gallery next door for the monthly First Friday Reception from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. and enjoy an appetizer and wine while viewing the current exhibit with artists and friends.



Lions by Jeanne Joseph.
Photos by Gary Settle

Many local artists' work may be seen in our village through March. Visit the following businesses:

- Active Life Physical Therapy, Jeanne Joseph's pencil drawings
- American Marine Bank's Conference Room, Bob Jamison's oil paintings
- Coldwell Banker, Joyce Jordan's oil and watercolor paintings
- Cucina Pizza, watercolor paintings by Mary Brannaman and Barbara Adams
- Home Instead Senior Care, Bev Nelson's oil paintings
- Mats Mats Chiropractic, Wanda Mawhinney's acrylic paintings
- Port Ludlow Urgent Care, Betty Harmon's oil paintings and ink drawings.

New Jefferson County UGN Executive Director Named

Long-time Port Ludlow resident Carla Caldwell will replace Bob Peden as Executive Director of United Good Neighbors of Jefferson County (UGN). Incoming Board President Ed Wilkerson and Port Ludlow's Fire Chief made the announcement in January. Peden resigned last October after leading the organization for 16 years. Caldwell said, "I am honored and excited to be able to use my non-profit and educational leadership experiences to lead UGN in its mission to improve the quality of life for citizens of Jefferson County."



Carla Caldwell.
Submitted photo

Caldwell has a background in education, church ministry and non-profit leadership. She has served as executive director of two non-profit organizations, as a teacher and principal, and as Director of Lay Ministry Formation for the Catholic Archdiocese of Seattle. She holds a B.A. in English from the University of Washington and a Master of Divinity from Seattle University.

"The UGN Board is extremely pleased to have someone with Carla's background and expertise come on board to help take UGN to a new level of success in fundraising and supporting those essential safety net services in Jefferson County," said Wilkerson.

After commuting to "the other side" for many years, Caldwell looks forward to working closer to home. Jefferson County is sacred ground to my family," she said. "My husband, Tim, was born and raised here and our children are fourth generation graduates of Port Townsend High School."

UGN supports over 35 local organizations and outreach programs each year, impacting the lives of hundreds of people in the County. The organization is half way to its goal to raise \$250,000 for the 2009-10 campaign. Donations can be made through the website at www.unitedway-wa.org/jefferson/donate.html or by mail to P. O. Box 595, Port Townsend, WA 98368.

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Jefferson County Fire District #3

Alarm Statistics December 2009

Alarms

Fire	6
False Alarm	5
Rescue/Emergency Medical	38
Service	8
Good Intent Calls	8
Hazardous Conditions	1
Total Alarms	66

Ambulance Transports

Jefferson Healthcare	6
Harrison Medical Center	6
Harrison, Silverdale	2
Airlift Northwest	1
Total Transports	15

Mutual Aid with Neighboring Districts

Provided	10
Received	3
Total Mutual Aid	13

- Post numbers as many times as necessary so your address is visible from all directions that traffic may approach.
- On shared driveways, post all numbers at the driveway entrance, and also post the appropriate number at each driveway fork and on the specific building to which it is assigned.
- Trim bushes and trees to keep numbers visible.
- Clear visual obstructions such as hanging flower baskets, woodpiles, tarps, flags, windsocks, parked vehicles, etc., away from the front of your numbers.
- During construction temporary numbers should be posted elsewhere so as to be still visible from the road.

To obtain an emergency identification sign, send a request to the Jefferson County office at 621 Sheridan Street, Port Townsend 98368. Include the address of the property and a check for \$16 to cover the cost of the sign. If you wish to request the sign in person, go to the County office at the same address. It is located next to the QFC.

Chief Ed Wilkerson’s Safety Tip

In an emergency, every second counts. Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue (PLFR) urges citizens to post their addresses clearly. Please consider the viewpoint of the driver of an emergency vehicle such as a fire engine or police vehicle. Would the driver be able to read your home address numbers—perhaps in the dark, in the wintertime—all while approaching quickly?

Jefferson County requires uniform emergency identification signs, red with white reflective digits and/or letters. Signs should show the number on two sides and be displayed where the property or structure’s access intersects with the road. Signs must be posted three feet above the roadway and positioned so the numbers can be seen from both directions.

It may be necessary on long driveways containing multiple intersections to place additional identification signs to better facilitate an emergency response. In this event the public works department will work with the Fire District to determine the number of signs required and their posting locations. In all cases, buildings shall have approved address numbers, building numbers or approved building identification placed in a position that is plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property.

You can help emergency responders locate your house by following these simple steps:

- Large numbers posted where they can easily be seen from the road.
- If the building is not clearly visible from the road, post numbers closer to the road near the driveway entrance.

Port Ludlow AARP Driver Safety Class

Five great reasons to take the 8-hour AARP Driver Safety Class:

- Completion of an AARP Driver Safety Class (a.k.a. “55Alive”) qualifies students 55 and older for a discount on their car insurance, which is mandated by the State of Washington. Discounts usually range from 5 to 15 percent and some insurance companies will give their clients discounts as long as they are 50 or older. Check with your insurance agent to learn your company’s policy.
- You may learn something that will save your life or reduce your injuries in a crash.
- You may learn new traffic laws that will prevent you from getting a citation.
- The class may help you prepare for retirement from driving.
- You will receive a free one-day pass on Jefferson Transit as a bonus.

The next class will be offered at the Beach Club on **Wednesday and Thursday, February 24 and 25**, 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The fee is \$14 less a \$2 discount for AARP members plus a Beach Club usage fee of \$2 per day for nonmembers and \$1 for members). To reserve your spot call 344-9721 or 821-9991 or e-mail lpfafman@co.jefferson.wa.us.

With prior arrangements, you may take one day of the class at one location and the second day at a different location.

Disperse Winter Doldrums with LVP

by Janet Barnes, Ludlow Village Players

Who would disagree that winter is getting old about now? Doesn't an evening of fun and laughter sound good? Luckily Ludlow Village Players (LVP) is hard at work on a production guaranteed to bring some sunshine into your life. In *Love, Sex and the IRS* a simple plan to avoid paying income tax has unforeseen consequences which lead in turn to one hilarious situation after another.

You will be laughing so hard that steps should be taken to avoid accidents. Performances will be at 7:00 p.m. on **Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 25, 26 and 27**, with a matinee on **Sunday, March 28**, at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets go on sale **Wednesday, February 24**, at the Beach Club, and they are still only \$12. Seating is limited, and this is sure to be another sold-out show. To avoid disappointment, mark your calendar now.

Hospital Guild Plans Walkathon

The Port Ludlow Guild of Seattle Children's Hospital is planning its annual walkathon in support of the hospital. Last July's event was very successful and raised over \$5,000 for the hospital's uncompensated care fund. The success was largely due to the support of the Trails Committee and the Port Ludlow community.

This year the Guild has chosen **Saturday, July 24**, as the date for the walkathon. Port Ludlow Associates (PLA) has generously pledged their support and will offer parking sites near the Marina for participants. Much planning still needs to be done. The Guild welcomes suggestions from residents. If you have advice or want to help, please contact Dion Watson at djtwinvie@broadstripe.net.

CEA Lecture Series: After Port Ludlow

Many of us view Port Ludlow as our own special nirvana, but what if our ability to live here any more was threatened? It is usually related to our ability to drive. What then? Must we move? Where to? What could be arranged that would allow us to stay?

The Community Enrichment Alliance (CEA) is pleased to present, "After Port Ludlow—A Conversation with Mark Harvey." He will lead us in a discussion of options and choices to consider when planning for our future. Watch for the details in the March *Voice*.

Bay Club Lecture Series Begins

The first lecture in a six-week series on the world's great religions will begin on **Wednesday, February 3**, 3:00 p.m., at the Bay Club. The lecture series begins with Christianity and explores its origins and beliefs. Lectures are pre-recorded on DVD by the Teaching Company. Each of the six sessions is approximately two hours long and will include a guided discussion period that will be devoted to the topic. Notes will be made available for those who want them.

The lectures are free. Participation is open to all residents of Port Ludlow regardless of Club affiliation. Non-members are required to pay a \$1 usage fee. Although prior enrollment is not essential to attend, the organizers would appreciate notification of your intention in order to provide adequate seating. If you believe you would like to participate, please call or write Dave Armitage at 437-0347, gda141@gmail.com or Bev Browne at 437-8099, brownew@bus.orst.edu.

Depending on public interest and the success of the first series, future lectures will explore Judaism and Islam. Please consider attending these interesting and informative presentations.

Wanted: 2010 Port Ludlow Days Chair

The Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) is seeking a Chairperson for the 2010 Port Ludlow Days.

Desired Qualifications:

- Ability to work with an outstanding group of volunteers.
- Willingness to coordinate and facilitate a cooperative effort amongst the other volunteer organizations and associations of Port Ludlow.
- Ability to persuade, motivate and laugh while organizing the events of Port Ludlow Days.

Self nominations and nominations of others are encouraged and welcomed. Contact Neil Robinson at neilatjustintime@msn.com.



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Community Meetings

February Hikers

Friday, February 5: Barnes Creek

This is a moderate hike of 8 miles and an 800-foot elevation gain. There will be a side trip to view Marymere Falls before following the quiet trail along Barnes Creek with its impressive stands of old growth timber. Meet at the Bridge Deck at 8:30 a.m. to arrange carpools and get directions to the trailhead. For information contact Jack Rikken at 437-0370 or Mike and Ellen Mallet at 437-1402.

Friday, February 19: Port Townsend

Learn about some of the trails and sights available in Port Townsend. Expect to walk 5 to 7 miles and then stop at a beverage establishment for sustenance. Meet at the Bridge Deck at 8:30 a.m. to arrange carpools and get directions to the trailhead. For information contact Dan Darrow at 437-9208.

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 information, contact Doris Monti at 437-0716.

Monday-Friday, September 13-17: Fall Getaway, Packwood, Washington

Hiking Club members have received an e-mail with preliminary information about the 2010 getaway that will be headquartered in Packwood. From the home base there will be multiple opportunities to hike the trails of Mount St. Helens, Mount Rainier and the Cowlitz River country. For reservations, contact the Cowlitz River Lodge, Packwood, WA at 1-888-305-2185 or 1-360-494-4444 and mention the Port Ludlow Hiking Group. After booking, advise Mike and Ellen Mallet at 437-1402 so that you will receive further updates.

Singles Dine Parisian

Parisian dining at The Fireside at The Inn At Port Ludlow is on tap for Singles **Tuesday, February 23** at 5:00 p.m. on. The three-course dinner is \$19 and for just \$5 more you may choose two accompanying wines.

Call Peggy Schafran at 437-9935 by **Wednesday, February 17** for reservations. Invite your friends. Share your winter tales. Don't forget your nametag.

Book Club

The Port Ludlow Book Club will host our special guest author Jonathan Evison on **Tuesday, February 9**, 6:30 p.m., at the Bay Club. He will discuss his award winning debut novel, *All About Lulu*. You are invited to meet Jonathan and be part of this special evening, weather permitting; if there's snow he won't drive from Bainbridge Island.

All About Lulu has received a starred review from Publishers Weekly, who called it a "stunner - viciously funny and deeply felt." It was the 2009 Washington State Book Award winner for fiction.

The novel has been described as a story of "love and loss, growing up, throwing up and moving on." This is the tale of Will Miller, a scrawny loner who suffers the loss of his mother to cancer, has a macho bodybuilder dad and younger twin brothers who are idiots. When his father, Big Bill remarries, into Will's life comes Lulu, his new step-sister. Lulu and Will enjoy a close relationship throughout adolescence, but one summer Will's life drastically changes when Lulu returns from cheerleading camp distant and hostile. Eventually, Will finds the answers to Lulu's changed behavior and we find how this changed relationship shapes him and how he evolves. The book is entertaining, funny, and a deeply felt telling of a blended family. Will's dashed longing is guaranteed to leave you buoyed at the end.

The book selection for **March** is *The Commoner* by John Burnham Schwartz. All are welcome. For questions call Martha Dawson at 437-4167.

Out to Lunch Bunch



Everyone is invited to join the Community Enrichment Alliance (CEA) Out to Lunch Bunch at the Fiesta Jalisco Mexican Restaurant in Port Hadlock. The date for the lunch is **Monday, February 15** and the time is 11:30 a.m. We will dine in a separate room and order off the menu.

Separate checks will be provided.

Reservations must be made by **Wednesday, February 10**. Please sign up at the CEA Promotional Table in the Bay Club any Wednesday between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Contact Sharon Commander at 437-2486 if you have any questions

Artists' League Invites You

Did you ever enjoy drawing, molding, painting, doodling in childhood? If you were never encouraged to develop your inner artistic child or another interest took its place, this could be the year you rediscover a passion which has been denied, or you simply enjoy seeing others demonstrate their creative spirit.

You don't have to be an artist to join the Port Ludlow Artists' League. It is the best value in the Village; membership dues are \$30. The League meets on the third Wednesday of each month at the Bay Club or the Beach Club. A short meeting begins at 1:00 p.m. followed by a social time and the program.

A program is planned for each month; this year we'll have demonstrations in watercolor, black and white pastels, oil bars, collage, abstract oil, photography and impressionist paintings in acrylic and watercolor. This year's "Challenge" is called a "CHAIRity Event," and a Progressive Studio Tour in the summer involves a visit to three or four members' studios and a picnic on the beach. We have critiques, paint-ins and paint-outs (plein air) and a Christmas Party with readings by a local published poet.

On **Wednesday, February 17**, our guest artist will be Derek Gundy from The Artists Edge. He paints in acrylic and watercolor and will demonstrate the use of Graham Watercolors. The program/meeting begins at 1:00 p.m. at the Bay Club.



Derek Gundy's rendering of *The Inn At Port Ludlow*.

Courtesy photo

Derek studied at Portland School of Art and lived in Maine before moving to this area about six years ago, purchasing a home in Port Ludlow. At the Poulsbo Artists Edge he teaches classes in acrylic painting on Thursday evenings with instruction on composing, techniques and developing a body of work. Students may take just a few

sessions or work under the artist's instruction for months. After looking at his work on the Internet, it will be a real treat to see and meet him and learn from his presentation.

Guests are welcome to attend any meeting for a donation of \$5. For more information please contact President Gary Settle, 437-0302, or e-mail gasettle@qwest.net.

Reserve Now for March Lunch

The Community Enrichment Alliance (CEA) Out to Lunch Bunch invites everyone to join them for the exotic cuisine of Thailand at the Sawatdy Restaurant on Bainbridge Island. The date is **Thursday, March 18**, at 11 a.m.

Sawatdy's owner will compose a representative lunch for us, which may include your favorites, and will give you an opportunity to experiment with foods you may not have tried previously.

The cost is \$25 per person, payable at the time of registration. Register at the CEA Promotional Table at the Bay Club any Wednesday between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Reservations must be made by **Thursday, March 11**. If you have any questions, contact Pat Lohrey at 437-7760.

Volunteer Opportunity

The **Voice** Classified Advertising Manager is retiring after seven+ years! Train this year to take over in 2011. Requires dedication, organization, simple e-mail and computer skills.

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December Duplicate Bridge Winners

by Ian Feltham

December 7: Marilyn Elgin/Marvin Segar, first; Darrell Fett/Bruce Schmitz, second; Lee Amundson/Eleanor Roden, third.

December 14: Doris and Ian Feltham, first; Jan Ditmar/Lucy Stone, second; Sandra Flaherty/ Nancy McGillis, third.

December 21: Dick Ostlund/Ted Wurtz, first; Ralph Phillips/Ralph Stroy tied with Doris and Ian Feltham for second.

December 28: Darrell Fett/Bruce Schmitz, first; Ralph Phillips/Lois Ruggles, second; Tom Stone/Ted Wurtz, third.

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

Computer Club News: Quicken Financial Software

Surveys about computer use suggest that, next to e-mails, using the computer for managing finances is one of the top-reported uses. Quicken software is most commonly used for home finances, and the Port Ludlow Computer Club (PLCC) will present an overview of Quicken software for home finances at its February meeting. Dave Pike and Don Folsom will show simple and easy examples of how the software can be used to build a household budget and print reports such as actual expenses vs. budget, year-to-date expenses, how much was paid to various vendors, etc.

If you would like to learn more about Quicken and how it can assist you in managing household finances, please join the PLCC at the Bay Club on **Monday, February 8**, at 6:00 p.m. as we explore this topic.

- Office SIG meets **Monday, February 1**, 10:30 a.m.–noon
- Special Topics SIG is **Monday, February 15**, 10:30 a.m.–noon
- Mac SIG meets **Monday February 15**, 6:00–7:00 p.m.
- Pro Show Gold SIG will meet **Thursday, February 18**, 1:00–3:00 p.m.
- Photography SIG meets **Monday, February 22**, 10:00 a.m.–noon.

Workshops are held every Saturday morning, 10:30 a.m.–noon. All SIGs and Workshops meet at the Bay Club and are for members only.

For information about joining PLCC, contact Dick Allyn at 360-554-0193 or e-mail him at zither@cablespeed.com. Check the website at www.pl-cc.com for up-to-date Club news.

Valerie Easton to Speak at Garden Club



Journalist and author Valerie Easton.

Provided photo

On **Wednesday, February 10**, the Port Ludlow Garden Club (PLGC) is pleased to announce that nationally recognized journalist, author, horticultural librarian and master gardener Valerie Easton will present a fresh landscape philosophy *How to Have a Beautiful Productive Garden and the Time to Enjoy It*, which is the subtitle of her latest publication, *The New Low Maintenance Garden*. This book has received very positive reviews from *Sunset*, *Metropolitan Home*, *Garden Design* magazine and *The*

Seattle Times. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing by the author.

How often do we look at our gardens and rather than enjoy the view, begin to move this plant here, that shrub there, or see a patch of overlooked weeds? You understand; it is part of the passionate gardener's DNA! But Ms. Easton says to "stop-simplify-enjoy." It is time to view the garden as a place packed with design, not plants, with infrastructure and architectural detail to minimize toil and thoughtful selection to simplify the landscape.

For more exciting counsel on lessening the work and increasing enjoyment in the garden, join Garden Club members at the Bay Club for a brown bag lunch. Doors open at 11:00 a.m. Beverage service and desserts will be furnished by PLGC.

The general public is welcome to this meeting. There is a \$5 charge for non-members. Dues are \$20 for the 2010 gardening year, which commenced in January and may be paid at the February meeting or mailed to PLGC, P.O. Box 65235, Port Ludlow, WA 98365. Dues cover the January-December calendar year regardless of the month they are paid.

Dine and Discover: Ecology and History



Jen Kingfisher of the PTMSC.
Courtesy photo

On **Monday, February 1**, at the Beach Club, Jen Kingfisher, Marine Program Educator specializing in the plastics program at the Port Townsend Marine Science Center (PTMSC) will explore the issue of marine plastic debris in global and local waters. She will also describe the latest local research that is being conducted. Marine plastic debris is a

massive problem that affects us all and can be seen in our own backyards. Be ready to consider changing some of your daily routine practices. Please sign up at the Beach Club to bring a potluck dish to serve at least 10 people.

On **Monday, March 1**, at the Bay Club, Richard Watson and his cousin Robert (Cougar) Garten will take us back in history to the 1840s and tell us about the beginning of development of this area. Their ancestors were among the first white settlers here and their family tree includes members of the Indian tribes and other prominent early settlers.

Richard and Robert are a treasure trove of stories about our past and subsequent development of our community. Come learn about their heritage and our community, related in their own special way through stories passed down from generation to generation. Please sign up at the Bay Club to bring a potluck dish to share with at least 10 people.

For both events, bring your own complete table settings and beverage. A fee of \$2 per person will be collected at the door. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. If you can't make it, please notify the appropriate Club so those on a waiting list may be accommodated. For questions, contact Michael and Hilda Cahn at 437-8223 or Dan and Soozie Darrow at 437-9208.

Tap Dancers at First Wednesday

The swinging Steptaculars will entertain us at the First Wednesday Luncheon on **Wednesday, February 3**, 11:00 a.m., at the Bay Club. This Bremerton tap dancing troupe manages its costume changes right onstage, leading its audience from one popular musical number to the next with some quips and jokes provided by a witty member of the group. It's a unique and very enjoyable performance. Deadline to make a reservation for you and any new friend or neighbor at either the Bay or Beach Club was Friday,

January 29. Or contact Sandy Rooks immediately at sjs-koor@yahoo.com, or 437-0747 by **Monday, February 1**.

This continues to be a challenging time for the Tri-Area Food Bank. Cash or checks payable to the Tri-Area Food Bank are very much appreciated, as are crackers, Spaghetti-Os and cereals. There are many necessary hygiene items that they cannot purchase, so please continue to donate larger-sized baby diapers, bar and liquid soaps, laundry detergent, shampoo, toothbrushes and paste as well as paper products. These may be taken to the luncheon, or dropped off at either the Beach or Bay Club at your convenience.

We look forward to seeing you in **March**, for our program with Bremerton artist Bob Jamison, known for his murals, seascapes and portraits.

Stamp and Paper Arts Group

The Stamp and Paper Arts Group will meet at the Bay Club on **Wednesday, February 17**, at 10:00 a.m., where we will continue making cards for our "Cards for the Troops" project. We are using materials so generously provided by members of our community. Anyone interested in joining us will be welcomed with open arms.

Plenty of materials are available assuring our group of a happy, productive morning doing something to support our Forces, who periodically receive these cards in care packages and are then able to send them to friends and relatives (no Hallmark stores in Afghanistan!). Their responses are most touching and rewarding.

Our meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month, alternating between the Beach and Bay Clubs. Questions may be directed to Jeanne Mitchell at 437-7702.

Knitwits Stitch up a Storm

Would you like to learn to knit or crochet or just do needle work with a congenial group of interesting ladies? Consider attending a Knitwits meeting. The Knitwits meet on the first Thursday and the third Tuesday of each month from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Gazebo of the Beach Club. The next meetings will be on **Thursday, February 4** and **Tuesday, February 16**.

If you are a beginning knitter or someone who just thinks she would like to try, the Knitwits will provide you with needles, yarn and instruction. You can try the craft in a supportive atmosphere with no investment in materials. According to Knitwit Dee Little, the crafters sometimes have cookies and chocolate. If you are interested or need more information, give her a call at 437-8227.

Port Ludlow Village Council

Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) Report

by Jack McKay, Secretary, and Beverly Browne, Editor

The January PLVC General Meeting was held on Thursday, January 7. Approximately 20 residents were in attendance at the Beach Club. President Tony Simpson called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. Council members in attendance were Jim Boyer, Laury Hunt, Howard Koester, Jack McKay, Dean Mosier, Larry Nobles, Shane Seaman, Tony Simpson, Tom Stone, Elizabeth Van Zonneveld and Art Zoloth.

Tom Stone moved the minutes of the December 3, 2009, meeting be approved. It was seconded by Howard Koester and passed.

Reports from Agencies and Organizations

Jefferson County: John Austin, County Commissioner, reported that the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) approved the development of airport property for new businesses. The Jefferson County budget was approved at \$53 million for 2010. The repairing of Oak Bay Road near the Paradise Bay intersection will start in March or April. There is a "Public Comment" section before each BOCC Monday morning meeting at 9:00 a.m. Additional public comment meetings with the Commissioners were scheduled for Monday, January 11, at the Jefferson County Library; Monday, January 25 at the Port Ludlow Fire Station; **Thursday, February 11**, at the Port Townsend Community Center; and **Monday, March 1**, at the Quilcene Community Center. All start at 7:00 p.m. Peter Goldmark, Washington State Commissioner of Public Lands, is postponing the timber harvest on lands near Gibbs Lake for two months to discuss making the property a County Park. The loss of revenue to the County is undetermined.

David Wayne Johnson, Jefferson County Associate Planner for Port Ludlow, provided a written report. He expects the Iron Mountain Quarry application regarding the environmental impact (Stormwater Management Application) on its planned Port Ludlow mining operations will be submitted around **Monday, February 1**. The application will be posted on the Jefferson County website when available.

Port Ludlow Associates (PLA): Diana Smeland, President of PLA, spoke on the break in the water line serving Timberton Village. Repairs were completed within 24

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

Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, February 16
3:00 p.m., Bay Club

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hours. PLA is redesigning its website to market the new construction. She encouraged residents to complete the U. S. Census Bureau survey to accurately show the growth of the Port Ludlow area.

Chamber of Commerce: Arlene Obtinario, Port Ludlow Chamber of Commerce Secretary-Treasurer, sent a report stating that the Jefferson County Chamber Board would conduct its first annual planning retreat in Port Townsend on January 9. Piper Diehl, Dana Petrick and Kathie Sharp from Port Ludlow would attend. The Port Ludlow Chamber Board has agreed to stay intact as a "sub-board" of the larger organization during 2010 to ensure a smooth transition and equitable representation.

Seattle Children's Hospital Guild: Dion Watson, Port Ludlow Seattle Children's Hospital Guild Chair, reported that the Port Ludlow Guild is planning an annual walkathon in support of the hospital. Over \$5,000 was turned over to the hospital's "uncompensated care" fund. This success was due to the wonderful support of the PLVC Trails Committee and the Port Ludlow community. The Guild has chosen **Saturday, July 24**, as the date for the 2010 Walkathon. PLA has generously pledged its support and will offer parking sites near the Marina for participants. (See related article on page 16 for further information.)

Council Treasurer and Committee Reports

Treasurer: Doug Henderson. Treasurer, was not present but Gene Carmody provided the following information concerning fund balances:

PLVC General Fund	\$14,477.75
Certificates of Deposit	\$10,760.59
IMQ Legal Fund	\$ 879.53
Total	\$26,117.87

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Trails Fund	
Deposits	\$1,000.00
Debits	\$ 46.67
Operating Account	\$1,000.00
Reserve	\$4,323.04
Total	\$6,369.71

Jack McKay moved the Treasurer’s Report for December 2009 be approved. It was seconded by Larry Nobles and passed.

Community Development Committee: Larry Nobles, Chair, reported that he is working with Jefferson County to fix the holiday lighting on the Paradise Bay Parkway. Lights will be up through the end of February.

Nominating Committee: Tony Simpson, Chair, reported on the need to develop a list of possible candidates to fill vacancies on the Village Council.

Port Ludlow Days 2010 Committee: Neil Robinson, Chair, presented suggestions for improving Port Ludlow Days. He suggested (1) establishing a Committee of six residents who would rotate the leadership position of Port Ludlow Days, (2) scheduling the event for the last weekend of July or early in August, and (3) establishing “Port Ludlow Days” every other year. Robinson stated that a group of talented volunteers is ready to help organize next year’s Port Ludlow Days but that a chairperson is needed to coordinate efforts by the community organizations, associations and other volunteers to produce a community-wide event.

Linda Karp, Chair of the Port Ludlow Days Vendors’ Committee, responded that there is a need for consistency and suggested that Port Ludlow Days be an annual event—rather than every other year. She said vendors require consistency in order to set their schedules, usually in March. She also suggested that the Port Ludlow Days Committee be made up of representatives from the organizations of Port Ludlow.

A motion was made by Tom Stone and seconded by Dean Mosier that Port Ludlow Days be a self-sustaining (rather than fundraising) community event sponsored by the Village Council. The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Tom Stone, seconded by Laury Hunt, that Neil Robinson be appointed to lead an effort to pull together a Committee of community representatives to find a chairperson for the 2010 Port Ludlow Days. The motion was approved.

Project Planning: Tony Simpson, Chair, recommended that an annual events calendar be established.

Port Ludlow Archive: Tony Simpson, Chair, indicated that the archive contains 200 documents related to Port Ludlow. The Port Ludlow Archives are linked from the www.plvc.org website.

Iron Mountain Quarry (IMQ) Mitigation Committee: Tony Simpson reported the need to select representatives to meet and represent the Village Council. A motion was made by Howard Koester, seconded by Laury Hunt, to approve Dan Meade as chair of the PLVC/South Bay Community Association (SBCA) Committee and approve the following Committee members: Richard Grieves, Laury Hunt, Larry Nobles, Shane Seaman and Tony Simpson. The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Tom Stone, seconded by Laury Hunt, that the Village Council arrange for transcription of the public PLVC and SBCA IMQ meetings to fulfill possible legal requirements, starting with October 2009, and then the March 2009 meeting, with the cost not to exceed more than \$750. The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Art Zoloth, seconded by Laury Hunt, to authorize the President to sign PLVC and PLVC/SBCA correspondence to Jefferson County encouraging State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) inclusion of commitments/promises made by Pope/IMQ regarding “no trucking through Port Ludlow” and other commitments/promises as appropriate. The motion was approved.

Port Ludlow 20/20 Committee: Art Zoloth, chair, reported on the progress in planning the day-long workshop called, “Sharing Ideas and Possibilities about the Future of Port Ludlow.” The workshop will be held on **Saturday, February 27**, at The Inn At Port Ludlow in meeting space donated by PLA. A subgroup of Board members, consisting of Board members Boyer, Hunt, McKay, Mosier, Nobles, Stone and Zoloth, plus Diana Smeland from PLA, has been meeting and generated a list of 60 residents based on residence location, past and current involvement in community activities, leadership responsibilities and other factors. These persons have been invited to attend the workshop. Due to available meeting space, participation is limited for the initial session. A waiting list is available. To be added to the list and involvement in additional workshops on the future of Port Ludlow, e-mail Tom Stone at tstone@q.com. The Council approved expenditures of money, not to exceed \$3,000 to fund the workshop.

In questions from the audience, Zoloth was asked about the cost of the retreat and the workshop, as well as the continuance and involvement of the previously established 20/20 Committee. Zoloth said the Committee was

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still in existence but he felt he needed additional Board input. Workshop invitees were drawn from those in leadership positions in organizations and associations of the North and South Bay, along with others who have been involved in community activities and events in the last ten years. The size of the group invited was designed to be manageable for the planned large and small group activities and the available space. He explained that the anticipated costs would be for an experienced meeting facilitator in brainstorming activities as well as related travel and lodging expenses, refreshments before and during the workshop, along with the lunch.

Announcements: The next PLVC General Meeting will be held on **Thursday, February 4, 3:00 p.m.** in the Bay Club. The PLVC Workshop meeting will be on **Tuesday, February 16, 3:00 p.m.**, also in the Bay Club.

Recycling Electronics

A down-side of all electronic equipment is that it contains environmentally hazardous materials. Therefore, it is prudent to recycle electronics, rather than put them into landfill. Washington State has a program to do that through the Washington Department of Ecology (DOE). Registered collection sites must accept televisions, computers, computer monitors and laptops for free. The sites participating in the electronic waste-recycling program were chosen through a bidding system, according to Steve Failla, Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) Recycling Committee Chair. Goodwill won in the bidding process.

Failla said the PLVC Recycling Committee had held intermittent electronic recycling roundups to collect electronic equipment. Bluebills and Skookum often aided these efforts. A small amount was charged by PLVC and the event was a fundraiser for the organization. This arrangement is no longer possible.

Other collection points have been established on the Olympic Peninsula. The Goodwill in Port Townsend accepts electronic refuse at its 602 Howard Street location. It is just off Sims Way as you enter town. In Clallam County EcycleNW takes electronic equipment. It is located at 272693 Highway in Sequim. Some electrical items can be recycled at non-registered sites. The Bay Club, for example, will collect energy-efficient light bulbs for recycling/disposal.

Goodwill sites across the bridge in Kitsap County will take electronic detritus including toasters. The Poulsbo Recycling Center at 21868 Viking Way Northwest takes batteries and some appliances. Further information can be obtained from the Department of Ecology website, <http://tinyurl.com/bxaayh>.

CERT Training Scheduled

The Port Ludlow Fire and Rescue (PLFR) and Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) Disaster Preparedness groups have scheduled the next Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training Course for **Wednesday-Saturday, March 10 through 13**. The purpose of the course is to teach people how to independently care for themselves and their neighbors in the event of a disaster.

Lt. Tim Manly, Medical Services Officer of PLFR, will be the course instructor. There are no prerequisites and no tests. Certificates of accomplishment will be given.

While the CERT training takes a few days, belonging to a CERT neighborhood or area team does not require a significant time outlay, unless there is a disaster. The community does need more trained CERT volunteers, especially in the "Bird Hill" and Rainier Loop areas south of Walker Way.

The course is open to everyone. The cost is \$25 per individual and \$35 per couple. The Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC), South Bay Community Association (SBCA) and PLVC subsidize the cost for participants. If you are interested in taking the course, please contact Pat Traci, CERT Coordinator, at tracipkt@aol.com.



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Village Activities Calendar

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

February

Mon., February 1

9:00 – 11:00 a.m., LOA Meeting (members), Beach Club
 10:30 a.m. – noon, Computer Club Office SIG (members), Bay Club
 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., *“The Tapping Solution – The Revolution Starts Within,”* Beach Club
 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., Intermediate Watercolor with Joy, Bay Club
 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Voice Staff Meeting (members), Bay Club
 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Timberton Homeowner’s Meeting (members), Bay Club
 5:30 – 9:00 p.m., Dine and Discover, Ecology and History, Beach Club

Tues., February 2

9:00 a.m. – noon, PLVC Trails Committee Meeting, Beach Club
 10:00 a.m. – noon, CEA Meeting, Beach Club
 2:00 – 5:00 p.m., PLUSH Investment Meeting, Bay Club

Wed., February 3

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., First Wednesday Luncheon features Steptaculars, Bay Club
 2:00 – 5:00 p.m., Beginning Computer Class, Bay Club
 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Religions of the World, Lecture on Christianity, Bay Club

Thurs., February 4

9:00 a.m. – noon, Bayview Board Meeting (members), Bay Club
 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Knitwits, Beach Club
 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., Beginning Watercolor with Joy, Bay Club
 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., PLVC General Meeting, Bay Club

Fri., February 5

8:30 a.m., Hiking Club Leaves for Barnes Creek, Bridge Deck
 9:00 a.m. – noon, SBCA Board Meeting (members), Bay Club
 4:00 – 5:00 p.m., Artists’ League Exhibit Reception, Jeanne Joseph’s Drawings, American Marine Bank
 5:00 – 6:00 p.m., Reception Continues, Artists’ League Gallery
 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Family Movie Night, LMC Bridge Deck

Mon., February 8

10:00 – 11:00 a.m., Bluebills Meeting, Bay Club
 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., Intermediate Watercolor with Joy, Bay Club
 6:00 – 6:30 p.m., Computer Club Social Time, Bay Club
 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., Computer Club General Meeting, Bay Club

Tues., February 9

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

Wed., February 10

11:00 – 2:00 p.m., Garden Club Luncheon with Valerie Easton, Bay Club
 2:00 – 5:00 p.m., Beginning Computer Class, Bay Club
 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Religions of the World, Lecture on Christianity, Bay Club

7:00 p.m., Flotilla 41, U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting, Fire Station

Thurs., February 11

9:30 – 11:30 a.m., Sumi-e Painting, Bay Club
 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Second Annual Balloon Sale, Marina Store
 10:00 a.m. – noon, North Bay Drainage District Meeting, Beach Club
 Noon – 8:00 p.m., Hands on Clay, Bay Club
 1:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m., Beginning Watercolor with Joy, Bay Club

Fri., February 12

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., A Day with Chef Dan, The Fireside
 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Hands on Clay, Bay Club
 10:00 a.m. – noon, Inner Harbor Board Meeting (members), Bay Club
 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., SBCA Monthly Social (members), Bay Club

Sat., February 13

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., LMC Board of Trustees Meeting (members), Beach Club
 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Valentine’s Day Dinner, Fireside at The Inn
 6:00 – 10:00 p.m., Free Spirits Valentine Dinner Dance (members), Bay Club

Sun., February 14

4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Valentine’s Day Dinner, Fireside at The Inn

Mon., February 15

10:30 a.m. – noon, Computer Club Special Topics SIG (members), Bay Club
 11:30 a.m., Out to Lunch with CEA, at Fiesta Jalisco
 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., Computer Club Mac SIG (members), Bay Club

Tues., February 16

1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Knitwits, Beach Club
 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., Fly Fisher General Meeting, Bay Club
 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Computer Club Board Meeting (members), Bay Club
 3:00 – 6:00 p.m., PLVC Workshop, Bay Club
 6:30 p.m., Readers’ Theater, call 437-2861 for location

Wed., February 17

10:00 a.m.–noon, Stamp and Paper Arts, Bay Club
 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Artists’ League Meeting with Derek Gundy, Bay Club
 2:00 – 5:00 p.m., Beginning Computer Class, Bay Club
 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Religions of the World, Lecture on Christianity, Bay Club

Thurs., February 18

1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Computer Club Pro Show Gold SIG (members), Bay Club
 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., SBCA Facilities and Long-Range Planning Committee Meeting (members), Bay Club

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Fri., February 19

8:30 a.m., Hiking Club Leaves for Port Townsend Adventure, Bridge Deck
 9:30 – 11:00 a.m., SBCA ARC Review Meeting, Bay Club
 5:00 – 8:00 p.m., Dinner Around the World, La Cucina Piemontese, Italy, The Fireside
 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Family Movie Night, LMC Bridge Deck
 8:00 – 10:00 p.m., Performing Arts in Port Ludlow presents Boyz Night Out, Bay Club

Mon., February 22

10:00 a.m. – noon, Computer Club Photo SIG (members), Bay Club

Tues., February 23

5:00 p.m., Singles Dine at The Fireside

Wed., February 24

10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., AARP Driver Safety Class, Beach Club
 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., CEA Medication Lecture, Bay Club
 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Religions of the World, Lecture on Christianity, Bay Club

Thurs., February 25

Working Image/OlyCAP Clothing Drive, Bay Club
 9:30 – 11:30 a.m., Sumi-e Painting, Bay Club
 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., AARP Driver Safety Class, Beach Club
 Noon – 8:00 p.m., Hands on Clay, Bay Club

Fri., February 26

Working Image/OlyCAP Clothing Drive, Bay Club
 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Hands on Clay, Bay Club

Sat., February 27

Working Image/OlyCAP Clothing Drive, Bay Club
 Winter Championship, Golf Course

Future Events

Dine and Discover, on Ludlow in the 1840s, March 1
 CERT Training Course, March 10–13
 Out to Lunch with CEA, at Sawatdy, March 18
 California Guitar Trio, March 18
 Blood Drive, March 22
 “Love, Sex and the IRS,” March 25–27
 Niners Opening Social, March 25
 Marine Swap and For Sale By Owner Boat Show, April 23
 Children’s Hospital Walkathon, July 24
 Hiking Club Fall Getaway, September 13–17



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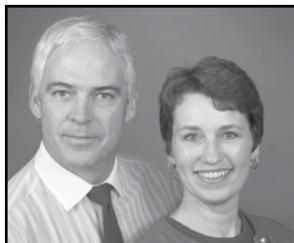
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2010 Blood Drive Dates

The dates for donating blood in Port Ludlow in 2010 have been released. All donations take place between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at the Port Ludlow Community Church (PLCC). There is a break for lunch between noon and 12:45 p.m.

2010 donation dates are:
 Monday, March 22
 Monday, May 24
 Monday, July 26
 Monday, September 27
 Monday, December 6

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LMC Board Meeting Highlights

by Mike Larkin, Secretary, LMC Board of Trustees

The Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) monthly Board meeting was held on Saturday, January 9 in the Bayview Room of the Beach Club. All trustees participated, with one trustee out-of-state participating by phone and speaker phone.

The Board took the following actions:

Received the "Trees and Views" proposed changes to the regulations. The proposal was forwarded to the Covenants & Regulations (C&R) Committee for first reading. The C&R Committee was instructed to make this a priority in order to return to the LMC Board as quickly as possible for a second reading.

The moratorium is extended until the changes are accepted by the LMC Board.

A "Returned Check Policy" was approved for the January issue. The Communications Committee was granted additional editorial powers in order to publish future *Navigator* issues in a more timely manner.

Regulation I, Article I, and Regulation IV, Article I "Definitions," applying to short-term and transient renters in LMC properties, has been clarified to comply with existing Jefferson County Codes.

The 2010 Facility Agreement with Port Ludlow Associates (PLA) was approved to continue with no changes from previous years.

The More Things Change . . .

by Elizabeth Van Zonneveld, LMC President

. . . the more they stay the same. At least that's the way it seems here in the North Bay. The surveys being reviewed by the Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) Long Range Planning Committee (LRP) to date show a lot of similarity with those of 2004, which was the last time we looked at the makeup of the North Bay community. More

Important Dates

LOA Meeting

Monday, February 1, 9:00 a.m.

LMC Board Meeting

Saturday, February 13, 9:00 a.m.

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than 76 percent of us live here full time, and 83 percent of us are 55 or older. About 12 percent of LMC's households have between three and six family members. Comments sent in with your surveys are similar to those of five years ago, with concerns about the old club facilities needing upgrades or refurbishing, and comments of those who don't want any changes in facilities.

At the recent January Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) meeting, Diana Smeland of Port Ludlow Associates (PLA) remarked on the importance of the upcoming 2010 Census and the information it provides for business planning. That is also true of LMC's own planning efforts. If you have not sent back a survey form telling us about your household and your desires and thoughts about your community facilities, please do so. Call the Beach Club to get a form; do it soon to have your views included.

The matter of LMC's trees and views regulation has gotten a lot of attention, both in the surveys returned to the LRP Committee and at Architectural Control Committee (ACC) and LMC Trustee meetings. ACC has presented revised language to the Board for that section of Regulation II, Article 1, Section 3 – dealing with trees and views on private property. At the August 8, 2009 meeting of the Board of Trustees, the trustees voted to place a temporary moratorium on decisions by ACC with regard to ruling on View Obstruction Relief Requests (views over other owner's property) until the January 2010 Board meeting. The moratorium has been extended by the Trustees while ACC and the Covenants and Regulations Committee meet to review the proposed revisions to the language of the Regulation. ACC will continue to accept applications for view relief, but will hold them for consideration until the review is complete and accepted by the LMC Board.

Manager's Report

by Brian Belmont, Beach Club Manager

At year's end there were still 15 delinquent properties for a total of \$11,799.94, which includes late payment penalties and lien fees.

At the December Trustee's meeting it was reported that a motor home being stored in the Talbot RV storage lot had been broken into. On December 15, Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) maintenance staff found that the chain link fence at the Talbot lot had been cut. Our staff made the necessary repairs to the fence and the Sheriff's Department was notified. On December 18, LMC was notified that two more motor homes in the same storage lot also had been broken into. Because the owners had not checked their stored equipment for several weeks, it is difficult to pinpoint when those break-ins occurred.

Dave Pike, President of the Port Ludlow Computer Club, notified the LMC that their Club is going to donate \$500 towards a projector. Dine and Discover also has donated \$300 towards the projector.

Groves Glass completed the window and door glass replacement that was authorized in November.

The dehumidifier system in the indoor pool area had two failures during this past month. A refrigerant line cracked and the motor of one of the two air handlers failed. Repairs have been made; however, additional work will need to be done to reduce compressor vibration, which caused the refrigerant line to crack. Also, the service technician found that the humidity-sensing unit is not functioning correctly and a new sensor has been ordered.

The bearings went out in the spa circulation motor last weekend and a new one has been purchased and installed, costing approximately \$350.

Coca Cola will be removing the Beach Club pop machine. In 2009 only 26 cases of product were sold from the machine, which is less than half of what Coca Cola needs to justify keeping the machine in this location.

Family Movie Night

Mark your calendar for **Friday, February 5 and Friday, February 19** for a great family movie night out. Grab the kids and meet at the Bridge Deck from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and enjoy popcorn and juice served along with the movie and the opportunity to socialize with your neighbors.

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SBCA Board Meeting

Friday, February 5, 9:00 a.m.

Visit <http://plsbca.org> for more complete information.
 All SBCA members are welcome. 

SBCA January Update

by Jen Portz, Contributing Writer

President Dan Meade called to order the South Bay Community Association (SBCA) Board meeting held at the Bay Club on Friday, January 8 at 9:00 a.m. All Directors were present, as were Mike Morgan, Bay Club Director, Linda Colasurdo, Bay Club Operations Manager, Mea Graham, SBCA recording secretary, and 18 other members.

The December meeting minutes were read and approved. Chris Whitehurst, Secretary-Treasurer, presented the November 2009 financial highlights showing Total Current Assets of \$350,912.66 and Total Assets of \$619,948.34 (an increase of \$42,880.19 over last year). The Income Statement showed Total Revenues of \$11,379.87, Total Operating Expenses of \$30,724.67, and Net Operating Surplus of \$35,958.06 for the fiscal year. Whitehurst predicted this might drop slightly by year-end. The Maintenance Reserve is \$202,661.10 of which \$734.64 was used to continue the exterior repair and painting. The Renovation Fund is \$76,724.18 with \$2,098.09 used for new outlets in the auditorium and meeting rooms. This report was unanimously approved.

Regarding future financial concerns, Meade noted there were no plans to expand the club's "footprint," but the Board was looking toward improvements and maintenance to offset aging. It was estimated this would take an increase in income of approximately two percent per year. Currently, as real estate sales are slow, no increase in membership is anticipated. Rather than increasing member dues or drawing down cash reserves, the Board is looking toward increasing non-member fees. Meade sought Board input as to whether there was a general consensus to explore this option further. A wide discussion ensued. Meade closed the discussion by announcing that the Board is seeking community input regarding this topic and interested members are advised to come to Board meetings to voice their opinions. The Board will allow a one-month comment period prior to implementing any fee increase.

Regarding correspondence, several letters were received from staff members thanking the Board for bonuses. A letter was received from Olympic Terrace regarding trees; it was passed to the Architectural Review Committee (ARC). Correspondence from the Tennis Committee asked the Board to budget \$600 per year for court maintenance. After discussion, Meade suggested a member of the Tennis Club make a presentation at the February meeting.

Dave Armitage advised that the free adult education lecture series would begin **Wednesday, February 3** at the Bay Club, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. The first lectures and discussions would consider religions of the world, beginning with Christianity. Howard Koester will facilitate the discussions. These lectures are not proselytizing, but aimed at explaining how each religion fits into the world. The community is encouraged to attend.

Meade opened a discussion regarding a pond issue that may involve SBCA, Inner Harbor and Hidden Cove Villages. Presidents from the two Villages offered their views, as did audience members. Meade concurred with an audience suggestion to request a legal perspective. Sharon Walker noted there was much information to reflect on and asked for time so the Board could weigh the issue with consideration for all. Richard Grieves noted that, irrespective of the original design, the pond was currently used for runoff detention. He doubted the County would approve its being dismantled. It was decided that the Village Presidents would meet with the Board for further discussion.

Meade moved to go into executive session at 10:18 a.m. to discuss personnel matters. The Board re-convened at 10:45 a.m. and adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

South Bay Gains One New Member

Please welcome Bill Van Ry to Teal Lake Village.

President's Message

by Dan Meade, SBCA President

Under Washington State law a homeowners association's budget is considered ratified if a majority of the membership does not reject it at the Annual Meeting. This is a rather low threshold and can be understood (only in hindsight?) as a balancing of members' rights against the need to give the Board the power to both spend money on a day-to-day basis and to make changes to the budget as circumstances dictate.

The Board has the right to change the budget during the course of the year without any further member vote unless those changes would involve an additional assessment in excess of what is spelled out in State law.

As a practical matter, our Treasurer Chris Whitehurst budgets conservatively and we have been able to meet our basic needs to keep the Bay Club running and the staff paid with a little left over that we have historically used to update our 20-year-old building.

We would like to keep dues where they are for as long as we can. In order to do this and meet what are likely to be increased costs necessary to keep the Bay Club in good shape as it ages, the Board is considering increasing fees. Certain use fees appear to be below market rates and from a fairness standpoint should probably be brought into line. Members are encouraged to attend our first Friday of the month monthly meeting and express their views on this matter. Our next meeting will be **Friday, February 5**, at 9:00 a.m.

SBCA January Committee Highlights

by Jen Portz, Contributing Writer

Architectural Review Committee (ARC): Linda Colasurdo explained that the Committee has issued a denial of a view-maintenance permit request. The view in question was acquired when a different home was built and as such was not a protected view.

Operations: Mike Morgan reported the pool temperature was cooler than normal as a small leak had been located in a filter housing. Refreshing the pool with water was causing a cooling effect. Parts have been ordered and the situation will be corrected within a week. The Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning (HVAC) system was thought to be having problems so it was checked out and fine tuned by a technician and is now working properly. The New Year's Eve party was canceled due to lack of

interest. Morgan advised that he is having surgery on his right ankle on Wednesday, January 27 and will be non-weight-bearing for several weeks post-op.

Facilities and Long-Range Planning: Dave Armitage was voted chair of the Committee. He said that a preliminary meeting regarding upgrading the conference room was held with Janet Weber, an interior designer, with another meeting scheduled on Wednesday, January 20.

Iron Mountain Quarry (IMQ)/State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA): Armitage noted that a Jefferson County Department of Community Development (DCD) e-mail had advised that IMQ's lawyers notified DCD that their mining application submission should be anticipated within the next few weeks. The Committee is meeting in the coming week to discuss the issue.

SBCA Members' Social

South Bay members are invited to the monthly social on **Friday, February 12**, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Bring a delicious appetizer to share with others; beverages are provided by the association. It's a wonderful way to meet people. 🍷

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Arts and Entertainment

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

PTCO Winter Concert



Principal flutist Judy Johnson is guest performer. Submitted photo

Join the Port Townsend Community Orchestra (PTCO) for their Winter Concert on **Saturday, February 27, 7:30 p.m.**, at the Chimacum High School Auditorium. Prior to the concert at 6:45 p.m., Maestro Dewey Ehling will provide insight into the musical selections to be performed that evening. The orchestra will be accepting food donations on behalf of the local Food Bank.

Guest artist will be the PTCO's principal flutist, Judy Johnson, performing the *Suite No. 2*

in B minor by Johann Sebastian Bach. Johnson studied flute performance at Pacific Lutheran University (PLU), where she was principal flutist in the University Orchestra while also performing as a regular member of the Tacoma Symphony. She is a regular performing member of the Port Angeles Symphony and Chamber Orchestras.

The evening's program includes music from Bach, the *Passacaglia (and Fugue) in C minor*, arranged for orchestra by Leopold Stokowski, as well as *Ave Maria* by Bach and Gounod. In the orchestral transcription of the Bach-Gounod *Ave Maria*, the harp provides the Bach part, and the rest of the orchestra supplies the Gounod.

The second half of the concert is Gounod's *First Symphony in D Major*. The final selection will be Gounod's ballet music from his grand opera, *Faust*.

PTCO is supported by generous contributions from its patrons and from local businesses. Admission to the concert is free and donations are greatly appreciated. Children are welcome. Visit the orchestra's website, www.porttownsendorchestra.org for information.

KCPT's 2010 Season

Key City Public Theatre's (KCPT), formerly Key City Players, invites audiences to immerse themselves in the voices of our generation at its expanded 14th Annual Playwrights' Festival. Comedy, satire, poignant drama and delicious storytelling await. The Festival begins **Friday, February 12** and continues through **Sunday, February 28**. It will include readings and workshop productions of award-winning one-acts and full-length plays by local and regional writers.



Denise Winter, KCPT Artistic Director

Courtesy Photo

Denise Winter, KCPT Artistic Director, says the 2010 season will have you journeying into the dark soul of Russia with Anton Chekhov's *The Seagull* and laughing at the crazy heart of New York City with Neil Simon's *The Prisoner of Second Avenue*. You'll walk on the wild side as Shakespeare transports you to the tropical climes of *The Tempest* and take a musical trip through time as *Boyce & Melinda* sing out their new world investment strategies of 2019. Or, revisit the sultry cabarets of Tin Pan Alley in *Here's to the Ladies!* Then round out the year by creating new traditions or celebrating old ones with the eclectic *Holiday Sampler*.

For more information and to order tickets to the Festival and the full season, go to www.keycitypublictheatre.org or call 379-0195.

Violins, Two for One

On **Friday, February 19 and Sunday, February 21**, at 2:00 p.m., University of Arizona in Tucson violin professor Mark Rush travels to Washington State to join Alan and Sandy Rawson (a.k.a. the Rawson Duo) in a program of chamber works for two violins and piano at the Rawson home. Professor Rush, a former university classmate

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of Alan's, has performed in major concert halls in the United States, Canada and Europe, including Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center, the Corcoran Gallery, the Phillips Collection, the Gardner Museum and the National Gallery of Art. His festival appearances include the Bath Festival in England and the Banff Centre for the Arts among others. Mr. Rush is a graduate of the Yale School of Music. After the music, sample Sandy's culinary skills.

Admission is by advanced paid reservation at \$25 per guest. Concerts sell out quickly. Checks should be made payable to Dr. Alan Rawson and mailed to 10318 Rhody Drive, Chimacum, WA 98325. Upon receipt of payment, a confirmation will be sent including directions to their home. For more information about the Rawson's music, go to www.rawsonduo.com.

Unparalleled Diversity: California Guitar Trio

by Barbara Wagner-Jauregg, Contributing Writer

Three revered musicians who call themselves The California Guitar Trio (CGT) are not natives of the "Golden State." Actually CGT is Bert Lams from Belgium, Hideyo Moriya from Japan and Paul Richards from Utah. Together, CGT's stunning virtuosity, breathtaking technical wizardry and sly sense of humor have earned them an enthusiastic following and wide notoriety.

It was 1987 when Lams, Moriya and Richards met in England while studying under Robert Fripp, one of *Rolling Stone* magazine's "100 Greatest Guitarists of All Time." After several of Fripp's intensive courses, the three toured worldwide with his League of Crafty Guitarists. Wanting to continue working together after the tour, the three convened in Los Angeles and founded CGT in 1991, honing their intricate original compositions, surf covers and classical re-workings. For a preview of CGT, go to www.cgtrio.com or via a link at www.portludlowartscouncil.com.

Port Ludlow audiences have an outstanding opportunity to personally see and hear CGT performing its whirlwind of instrumental styles fusing classical, rock, blues, jazz, world music, progressive, as well as the quintessential California musical genre surf music, **Thursday, March 18, 7:30 p.m.**, at the Bay Club. This sixth concert in the Arts Council's Performing Arts in Port Ludlow series will be sponsored by Puget Sound Energy. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for seat selection. Plan to socialize in the Great Room while sipping a glass of wine and enjoying artwork by Barbara Adams of the Port Ludlow Artists' League.

Holders of Flex Passes are reminded that they expire with the closing concert of season in April. The \$111 pass can be used for six seats to the CGT concert or for multiple seats to the two remaining ones. Be sure to exchange Flex Passes early to be guaranteed a seat to hear these innovative instrumental guitar virtuosos. All Flex Pass exchanges must be done at the Bay Club. Individual tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at the Bay Club beginning **Friday, February 19**. On-line credit card sales are available now at www.brownpapertickets.com.

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Performing Arts Calendar

Friday, February 5

The Bee Eaters (formerly New Old Stock) bring their unique acoustic music to Bainbridge Performing Arts. The quartet includes a five-time Grand National Fiddle Champion, a banjo phenomenon and a hammered dulcimer wizard, 7:30 p.m., 206-842-8569, www.bainbridgeperformingarts.org.

Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, February 5–28

Near the end of the 20th Century, a beautiful young woman wearing 19th Century clothing is found floating on an iceberg in the North Atlantic. When rescued, she says only the word “Titanic.” Thus begins the thriller *Scotland Road* at Poulsbo’s Jewel Box Theatre, Fridays and Saturdays 8:00 p.m., Sundays at 2:00 p.m., 360-697-3183, www.jewelboxpoulsbo.org.

Saturday, February 6

Pianist Alexander Tutunov returns to the Port Angeles Symphony to perform Prokofiev’s *Piano Concerto No. 3 in C*. You’ll also hear some Schumann and a Sibelius symphony, 10:00 a.m. dress rehearsal, 6:45 p.m. pre-concert chat, 7:30 p.m. concert, Port Angeles High School Auditorium, 360-457-5579, www.portangelessymphony.org.

Saturday, February 6

The multi-talented troupe that forms The EDGE Improv has had audiences laughing and cheering for more than 15 years, 7:30 p.m., Bainbridge Performing Arts, 206-842-8569, www.bainbridgeperformingarts.org.

Saturday, February 6

Go listen as Al Stewart shares his astounding lyrical and musical abilities and his timeless folk and pop music, Admiral Theatre, Bremerton, dinner 6:30 p.m., show 8:00 p.m., 360-373-6743, www.admiraltheatre.org.

Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, February 12–28

This year’s Playwrights’ Festival features new events, including readings and workshop productions of award-winning one-acts and full-length plays by local and regional writers, various times, Key City Public Theatre, Port Townsend, 379-0195, www.keycitypublictheatre.org.

Saturday, February 13

Take the whole family to see the Squirm Burpee Circus—vaudeville comedy, high-skill circus acts, chainsaw juggling plus romantic high jinks and melodrama, Admiral Theatre, Bremerton, 7:00 p.m., 360-373-6743, www.admiraltheatre.org.

Saturday, February 13

Take a friend, a lover or a spouse to see the Atomic Bombshells who hail from the sultry swamps of New Orleans and have taken the international burlesque scene by storm as they present *J’Adore*, 8:00 p.m., Bainbridge Performing Arts, 206-842-8569, www.bainbridgeperformingarts.org. “Their slithery choreography is flawless,” *Seattle Magazine*.

Sunday, February 14

Show that special someone how much you care with classic elegance! Take them to the Admiral Theatre’s annual Valentine dinner and movie. You’ll get a three-course meal, served at a private candlelit table for two, followed by the romantic comedy movie, *Moonstruck*, Bremerton, 7:00 p.m., 360-373-6743, www.admiraltheatre.org.

Friday, February 19

Supplying all the instrumentation with their voices, the five members of the high-energy Boyz Nite Out vocal group sing original, cover, pop and golden oldies spanning five decades, sponsored by the Arts Council, 8:00 p.m., Bay Club, 437-2208, www.portludlowartscouncil.com.

Friday, February 19

This stunning dance-theatre from India, Odissi classical dance, is over 2,000 years old and thrives today through its dynamic quality, and is accompanied by virtuoso percussion and melodic music, 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., call or e-mail Bonnie Showers at Bainbridge Island Arts and Humanities Council, 206-842-7901, bonnies@artshum.org.

Friday and Sunday, February 19 and 21

Violins, 2 for 1, when the Rawson Duo and guest violinist Professor Mark Rush from the University of Arizona/Tucson join them for a concert, 2:00 p.m., seating by advanced paid reservation, 379-3449, www.rawsonduo.com.

Saturday, February 20

America’s premiere doo-wop group, The Alley Cats, will take you back to the 50s and 60s (when doo-wop was as big as your hair) with their a cappella renditions of classic rock numbers, 6:30 p.m. dinner, 8:00 p.m. show, Admiral Theatre, Bremerton, 360-373-6743, www.admiraltheatre.org.

Saturday and Sunday, February 20 and 21

The Bainbridge Symphony Orchestra celebrates the greatest lovers and love stories of classical music with this program featuring Tchaikovsky’s powerful *Romeo and Juliet Fantasy Overture* as well as Wagner’s *Prelude to Act III of Lohengrin*, Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 3:00 p.m. with a pre-concert chat 45 minutes prior, 206-842-8569, www.bainbridgeperformingarts.org.

Saturday, February 27

The Old Time Fiddlers jam at the Tri-Area Community Center, Chimacum, 11:30 a.m. followed by a performance, 1:30-3:30 p.m., free but donations to support musical scholarships accepted. For information, contact Hershel Lester, 360-417-6950, handrlester@olympen.com.

Saturday, February 27

The Port Townsend Community Orchestra Winter Concert features music by Bach and Gounod with flute soloist Judy Johnson, 7:30 p.m., with a pre-concert chat 45 minutes prior, Chimacum High School Auditorium, free admission, donation of food for local Food Bank accepted, www.porttownsend-orchestra.org.

Saturday and Sunday, February 27 and 28

The annual show of the Peninsula Dance Theatre presents original and innovative choreography in classical and contemporary styles, Olympic Dance Theatre of Edmonds also performs, Admiral Theatre, Bremerton, dinner 6:30 p.m., show Saturday at 8:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, 360-373-6743, www.admiraltheatre.org.

Port Ludlow Associates

Developer News

by Diana Smeland, Port Ludlow Associates (PLA) President

As we are preparing for our outside auditors and reviewing 2009, I spent some time reflecting on the challenges from about mid 2008 through 2009. The economy was dismal, worldwide equity and credit markets were in a free fall and the real estate market was nowhere to be found. Closer to home, all of our operations experienced significant declines in room occupancy, slip usage, golf rounds, food covers and real estate transactions. PLA moved into a cost-cutting mode, reducing our regular labor force over 20 percent and controlling costs, yet still trying to provide superior customer service. Some of the costs were passed along to the consumers as labor costs, and health insurance costs continue to eat up a large portion of every dollar, but as a company we feel it is important to provide a quality health care program for our full-time employees.

Looking ahead to 2010, a variety of important uncertainties remain—the economy and the real estate market are among them. The financial discipline brought to bear the last year and a half will continue. We will continue to maintain the balance between service to our customers, and identifying and eliminating unnecessary spending.

The following are some of the steps we are implementing as we prepare for 2010: We have positioned the real estate side of the business with three approved sub-divisions: Olympic Terrace, Ludlow Bay Village and Ludlow Cove. We are making some updates to our hotel rooms and are updating some of our systems, like the Golf Course tee sheet and Marina slip usage. We are very excited about the future here in Port Ludlow and hope that you share that excitement with us as we move towards the future.

We would love to hear from you with questions that can be answered in this column.

We continue to look forward to meeting with groups and residents to share ideas or deal with any expressed concerns about Port Ludlow's future. If you have questions, my direct line is 437-8342 or e-mail dsmeland@portludlowassociates.com.

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Resort News

by Paul Wolman, General Manager, The Inn At Port Ludlow

Resort At Port Ludlow News and Surprises: In February our thoughts turned to short days, chilly temperatures and muddy yards...all of which are best remedied by a great meal, a better bottle of wine and someone to curl up next to. Rested, you may choose to venture out midday to visit a few favorite shops in Port Townsend, then end the day with a gourmet dinner at The Fireside at Port Ludlow or enjoy the fireplace in your guestroom where the day began. Worried about rain? Don't be! It's nice to sleep to the sound of rain falling into the Bay.

Upcoming Events – Save the Date

Valentine's Day at the Fireside: Choose your day to celebrate Valentine's Day. On **Saturday, February 13** or **Sunday, February 14**, there will be seating from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. Choose from three selections:

- Maine lobster and New Bedford Scallop poached in butter with Madagascar vanilla beurre blanc, nest of leek "au natural" and black truffle "a cheval;"
- Local Virginia oysters in the shell with champagne mignonette, lobster bisque with tarragon crème fraîche, passion fruit granita, chateaubriand with Madeira-truffle sauce for two with wild mushroom tomato "Farci" and sautéed fingerling potatoes;
- Roasted rack of Anderson Ranch lamb for two with gratin Dauphinois, medley of grilled vegetables, Belgian endive and watercress salad, bleu d' Auvergne cheese, blue cheese vinaigrette and soufflé au chocolat et Grand Marnier.

The cost will be \$61 per guest and \$89 with wine pairing. Early reservations are highly recommended; call 437-7000 now.

Friday, February 19: Dinner Around the World, La Cucina Piemontese, Italy

"Food is integral to the life of any Piedmontese. They love their mom's cuisine. They take pride in their regional recipes. They go through life measuring all food against their mothers' home cooking. And they don't think anyone can do it as well as they can." Pino Luongo will be a six-course dinner prepared by Chef Dan paired with elegant wines from the Piedmont and presented by Paul, your host. The cost will be \$49 per guest. Reserve now; call Paul at 437-7074 or 437-7000.

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The Inn At Port Ludlow Lovers' Getaway: On Valentine's Day or Presidents' Weekend the package includes a two-night stay either on **Friday and Saturday, February 12 and 13, or on Saturday and Sunday, February 13 and 14**, a six-course Valentine's Day dinner for two at The Fireside Restaurant, and in-room amenities to include one bottle of bubbly Italian Prosecco wine and four chocolate truffles by Joanne. The "Lovers' Getaway Package" starts at \$399 per couple. Book this package by **Sunday, January 31**, and receive a free additional night, either **Thursday, February 11 or Monday, February 15**. Reserve now at 437-7000.

A Day with Chef Dan

**Friday, February 12
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**



"Bring your best knife and start to cut!"

All will receive hands-on instructions on cutting a julienne, a brunoise, batonnets, tranches and more.

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The cost will be \$49 inclusive per person.

Space is very limited.
Contact Paul now at 437-7074 or 437-7000.

Developer/OWSI News

by Larry Smith, President, Olympic Water and Sewer (OWSI)

"Hey! I turned on my faucet and no water came out. What's going on?"

From time to time your water service may be interrupted. The most common reasons are: scheduled maintenance, pipe damage, or pipe or fitting failure. The effects can usually be isolated to a couple of dozen (or fewer) customers; however there are times when it is more widespread. In all cases it's an inconvenience to our customers.

If we need to shut down the water main for scheduled maintenance we will let you know at least 48 hours in advance, by mail, phone or e-mail.

However, in some situations, such as the one recently in Timberton Village, there is no warning. An underground pipefitting failed on a Sunday afternoon, which required crews to shut off the main line to attempt a repair. It was found to be beyond our capabilities and we had a contractor on site first thing Monday morning. Service was restored in the early evening.

What Can I do?

- Most importantly we ask for your patience. We realize that it is difficult when you're without water, but be assured that someone is working on the problem and service will be restored as soon as possible.
- Have a supply of drinking water on hand or consider some other resources in the community that can help out—Bay Club, Beach Club, coin operated showers at the Marina, etc. Or call the Port Ludlow Associates (PLA) office at 437-2101 and we'll do whatever we can to help.
- It's always a good idea to turn off the circuit breaker to your water heater. Depending on your house plumbing, it's possible for the tank to drain and burn out the heating elements if the power is left on.

And as a reminder, here are some important phone numbers and contact information:

- Olympic Water and Sewer after-hours answering service, 385-1803. We're working with them to improve communication accuracy.
- PLA Office, 437-2101.
- E-mail, OWSI@portludlowassociates.com.

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Mariners' News

Dock Talk

by Kori Ward, Marina Manager

Congratulations to Roy and Jean Kraft for winning the 2009 Holiday on the Docks! *Sea Wings II* looked absolutely stunning, lit up with Santa and his flying sleigh!

Mark your Calendars:

Thursday, **February 11** – Second Annual Balloon Sale! Don't miss out on a chance to receive 100 percent off your favorite cruising guide for 2010. Stop by the Marina office, 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m., where we'll be serving coffee and cookies. Pick out a gift for your Valentine, pop a balloon and you'll receive the discount inside.

Friday, April 23 – Marine Swap and For Sale By Owner Boat Show. Last year was such a success we are doing it again! Stay tuned.

Though it is only **February**, reservations are flowing in and our neighboring Yacht Clubs are plotting their 2010 cruises to Port Ludlow Marina. We are looking forward to hosting the following groups at Port Ludlow:

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| Friday, March 12 | Milltown Sailing Association |
| Friday, April 16 | Tollycraft Boating Club |
| Friday, April 23 | Kingston Yacht Club |
| | Port Ludlow Marina "Marine Swap" and Boat Show |
| Sunday, May 9 | Port Ludlow Opening Day |
| Friday, May 28 | Poulsbo Yacht Club |
| | Rob Rothe Invitational |
| Saturday, June 5 | Edmonds Corinthian |
| Friday, June 11 | Dagmars Yacht Club |
| | Navy Yacht Club of Everett |
| Saturday, June 12 | Port Madison Yacht Club |
| Friday, June 18 | Everett Yacht Club |
| | Islander Rendezvous |
| Friday, June 25 | Mukilteo Yacht Club |
| | Puget Sound Yacht Club |
| Thursday, July 8 | Mainship Rendezvous |
| Friday, July 16 | Grady White Rendezvous |
| | Cougar Yacht Club |
| Friday, July 23 | NW Freedom Yacht Club |
| | Queen City Yacht Club |
| Friday, August 20 | Perry Design Rendezvous |
| Friday, September 3 | Edmonds Yacht Club |
| | Seattle Sail and Power |
| Friday, September 10 | Beneteau Rendezvous |

Coast Guard Auxiliary Meetings

Flotilla 41 of the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) Auxiliary meets on the second Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m., at the Port Ludlow Fire Station. The February meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 10**. Flotilla 41 is a unit in the Fourth Division of the 13th District of the USCG Auxiliary and is based in Port Ludlow.

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From the Desk of the D.O.G.

by Vito DeSantis, PGA Director of Golf

As I write this February article, the sun is trying to push its way through the high clouds and the temperature is approaching the low 50s. January has felt a little more like early spring instead of the middle of the winter; about this time last year we were shoveling snow in the parking lot. I just cross my fingers that we don't pay for this mild weather later in the summer.

Thanks go to everyone who participated in our first ever Winter Tour Event of 2010. If you missed the first event and would like to take part in the next event near the end of February, please contact the Golf Shop for your entry form and more information. This is an outstanding opportunity to keep your game sharp in the shorter days of winter.

Last but not least, we continue to have complaints about walkers and dogs on the Golf Course. The Port Ludlow Golf Club is private property. Those that use the Golf Course for exercising their dogs are, with all due respect, trespassing. Our golfing members pay a monthly fee for access to the Golf Course and expect that when they play golf the only thing they will encounter are normal golfing obstacles, not dog feces. Dogs possess the potential to harm turf grass. In the winter months when the turf is softer, dogs can and have torn grass from the roots and left unsightly skid marks on fairways, tees and greens.

In the past I have asked dog owners and walkers alike to please cease from using the Golf Course as their personal play field. These requests are met with little or no response, and, based on the number of complaints, a refusal to comply. For this reason I am now asking that the members of the Port Ludlow Golf Club help us in our efforts to keep the Golf Course clear of pets and walkers.

Although our Golf Course staff tries, it unfortunately cannot be in all places at all times. Usually by the time we hear of a complaint, it is far too late to rectify the situation. For this reason I implore anyone that sees a dog and/or walker on the course to please contact the Golf Shop or Golf Course personnel.

We have signs at all entrances to the Golf Course that make our policy pertaining to walkers abundantly clear. With your help, together we will be able to spread the word that the Golf Course is no place for dogs and the casual walker. Port Ludlow has miles upon miles of roads

and trails that people are more than welcome to use. Once again, thank you for helping us with this most difficult problem.

News from the Niners

by Beverly Browne, Publicity

As I write this, the sun is shining and the weather is mild. One more month and we'll be signing up for league games again but it seems like today would be a good day to practice. In the chilly, unpredictable days of January and February, one must jump on every possible opportunity. Otherwise the joints get really rusty.

The opening social event for the Niners will be on **Thursday, March 25**, 5:00 p.m., at the Bay Club. For those prospective members of the Niners who have not attended in the past, this is the event where the ladies and gentlemen sign up for golfing in the coming season and receive a handbook containing a schedule of the games, the rules of golf, and a list of members and officers. Appetizers are provided by the Officers and we all have a terrific time chatting and anticipating the beginning of spring and regular golfing. Further details about the party and playing golf with the other members of the nine-hole golfing organization will appear in the March *Voice*.

In the meantime, the Niners want all prospective golfers to consider that time is a-wasting. If you have ever thought about taking up golf, this is your moment! The Niners welcome you with open arms. The group is very accepting of people of all skill levels. If you are inexperienced, this is a good place to start. If you are experienced and want extra play, the Niners welcome you as well. You will enjoy the fellowship of this congenial group, so plan to attend the gathering on **Thursday, March 25**. You won't regret it.

Winter Championship Tournament

The 2010 winter championship season at the Port Ludlow Golf Club starts with two major championships, one in January and one in February. Amateur golfers from around the Northwest compete to claim the title of winter tour champion. The first event took place on Saturday, January 30. The second will be held on **Saturday, February 27**. Winners within each flight will be determined by their combined two-event total. Golf cart, range fees, greens fees and dinner are included in the fee. Event winners will be announced in March.

WGA News

by Peggy Selby, Scribe

When I get the *Voice*, I always look forward to the golf articles. For the last two years I turned straight to Turney Oswald's Women's Golf Association (WGA) column and always enjoyed her wit and wisdom. So a thank-you (albeit delayed) to Turney for her time, energy and contributions to the *Voice*.

Hard to believe another Port Ludlow golfing season opens in just one more month. The days are getting noticeably longer and cabin fever noticeably stronger. I find myself gazing at my clubs as I walk through the garage.

As I recall last time I used them, I gave them a stern talking to and put them all in a time-out. Maybe they have learned their lesson by now and will choose to behave a little more to my liking. Thinking that it might also improve behavior if they thought they could easily be replaced, I even left a Golfsmith catalogue sitting out in the garage next to them.

I know that many of you might be saying that it is not the clubs. You might be right. I know I have some golf balls that duck when they see the club coming at them. But I have that almost figured out too. Foolishly, I had been placing the ball facing the wrong direction. If you face the ball looking toward the green, it does not see the club coming. You probably have to change balls every couple of holes though, as they get wise to this. Just sitting them on a tee starts to make them nervous and a bit jumpy.

Don't know how, but the glove has much to do with it too. The best game I ever played was with the rattiest glove I ever owned. I did pass that glove on to someone and guess who was the most improved golfer last year. Coincidence? I think not!

Gotta go talk to my clubs. See you out there soon.

2009: A Good Year for PLMGA

by Dean Morgan, Captain

Before we move on to 2010 it might be good to take a last look back and summarize what happened in 2009. Port Ludlow Men's Golf Association (PLMGA) membership sits at 90 members. There are 43 of those that drive from the blue tees; 37 hit from the white ones. There were 35 scheduled Wednesday events in 2009 and only 3 rainouts. Prize money collected and distributed totaled \$7,556.

We are looking forward to 2010. Terry Lyle is working on the schedule and it should be posted on the www.plmga.org website by mid-February. A major addition to this year's schedule is an expanded Home-and-Home program. Check the website for details. See you in March.





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Chamber of Commerce

Jefferson County Chamber News

The three new Board members from the Tri-Area are Nancy McConaghy, Coldwell Banker; Chuck Russell, Valley Tavern and David So, Inn at Port Hadlock. The three new Board members from Port Ludlow are Piper Diehl, Ludlow Bay Massage and Wellness Spa; Dana Petrick, Dana Pointe Interiors and Kathie Sharp, Kathie Sharp Piano Studio.

These 6 business owners join 14 others who serve as the Board of Directors of the newly formed Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce.

The new Board held its first annual planning retreat last month and a facilitator carried the new team through a SWOT (Strengths, Opportunities, Weaknesses and Threats) organizational analysis.

The facilitator will circulate a detailed report of the whole process at a later date, but some of the key topics were:

- To clearly articulate the benefits of Chamber membership;
- To define each Board member's role for the good of the whole organization;
- To be responsive to issues in a timely manner;
- To speak as one organization;
- To find ways to design business-related programs for youth;
- To build credibility within the organization;
- To increase membership, target business sectors and encourage participation;
- To smooth communication both internally and externally;
- To support a shared mission that the Chamber is in the business of supporting business.

Kathie Sharp's description of this event was, "There was a cooperative atmosphere and everyone attending felt it was time well spent."

Weekly Luncheon Meetings

The weekly Monday luncheon meetings for Chamber members and their guests are held at the Port Townsend Elks Lodge at 555 Otto Street from noon until 1:00 p.m. Check the website www.ptchamber.org to obtain information on luncheon hosts and speakers. Take advantage of these weekly luncheon meetings to introduce yourself and your business to the rest of Jefferson County.

Save the Date . . .

The annual Valentine's Wine and Chocolate Mixer will be **Tuesday, February 9** at the new Northwest Maritime Center at the foot of Water Street in Port Townsend from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Chamber members should watch for a flyer with all the details of the evening.

This superb event offers a fabulous opportunity to do something good for your business by meeting other business people in the County, and to treat someone special to an elegant social evening just before Valentine's Day.

Sub-Board Formed

The Port Ludlow Chamber of Commerce Board will continue service as a Chamber Sub-Board. A majority of the Port Ludlow Directors met last month to discuss the future of the existing Board. The pros and cons of Board disbandment were discussed in detail and to great length.

After all was said and done, Piper Diehl, Arlene Obtinario, Dana Petrick, Kathie Sharp, Mary Stuart and Paula Zimmerman agreed to continue meeting during 2010 and to refer to the Port Ludlow Chamber Board as a Sub-Board of the new Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce. Port Ludlow Directors Shelli Cates and Dianne Cranston were unable to attend the meeting.

The consensus is that this Chamber Sub-Board will review and critique the 2010 merger process as it relates to the needs of the business community of Port Ludlow. The Sub-Board will also serve as a sounding board for new ideas that promote business and tourism in Port Ludlow and will help promote valuable ideas to the County Chamber. The Board members feel a deep sense of obligation to the Port Ludlow business community to continue the provision of a local entity until the county entity is fully functioning

And speaking of new ideas—the Sub-Board is seeking Port Ludlow business people to join the Sub-Board now. Make your local business voice heard now as the county merger advances. Make your local business a ground-floor business in the new Chamber organization. Contact the Sub-Board at info@portludlowchamber.org for more information.

Regional News

Library Activities



Author Lorene Forkner.
Provided photo

Adventures in Simple Living is the theme of this year's annual Adventures series presented by Jefferson County Library (JCL) and the Port Townsend Public Library. The five-session series kicked off in January and continues with three February events.

Out of Their League author Dave Meggyesy will be at Jefferson County Library in Hadlock on **Wednesday,**

February 3, at 6:30 p.m. *Sports Illustrated* magazine included Meggyesy's football autobiography, *Out of Their League*, on its 2005 list of the 100 best sports books ever written, calling it "the first sports book written by a professional athlete to tell it like it is." Recently retired to Marrowstone Island, he will discuss the current state of the National Football League (NFL), including his 25 years of working for players' rights, the NFL Players Association and the NFL players' labor union.

Independent America: The Two-Lane Search for Mom & Pop with filmmakers Hanson Hosein and Heather Hughes will be featured **Friday, February 12,** 6:30 p.m., at the Port Townsend Public Library. Hear how award-winning journalists Hosein and Hughes took the road less traveled to make a thought-provoking documentary uncovering growing opposition to big box retail across the United States, and the desperate fight waged by independent retailers to stay alive. The expedition covered 13,000 miles and 32 states. Self-imposed road rules barred them from major highways and corporate chain retail. Traveling on alternative roads, the duo only did business with Mom and Pop. The filmmakers will answer questions following a 50-minute showing of the film.

Lorene Edwards Forkner, author of *Preserving the Harvest*, will be at the County Library in Hadlock on **Wednesday, February 24,** at 6:30 p.m. When important principles are followed, traditional preserving methods, such as freezing, canning, drying and live storage, do a fine job of keeping provisions. Beyond these basics, vinegar, sugar, alcohol and other cures are employed for the additional flavor they impart as well as their effectiveness

at prolonging shelf life. Forkner will show that through almost magical alchemy, food is not just preserved but transformed and elevated into becoming the fare of festive celebrations and artisan craftsmanship.

All Library programs are free and open to the public. The Jefferson County Library (JCL) is located at 620 Cedar Avenue in Port Hadlock. For more information call 385-6544 or visit www.jclibrary.info. The Port Townsend Public Library is located at 1220 Lawrence Street. For more information call 385-3181 or visit www.cityofpt.us/Library.

Northwind Call for Entries

The Sea, a juried show of maritime art, will be presented by Northwind Art Center from **Friday, March 5 through Monday, March 29,** in conjunction with Port Townsend Public Library's Community Read 2010. The juror, Michael Hale, is a native of Washington State and studied architecture and fine art at Washington State University (WSU), The Burnley School of Fine Art in Seattle, and the Museum Art School in Portland. In 2003 his painting of sails and bowsprit was chosen for the 27th Annual Wooden Boat Festival poster. His work currently is exhibited at the B and R Gallery in Los Angeles.

The show is open to all original entries in all media that have been executed within the last three years. Entries can be delivered to Northwind on **Sunday, February 28,** from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., or on **Monday, March 1,** from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. More information is available at the Center's website at www.northwindarts.org.

"That" Super Football Sunday

Imagine this: You and all your friends are watching the Big Game on **Sunday, February 7.** You've got an industrial size BBQ, the bar's stocked, the fridge is full of beer and sodas. Now imagine the screen is 45 feet wide (think of the commercials!). Sound like a dream come true? At the Admiral Theatre in Bremerton, it's a reality, and admission is free! Take your friends and theirs!

The historic Admiral Theatre is located at 515 Pacific Avenue in Bremerton. For more information call 360-373-6743 or visit www.admiraltheatre.org.

Learn Through WSU Beach Watcher Classes



Beach Watchers on a shoreline field trip.

Provided photo

Want to know more about our local watersheds, forests, streams, salmon and water? Want to enjoy field trips to learn more about shorelines, beaches, shellfish and wildlife? Be a part-time Washington State University (WSU) extension student for one month, no credit, no pressure, to listen and discuss

natural resource topics with local and State experts in these fields. Starting **Monday, March 1**, you have the opportunity to learn why water may be the most important wealth we have in this community.

Each spring WSU Jefferson County Extension presents a series of 8 to 10 Beach Watchers classes to educate residents about water, local watersheds and our human impacts and involvement within our watershed. If you have ever wished that there were more community adult education classes offered in the vicinity—this is your chance to participate in a high quality, science-based, fun learning opportunity with people who share your interest in natural resources and the outdoors. In return, participants are expected to volunteer 50 hours in local projects of their choice after taking the classes.

The class series will be offered on Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., for five weeks starting **Monday, March 1 through Wednesday, March 31**. If you need to miss one or two classes, flexibility can be provided. Class location is the Spruce Room at the WSU Extension office in Port Hadlock. Mornings will be spent in lecture and discussion with experts; afternoons will be out of the classroom with leader-led field trips to local forests, streams and shorelines.

Class topics will include: Overview of the science, biology, and geology of our local watersheds; forests, streams and rivers—the local salmon connection; near-shore, shorelines and estuaries; wetlands; coastal geology, natural processes; shellfish; toxics; stormwater; skeptics; local watershed issues—WRIA 17, Shoreline Management Program (SMP), in-stream flow rule.

Many of your neighbors in Port Ludlow have taken the classes and volunteered on diverse community outreach, education and science-based projects such as salmon monitoring, creosote log inventories, plastics monitoring, Olympia oyster restoration, eel grass protection, education

at fairs and schools, pet waste education, planting trees along streams, restoring native plants to estuary areas, and helping with Port Townsend Marine Science Center (PTMSC) projects.

Beach Watchers come from all walks of life and bring a rich cross-section of backgrounds, experiences, service and talents. All county Beach Watcher programs follow the identical Beach Watcher model and have consistent training materials, but each county develops its unique projects and volunteer involvement dependent on community needs, interests, partners and opportunities. Beach Watchers are dedicated to protecting and preserving the fragile environment of Puget Sound through research, education, public awareness and example.

Join in! Go learn more about the local area and volunteering in efforts to preserve healthy waters in our region. Cost is \$35 for the 10-class series. Call Darcy at WSU, 379-5610, Ext. 230, to register or for additional information.

Gateway Visitor Center News

by Bill Roney, Manager

The New Year has been just what anyone would expect that has lived in the Pacific Northwest for more than a year; except for rain we wouldn't have weather at all. But as I gaze from my window at the Visitor Center, I glimpse at others looking questionably at the sky for a glint of spring. It is here and the plants have seen it. Trees have covered their branches with buds that resemble our gray cat in size and color. The skunk cabbage in hidden places on our Jefferson County west coast is poking, asparagus like, from banks and bogs. Before the yard mowing takes over all our free time, consider taking an excursion in Jefferson County.

At the Gateway Visitor Center we have a new Waterfall Trail brochure, a self-guided Migratory Waterfowl tour and other information. In February there is an extensive display of watercolor sea and landscapes by local Artist Judy Courtwright that will be on display through **Wednesday, February 17**. On **Friday, February 19**, a new show of local art from the Olympic Art Gallery in Quilcene is opening with interesting and diverse exhibits.

The Jefferson County Historical Society (JCHS) has a new special exhibit, "Eating Locally," that will feature recipes and other interesting items from the Historical Society collections. The Museum currently displays an exhibit of the "Tools that Built Port Townsend." (See related article on page 41 for extra hours the Museum will be open on the weekend of Valentine's Day and President's Day.)

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You can be an Ambassador for our historic County by volunteering at the Olympic Peninsula Gateway Visitor Center. Our volunteers provide local expertise that travelers need, greet people from around the world, and make travelers feel at home on the Olympic Peninsula. If you think you have been around Jefferson County long enough to feel local, we need you! Stop by or call us at 437-0120, or email gatewayvcr@olympus.net.

Northwind Arts Reminder



Midori Kono Thiel and "Michi," meaning path or road.

Courtesy photo

As reported in the January *Voice*, Northwind Arts is featuring three artists influenced by Asian traditions, Carol Heath Albrecht, Midori Kono Thiel and Beverly Saito. The show which began in January will continue until **Sunday, February 28**. The artists work with a variety of mediums that include sumi ink, collage and ceramics. Their work reflects both traditional and contemporary use of media and imagery.

The Opening Reception and Gallery Walk is scheduled on **Saturday, February 6**, 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. A calligraphy demonstration by Midori Kono Thiel is scheduled for **Sunday, February 21**, 1:00 p.m., at the Northwind Arts Center, located at 2409 Jefferson Street in Port Townsend

Winter Museum Hours

Jefferson County's Museum, operated by the Jefferson County Historical Society (JCHS) is operating on a winter schedule through the end of February. Located in historic City Hall at 540 Water Street in Port Townsend, it will be closed on weekdays and open on weekends only, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The only exceptions are in commemoration of Lincoln's Birthday on **Friday, February 12** and President's Day on **Monday, February 15**, when the museum will be open for those holidays.

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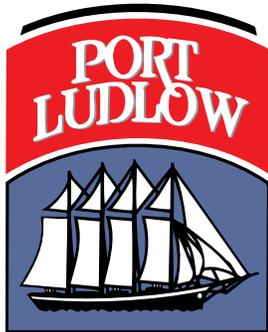
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Hilda Blanchard's Family Room is furnished in an eclectic style featuring a dramatic carpet, expansive chaise lounge and unusual accents. The completely remodeled, redecorated home overlooks Ludlow Bay with many windows to take advantage of its magnificent views. (For a related story, go to page 7 of this issue.)

A gallery of photos featuring many rooms in this home can be seen at www.plvoice.org. Click on Photos and scroll down to "Blanchard Home."

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