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Clinic Meeting Draws Crowd

by Jen Portz, Contributing Writer

The rainy night didn't stop them. In mid-January over 110 residents packed the Bay Club for a 90-minute forum sponsored by the Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) to hear Jefferson Healthcare's (JHC) CEO Mike Glenn explain the public hospital's plan for a new Primary and Urgent Care facility in Port Ludlow. This meeting was about informing the public, gauging community interest and understanding needs.

If JHC goes through with the project, with the final decision due to be made in February, it will be their sixth outlying clinic. Currently four are in Townsend and one in Quilcene. Ludlow's clinic would be open Monday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., staffed by a doctor alternating days and probably a physician's assistant who would be electronically supported by physicians at other facilities. Glenn hopes to have a variety of specialists on site one day a week for consultation and follow-up appointments. The new clinic would likely locate in the space previously occupied by the now closed Madrona Hill Urgent Care.

This isn't Ludlow's first experience with a clinic. Several years ago JHC looked into establishing a clinic in Port Ludlow but legal concerns squashed that decision. Glenn explained, "There are several different structures for hospital-run clinics." JHC, as a "critical access hospital," isn't allowed to manage a "hospital-run clinic" within a 35-mile radius but there is no such delineation for a "hospital owned and operated clinic." What these esoteric legal distinctions mean is good news for both JHC and patients, allowing the hospital to support its community, and allowing patients to pay and travel less.

Audience comments ranged from frustration with JHC to adulation; questions were equally as wide ranging. Regarding the financial commitment involved Glenn noted, "This is an investment in the future... Our eyes are wide open." Their long-range model calls for 10-12 visits per day the first year with a loss of \$184,000; 14 to 16 visits per day the second year with a loss of \$52,000; and finally, in the third year turning a profit of \$60,000 based on 18-20 visits per day. "But we're not doing this for the money," he emphasized, "our primary mission is to provide



New CEO Mike Glenn assumes leadership of Jefferson Healthcare.

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Feature Articles

From the Editor's Keyboard

by Beverly Browne, Editor

Plato's *Parable of the Cave* illustrates how understanding truth can be warped by deceptive or inadequate information, like the shadows on the wall of a cave. In the parable a group of people can only face toward the wall of the cave and cannot look behind them. The flickering light of a torch casts shadows on the wall which they imagine to be other people. Actually, they are only seeing themselves but they cannot know that because they cannot turn and look.

The story suggests that people can misconstrue events based on their perceptions and lack of ability to view things from a different angle. What seems to be true sometimes isn't. But the shadows one sees, influenced by past experience and ulterior motives, are the closest most get to reality.

The cave story has many manifestations in real life. Among the many facts we have before us at any one time, we must decide which ones will help us choose the best course. In this issue of the *Voice* the topic of water rates, including what they should be and why, appears a couple of times. Which angle is the right one? Which facts are those that count? The answers to these questions depend not only on objective truth but perception of truth colored by self-interest.

Unlike the cave people, we do have the option of examining more than what lies directly in front of us. The decision about charges for water and sewer will be made by the regulatory agency, the Washington State Utility and Transportation Commission (WUTC). However, residents can and should examine the arguments that are presented by the utility company and the committee charged with investigating it and the regulatory commission. I urge you to look on the WUTC website at www.wutc.wa.gov/ and familiarize yourself with the commission and its processes. It will not change the decision. Perhaps it will not change how you feel about it. But you will be a more informed person for the effort.

The views expressed in this column are this Editor's alone and should not be construed to necessarily represent the opinions of other members of the Voice staff.

Half-Price Tickets Offered by Goldstar

by Kathleen Traci, Contributing Writer

It was a sad day for Seattle when ticketwindow.com and Ticket/Ticket half-price ticket outlets closed last fall. (Their kiosks were at Pike Place Market, Broadway Market, Pacific Place and the Meydenbauer Center.) Fortunately the manager of the Intiman Theater, who was familiar with Goldstar's importance to the Los Angeles and San Diego theater communities, persuaded Goldstar to fill the void. As of December 2 Goldstar has been offering half-price tickets in Seattle through its website: www.goldstar.com.

Since opening for business Goldstar half-price tickets were offered for the Broadway production of *Grease* and the *Radio City Christmas Spectacular* at the Paramount Theater, *The Nutcracker* at Pacific Northwest Ballet, *Black Nativity* at Intiman Theatre, *White Christmas* at 5th Avenue Theatre, Seattle Repertory Productions, Teatro ZinZanni Shows, the Seattle Symphony as well as community theaters (e.g., *Anne of Green Gables* at the Everett Community Theater). Currently many night club music and comedy shows are listed on the Goldstar website as well as a Sunset Dinner Cruise on Lake Washington and a wine, cheese and chocolate tasting tour of Seattle (Urban Wine Tour).

Signing up for membership is easy and free. Just go to www.goldstar.com and register with your e-mail and password. Buying tickets online is painless. After buying tickets for *Grease*, we just had to print the confirmation page and take it to the Paramount "will call" window half an hour prior to the performance.

The day prior to the event Goldstar even sent us an e-mail reminder with our confirmation number. Two main floor tickets to *Grease*, including the Goldstar service fee, were only \$71. Though we couldn't choose our seats, only specify the main floor or one of the two Mezzanines, the seats were excellent, midway back on the main floor. Additionally, the show was great and the price was right! Ludlowites who visit other cities might want to check out the half-price ticket offerings for some of the other ten cities that Goldstar serves, including New York, Los Angeles, San Diego, Portland and Chicago.

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access to quality health care services for everyone in our community... we want to establish a primary care relationship with residents.” Though JHC is partly funded by the County, Glenn did not foresee this clinic increasing taxes.

Many questions dealt with specifics of accreditation, affiliations and amenities. JHC’s draft strategic plan for 2011 includes applying for accreditation by the end of the year. To expand JHC’s capabilities and electronic access to specialists, they are working on developing various levels of connectivity with several larger hospitals on both sides of the Sound. Glenn noted, “Affiliations can’t be done with eight or nine hospitals. That’s cost prohibitive but possibly up to six.” If a hospital stay is needed, Ludlow clinic patients could choose where to be admitted. The clinic would not have a full-service pharmacy but some short-term medications could be available. If a need were shown there could be a Coumadin clinic on site.

JHC is in the final stages of reviewing Glenn’s proposal for this new clinic but some hurdles remain. They must find space, locate personnel to staff the facility and tackle the multitude of other tasks associated with a clinic start up. Still, with five other clinics running, they have a lot of practice. Glenn hopes to open the Ludlow facility by the second quarter of 2011. Final audience comments stressed that if residents want to see healthcare continue in Port Ludlow, this clinic will need their support.

When Will My House Sell?

by Robert Burns, Contributing Writer

It is 8:00 a.m. Thursday morning. The house was listed for sale yesterday. The real estate market is so hot that cars began arriving at dawn for the 2:00 p.m. auction. The house is priced at 10 percent over market despite the stained carpets, scorched countertop and dead tree in the front yard still festooned with blinking Christmas lights. Life is good.

In reality, the heady days of the Silicon Valley types of housing markets have vanished for the foreseeable future but not forever. Historically, there will be another housing bubble; it is not now.

It is difficult to watch national news and witness the declines in housing prices, increases in foreclosures and rethinking of home ownership. Unfortunately, Port Ludlow is not immune from such issues. From the 1980s to 2007 housing prices increased approximately five percent a year. Beginning in 2008 property values began to decline. Declines in 2009-2010 were more than 15 percent a year. The current average days listed for a single family home is 207.

At the close of 2010 there was more than a three years’ supply of houses at the current rate of sales. Property values are now less than assessed valuations for taxes, which impacts significantly on County revenues, a topic of a future article.

Port Ludlow has no substantial economic base. Unlike Port Townsend and other communities, there are no businesses needing employee housing nearby. Aside from telecommuters and those employed in the surrounding areas, the majority of residents are retired. This lack of economic base results in our housing market being out of sync with other areas and is reflected in housing sales.

In addition, as the average age of our population increases, a greater focus is on access to health care, proximity to family and/or friends, and downsizing. Such needs can force a house sale.

The decision to sell a home requires understanding that the real estate world has undergone a major structural shift in the last few years. The current housing market is highly competitive and sellers must be price competitive rather than merely profit-oriented. The days of overpricing with the hope that some fool will buy, or to just see what happens, are gone. Once listed, pricing history is available to the public. Repeated price reductions may signal poor initial pricing or unrealistic expectations, all of which diminish a property’s saleability.

Surprisingly, a number of buyers are available but they are a new breed of computer sophisticates, highly conversant with the Internet. A few keystrokes will locate historical purchase prices, trends in sales, compare current listings and glean information from an array of sources. The majority of potential buyers visiting Port Ludlow have prepared well in advance of their arrival. This is a revolution in the decision-making process for buying property.

Port Ludlow is also in direct competition with surrounding cities. For example, Sequim, with a focus on retirees, has grown substantially in the past 10 years. It now features major shopping opportunities, modern health care facilities and multiple entertainment choices.

Overall, we are experiencing a strong buyers’ market. If one needs to sell soon, effort and flexibility are required, but there is a reasonable potential for success. For those not pressured to sell, continue to enjoy our unique and beautiful community, ideal for a pleasant and fulfilling life. Over time these attributes should help in mitigating the current environment. Realtors Karen Best, Bryan Diehl, Laura Halady and Chuck Hynden believe better times are coming.

Real Estate Under the Tuscan Sun

by Faye Beuby, Contributing Writer

While many Americans have dreamed of owning a home in Italy, most are totally unaware of the challenges that abound throughout the buying process, including no multiple listings, not having a single real estate agent, often differing prices for the same home, nonexistent mortgages, paying in cash, disappearing kitchens and bathrooms, no central heating, high taxes and residency requirements.

Before purchasing my 500-year-old home, I toured almost 200 homes, apartments and, yes, even ruins in the city of Lucca and small villages in the Tuscan countryside. During this effort I sought the expert advice of dozens of real estate agents as each had his/her own inventories—no multiple listings in Italy. Often I would “re-see” an apartment or home with different agents. Frequently the same dwelling had considerably different prices (as much as 20 percent) from agent to agent. The viewed homes would typically lack kitchens and bathrooms, as the Italians take these with them when moving. Moreover, heating systems would routinely consist only of a fireplace—as a rule in the kitchen.

Home mortgages have only become a recent option in Italy. Even now mortgages will only cover a small percentage of the selling price and are not available to non-Italians.

After a year of searching, finding and negotiating a price on a home in a hillside village, it was finally time to transact the deal and to pay. In Italy the contract must be read by a lawyer in the lawyer’s office. However, as tax-evasion is a major pre-occupation in Italy, the price on the contract is always much less than the actual price paid—a benefit to both buyer and seller. Thus, when the lawyers get to the part in the contract about the amount of money being exchanged, they leave the room; we then hand over the cash. Yes, cash—often in a suitcase! That’s the way it is generally done—no checks, electronic transfers, etc.

To escape the heavy 10 percent sales tax imposed on foreigners when purchasing property, I made my way through the months’ long maze of obtaining my Italian residency permit. Thus, I was levied a mere 3 percent.

In spite of all these challenges, the overall experience was immensely rewarding and actually quite entertaining. Also, the opportunity to live among the wonderful, openhearted Italians was one of the richest experiences of my life.

Whither the Heat Pump

by Beverly Browne, Editor

Heat pumps are not a very glamorous subject. They become even less glamorous when they go on the fritz. Let’s face it. Everything has a life expectancy including your heating system. Still, it is a shock to be told that the only option is to replace the entire system, furnace and all, to the tune of thousands of dollars. Changes in refrigerant types, we have been told, make that a possibility. Take heart fellow consumers; there may be other options.

According to Wikipedia, a heat pump is a device that moves heat from one location at a lower temperature to another higher temperature heat sink using mechanical means or a high-temperature heat source. The difference between a heat pump and a normal air conditioner is that a heat pump can be used to provide heating or cooling. Even though the heat pump can heat, it still uses a basic refrigeration cycle. In other words a heat pump can change which coil is the condenser and which the evaporator. This is normally achieved by a reversing valve. In cooler climates it is common to have heat pumps that are designed only to provide heating.

There are two main types of heat pumps, compression and absorption. Compression pumps operate with electricity, usually in residences; absorption pumps, mostly used by industries, use heat as an energy source. In addition, some systems, often called central forced air systems, use ducting that runs through the home to deliver heat or cooling to the whole house. Others are ductless, comprised of both an outdoor and indoor unit that is placed on a wall or ceiling. These systems may be most useful in situations where ducting does not exist or where the customer is interested in heating or cooling an individual space. They can be retrofitted into an existing furnace.

Just as there are many producers of heat pumps, there are many businesses selling and installing them. They are not all equal. If you are faced with repairing or replacing your heat pump, getting more than one quote is a good idea. This year one Port Ludlow resident was told that the whole system, heat pump and furnace, had to be replaced. The problem of refrigerants and compatibility was cited as the reason and the quote of \$11,000.

The prospective customer went for a second opinion and, in the end, paid \$89 for the fix that involved tightening a loose wire. He gratefully paid an additional \$400 for an upgrade kit, still a bargain. The moral of this story is use your Internet and seek advice from trusted sources to check out options. It can save you a ton of money.

Making Sense of Water Rates

by Jen Portz, Contributing Writer

Will we get soaked by higher water rates? A look at the past may help understand the future. In 1968 Pope and Talbot incorporated the Ludlow Utilities Company to “establish, maintain and operate sewers and sewer systems and water supply and systems.” Later the utility split into separate entities with separate employees and equipment. By 1997 Pope Resources had been formed and was spinning off their various parts into the wholly-owned subsidiary “Baby Olys”—Olympic Resource Management (ORM) to handle forests, Olympic Property Group (OPG) to manage developments and a now recombined Olympic Water and Sewer (OWSI), currently part of Port Ludlow Associates (PLA).

OWSI President Larry Smith has managed Ludlow’s water and sewer for over 27 years. He works to keep costs in control while maintaining a healthy water supply and appropriate handling of waste. Unlike its predecessor, OWSI maintains one set of equipment and cross trains employees to help keep costs—and rates—in control. Historically water rates increased in 1992, decreased in 1994 and stayed unchanged for 14 years until increasing in 2008.

OWSI is not a municipal water district, but a private, investor-owned company, the water side of which is subject to Washington’s Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) oversight. UTC’s website says it protects consumers by ensuring “services are fairly priced, available, reliable and safe.” They want companies to stay solvent without gouging their customers. When filing for an increase, purveyors must prove it is necessary and appropriate. Filings include an average-year financial report of assets and liabilities that UTC audits, noting errors and asking for additional information if needed. The public weighs in as well.

Smith admits, “Our rate filing is not normal.” Partly it is because OWSI is a combination water-sewer provider and PLA provides reimbursable general and administrative costs and insurance. OWSI has closely monitored these expenses since the 2008 filing. Partly that is because UTC does not allow companies to collect money for a reserve but does allow an imputed interest expense so monetary backers who fund capital improvements out-of-pocket may make a UTC-approved return on investment. What really sets this filing apart is Well 17.

As wells age their ability to supply water diminishes. Roughly 50 years old, Well 2 off of Walker Way, is showing its age. Port Ludlow’s northern wells aren’t the strong producers—its southern wells and pipes linking

the north and south water infrastructures can only move so much. Improving these connecting lines is hugely expensive, so OWSI decided to drill replacement Well 17 nearby to use current piping but drilling far enough away not to impact Well 2.

While it was known Pope had long ago removed fuel tanks near Well 2, its water was always clean and it was thought soil contamination was confined to an area under a maintenance building. Drilling commenced well away from the concerns, but at 50 feet down gasoline contamination halted drilling. An investigation began.

Was the decision to drill justified? When tanks are removed it is a judgment call for the regulating agency whether to explore for contamination. If the tank’s pumping logs don’t show a discrepancy, there’s little incentive to delve further. Contamination can appear trapped in a confining soil layer, but gas can migrate laterally, leak through in one spot and go unnoticed. Even test wells, which are generally 20 feet deep, would have supported the confined contamination theory.

As a private company, OWSI may recoup costs and make a reasonable profit. If Well 17 had produced, it would be an asset with expenses recovered via depreciation; if a dry hole, costs could be rolled into outlays for another well, but neither is the case. Even litigation, if pursued, has costs and provides no guarantees.

Plans for further drilling have been shelved and a booster pump was installed in the north-south connecting infrastructure to handle peak demands. Currently the rate filing is suspended while OWSI and UTC discuss how to move forward with the cost of Well 17’s system design and drilling, the contamination investigation and eventual cleanup. UTC must now determine what rate will be appropriate. Their decision should be known by mid-February.

Chimacum Corners

by Kathleen Traci, Contributing Writer

If you’re a local, you know that “Chimacum Corners” is located at the corner of Highway 19 (Beaver Valley Road/Rhody Drive) and Center Valley Road. Drivers of the 20,000 cars passing through this intersection every day patronize the establishments located here.

Ludlowites, who used to frequent Tiny’s Fruit Stand at this intersection, have discovered the Chimacum Farmstand store that has taken over Tiny’s location. Their cage-free eggs and local produce are principal draws (See related article on page 9).

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One resident of Port Ludlow begins each day savoring biscuits and gravy at On Common Grounds at 8972 Beaver Valley Road, while others have discovered their wonderful pastries, baked fresh daily. The Almond Bear Claws are the most popular and usually sell out, despite their \$3 each price tag. If you want them as a special treat for houseguests, call ahead to order (360-732-4467). Their soups and quiches are delicious. On Common Ground's outside patio deck seating is a delightful place to enjoy a rich cup of coffee.

A little known fact about Chimacum Corners is that the car wash next to the empty gas station is still operational. It is simple to operate and does an excellent job. The new corner gas station is busy with multiple gas pumps, a convenience store and a coffee kiosk in the station's lot.

The pies at The Chimacum Café on Rhody Drive are excellent and you can call ahead to order whole pies for takeout (360-732-4631). They offer an extensive list of pie varieties, including wonderful fruit pies.

Black Oil Sunflower Seeds are sold in 25-pound bags by Cenex Harvest States located at 9315 Rhody Drive (360-732-4585). Their price is reasonable and you might want to call about garden supplies before going to big box Stores in Poulsbo or Sequim. Pay for your items at the counter and someone from the warehouse loads your order into your car. Now that's service!

Restoring the Elwha

by Stephen Cunliffe, Contributing Writer

The Elwha River was born millions of years ago when the Olympic Mountains formed its valley as they were thrust towards the sky. Like all the rivers that rush down from the Olympics, it is relatively short and steep. It measures only 45 miles long, but together with its tributaries accounts for around 150 miles of fast flowing water, draining an area of 270 square miles.

Ten different species of salmon and trout ran in this river, providing almost year-round fishing for the Lower Elwha Klallam tribe. In 1855 this tribe, among others, ceded its land rights at the treaty of Point no Point. They retained the rights to fish in their "usual and accustomed" fishing grounds but 50 years later these rights became almost meaningless.

Just 100 years ago this thriving ecosystem was literally stopped in its tracks. Two dams were built to provide power for the industrial growth of Port Angeles. First in 1913 the 108-foot high Elwha Dam was built and then in 1927 the larger 210-foot Glines Canyon Dam that created Lake Mills was built, blocking the flow of the

Elwha without providing any means for salmon and trout to travel upstream. What had once been one of the most productive salmon streams of the Pacific Northwest was reduced to a mere five miles of accessible river. The estimated 400,000 salmon that formerly returned to the river each year fell to only 4,000, a reduction of 99 percent.

Fortunately the damage can, and will be, undone. Beginning next year, both dams are scheduled for removal, a process that will take up to three years. The technology of dam removal is still in its infancy, and the learning from this huge project, the largest dam removal in U. S. history, will provide valuable information for many similar removals that will occur around the country in the coming years.

For all its size the project is delicate, particularly since there is an estimated 17 million cubic yards of sediment backed up by the two dams over 90 years. Water treatment facilities for Port Angeles were completed last year to protect the water supply from the increased amounts of sediment that will continue to flow after the dams have been cleared. The sediment will bring benefits too, helping to restore and expand the wetlands of the Elwha Delta. There is more work to be done even after the dams are gone; rapid replanting with native plants of the bare valleys left by the lakes will take place to prevent the invasion of non-native species.

The overall time taken to restore the river might seem long. Planning has been ongoing for the last 20 years. The date for this final phase has continually been pushed back. It will take perhaps another 20 years for the stock of salmon and trout to fully restore itself and for the Elwha to return to its original state. But in the context of geographic time, its interruption will have been very brief.

Winter Fragrance in the Garden

by Eline Lybarger, Contributing Writer

Mention fragrance in the garden and it inspires thoughts of spring Daphne, summer roses, or lilies. You also can plant for winter fragrance. Just outside my front door are several *Sarcococca* that treat all who enter to their perfume. It is sometimes called Sweet Box and is in the family *Buxaceae*. Its native habitat is the cool, dense forests of the Himalayas in western China and Southeast Asia, so the cold weather here in Port Ludlow doesn't damage its foliage or discourage blooming.

The evergreen shrub is shiny dark green with small leaves that would be an asset to the garden even without the fragrant blooms that come in late winter to early spring. It is hard to believe that the tiny cream-colored blossoms

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appearing at the base of the leaves along the stem are capable of producing such a pungent fragrance. Cut a small twig and use it to deodorize or to add a distinctive fragrance to any room.

All *Sarcococca* like cool shade but will tolerate some summer sun if you keep them well watered during the hottest days. Plant them in plenty of mulch to hold the water, but they also like a neutral pH; you may need to add a few egg shells, some bone meal or a small amount of lime each year, as our ground becomes more acid as things decay.

This is a shrub, but you still have some options about size. *Sarcococca confusa* will slowly reach 7-feet tall by 7-feet wide. It also has beautiful red berries that turn black when ripe. *Sarcococca saligna* is 3-feet tall by 3-feet wide; the leaves are slightly narrow and a paler green. It has male flowers that are green and female flowers that are a greenish-white. The fruit is egg shaped and dark purple. *Sarcococca hookeriana* subspecies *humilis* is a ground cover. Another variation is *Sarcococca hookeriana* 'Purple Stem' that has pink flowers with new shoots of magenta. There are more, but any of these will lead your nose into the garden in winter.

From the Desk of the Commissioner

by John Austin, Jefferson County Commissioner

Last month I had the honor of attending the County Drug Court graduation ceremonies. This particular graduation was unique in being the last in which County Prosecutor Juelie Dalzell would be a participant. Juelie was honored for her 12 years of service to the community as prosecutor, and for her support of the Drug Court and the many citizens who have benefited from this successful program.

The Drug Court is an alternative to jail for people who have run afoul of the law consequent to their abuse of drugs or alcohol. Upon recommendation by the County Prosecutor, Judge Verser may assign a person to Drug Court. This means enrolling in a drug treatment program such as Safe Harbor in Port Townsend and attending a meeting each Thursday morning at 8:30 a.m. at the Superior Court Chambers. The meeting includes the Judge, a County Prosecutor, a Defense Attorney, the Drug Court administrator and fellow attendees. Professional guidance is provided by Ford Kessler, the director of Safe Harbor. Participants submit to random urinalyses. Use of illegal drugs is not tolerated and leads to incarceration. In the group meetings, people learn from the experience of others. Some have been sober for years and others are at earlier stages of recovery.

After many months or even several years, with perseverance, one may graduate from Drug Court. On this day past graduates, County officials, the Judge, Prosecutor, and the Defense Attorney assemble in the Superior Court room. Usually before and after photos are projected before the audience as well as a brief list of the crimes which led to assignment to drug court. The members of the court talk of the graduates' progress. The graduates tell of how the experience has changed their lives. Family members and friends proclaim support. With an emotionally dramatic gesture, the County Prosecutor drops the case file into a garbage can and there is applause.

Not everyone can be assigned to Drug Court or can succeed, but for dozens of our citizens, the program has turned them into productive citizens.

Year-Round Fun at Butchart Gardens

by Diane Ruff, Contributing Writer

With both my daughters visiting at Christmas, I wanted to make it special and decided on a trip to Victoria, B.C. As you arrive on the *Coho* ferry, the spectacular lights of the Legislative Buildings and the Harbour surround you. The *Coho* leaves Port Angeles and Victoria twice daily and takes 90 minutes; reservations recommended. There are package deals offering accommodations for every budget. (See www.cohoferry.com.)

Upon arrival we walked just a few blocks to the Marriott Victoria, Inner Harbour. The beds were superior, within walking distance to everything, and the hotel serves a fantastic breakfast buffet. (See www.victoriamarriott.com.)

Arriving Christmas Eve we didn't allow much time to catch the Butchart Gardens bus on our Attractions Pass. Access www.Tourismvictoria.com for news of commercial promotions, their newsletter, a listing of events, attractions and accommodations.

Memories are often made of unplanned events. I'll always remember Christmas Eve dinner at the bus station consuming the interesting looking fruit plates from a fast food outlet. We caught the bus and were greeted at Butchart Gardens with tens of thousands of lights.

Wandering the Garden's 55 acres sent us in search of the characters in the song, *The Twelve Days of Christmas*, attempting to remember and locate how many maids were milking and birds a-calling. Upon discovering birds on cell phones, we found the latter.

After singing the familiar song amongst ourselves, we found the "French hens and golden rings" and celebrated

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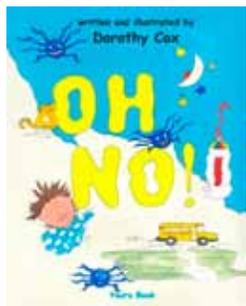
with hot chocolate by the fire in the restaurant. Victoria is known for its mild climate, and Butchart Gardens has thousands of free umbrellas to borrow.

The Gardens have five Seasons so there is always something new to delight the senses. Winter features the Rose Carousel, the Skating Rink and touring the Family Residence. Spring bursts with bloom and an Easter Bunny Hunt. Summer features Night Illuminations, boat rides, concerts, fireworks displays and greenhouse tours.

Check it all out at www.butchartgardens.com. No matter when you're going or who you're taking, you'll have a fabulous time in Victoria and at Butchart Gardens.

OH NO! by Dorothy Cox

Reviewed by Bev Rothenborg, Arts and Entertainment Editor



Cover art by Dorothy Cox.

Courtesy graphic

Finley, a small town in Washington State, is where Dorothy Cox's childhood began and her artistic talents were first exhibited. In a country schoolhouse near Kennewick, she drew pictures of horses and people for second grade classmates.

Cox studied art and interior design at Columbia Basin College in Pasco where she was the graphic artist for the Associated Student

Body. Her talents kept on blossoming and she illustrated a calendar for Green Giant. After taking courses in Childhood Education at Wenatchee Community College, she taught preschool in Helena, Montana.

Story time with her young students was Cox's favorite classroom time. As she watched children react to the stories she read, the story of Peter's dream popped into her mind. (Peter is the hero of *OH NO!*) She jotted down the verses on the back of an envelope and waited for the right time to create the story's artwork. The summer of 2010 was the right time so in her studio on the Olympic Peninsula, Dorothy channeled her artistic talents into the colorful drama that becomes Peter's dreamscape.

This story can be shared with children and grandchildren everywhere when they are confronted with a topsy-turvy world. The verse and artwork help young minds see that Peter's shout of "Oh No!" is but a step along the path to a comforting "Oh Yes!"

A&E Editor's Comment: Dorothy Cox's short, colorful and charming book would be a lovely addition to any child's bookshelf. It can be purchased by going to her website at www.myohno.com/. I'm looking forward to sharing it with the young ones in my family.

Winter Recreation at the Ridge

by Bev Rothenborg, Arts and Entertainment Editor

Something new has been added to the services available for trips to Hurricane Ridge in the Olympic National Park. All Points Charters and Tours will provide twice-daily van service from downtown Port Angeles (PA) to the park **Wednesday through Sunday**. The shuttles depart the PA Regional Chamber of Commerce at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., with another stop 5 minutes later at the Vern Burton Center. The trip to the park takes 45 minutes. Return shuttles leave the Ridge at approximately 11:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Advance reservations are recommended and can be made by calling All Points at 360-565-1139 or 360-460-7131. Round-trip tickets are \$10. This is a terrific service since sudden storms, high winds (thus the name Hurricane) and blizzard conditions are not uncommon and all vehicles now are required to carry tire chains. Also the number of parking spaces is limited on busy days.

The Ridge is about 17 miles from downtown PA, and there is much to do at this National Park. There are downhill, cross-country skiing and snowboarding areas with tows. There are tubing and sliding areas for children 8 years and younger, and overnight wilderness camping for those intrepid souls.

More to my liking are the ranger-led snowshoe walks! After four snowshoeing ladies got lost last year at Snoqualmie Pass by venturing off the trail and spending the night on a tarp cozying up to one woman's dog, I'm sticking with the rangers. Yes, the ladies were found the next day, but I like my warm bed too much....

Walks are offered at 2:00 p.m. **Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Monday holidays through Sunday, March 27**. They last 90 minutes and are less than one mile in length. Space is limited, so you should register at the Visitor Center information desk at least 30 minutes prior. A suggested \$5 donation helps the Park provide the guided walks and the snowshoes.

Another option is just to enjoy the scenery from the viewpoints and the Visitor Center. There is a snack bar, ski shop and restrooms. It's a great place to warm up and to check out the interesting nature exhibits.

Park entrance fees are \$5 per person for anyone 16 or older. A real bargain is the Senior National Parks Lifetime Pass at \$30 for residents 62 years or older. It includes everyone in your vehicle. More information is available at www.nps.gov/olym/. To view the weather conditions, go to the website, click first on "Photos & Multimedia" and then on "Webcams." This image is updated every 15 minutes. To speak to a ranger, call 360-565-3136.

Chimacum Corner Farmstand

by Kathleen Traci, Contributing Writer

After months of preparation, Chimacum Corner Farmstand Store opened for business as an outlet for locally produced food on the first day of the November snowstorm. The five inches of snow didn't stop co-owners Malcolm Dorn, Katy McCoy and Phil Vogelzang from proceeding with their "opening before Thanksgiving" plans. Retail manager Mike Garling commented, "We did a remarkable amount of business on our first day given the bad weather." He and John Foss, produce manager, are the first employees of the store, located at Four Corners, the intersection of Highway 19 and Center Valley Road.



Surprise snow on Opening Day!

Photo by Katy McCoy

Winter hours are Monday-Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., and the new website address is www.chimacumcorner.com. The store offers Chimacum and Olympic Peninsula-raised beef and pork; local dairy products (including raw milk and fresh eggs), local produce, as well as locally produced bread, sweets, preserves, ciders, ice cream, hot soup, salads, sandwiches and coffee. Customers have meetings at window tables, with a cup of coffee, soup or sandwich, or check their e-mail on the free Wi-Fi. The store also carries products from outside the area to meet their customers' needs.

The building was originally an auto parts store and more recently Tiny's Produce. A fresh coat of paint and colorful graphics (including a popular 12-foot-high rooster by artist and co-owner Katy McCoy) help spruce up the exterior. Location is key, on the busy 20,000-cars-a-day intersection.

The store's large parking lot doubled last summer as the vibrant new site for the growing Chimacum Farmers' Market, which returns every Sunday starting in May.

"This new front-and-center location, said co-owner Dorn, is really helping put the Chimacum Farmers' Market on the map!"

McCoy's husband Vogelzang sees the venture as primarily a service to the community. "This place has an amazing history of feeding people. 'Downtown Chimacum' used to be a thriving place of commerce. There's no reason it can't happen again." Patronize the new Chimacum Corner Farmstand Store for fresh locally grown food.

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Local News

Silent Art Auction Helps Chimacum Students

The Port Ludlow Artists' League is sponsoring its Sixth Annual Scholarship Auction on **Friday and Saturday, March 25 and 26**. This year the auction will be in a new location, the Bridge Deck, just off Oak Bay Road near the Beach Club.

This is a wonderful opportunity to pick up artwork and art-related items by local artists and at the same time help college-bound Chimacum High School students. With generous community support the League has been able to provide over \$13,000 of college scholarship money from previous auctions. Fifteen area students have been helped in their pursuit of a higher degree because of this money.

As in previous years items up for bid may include original paintings in oils, watercolors and pastels; prints; photographs; pottery; tiles; textiles; jewelry; baskets of art supplies for visiting grandchildren or for a budding adult artist; tuition to local art classes and cards. All works donated are from members of the Port Ludlow Artists' League and other local artists.

Items will be offered through a silent auction with bidding opening at noon on **Friday, March 25**, and running through 8:00 p.m. that night. The Auction opens again at 9:00 a.m. on **Saturday, March 26**, ending at 2:00 p.m. that afternoon. Winning bidders may pick up their items at the Bridge Deck through 4:00 p.m. on Saturday.

A special reception and viewing of the auction items will be held at the Bridge Deck on **Friday, March 25**, from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, to donate an art-related item or to donate money for the scholarships, please contact Ginny Ford at 437-2298 or vpatrickford@aol.com.

Port Ludlow Artists' League

Photographer Gary Settle is the Port Ludlow Artists' League Artist of the Month with an exhibit throughout the month of February in Columbia Bank.

Retired 11 years ago from a photojournalism career, Settle explained, "I gave myself a project, to make sure I took a photograph a day." It was a personal challenge to keep being curious about seeing things. Most days it culminated in a positive and satisfying experience but

sometimes it was a chore. "There were days when it was just like work!" His exhibit will be a sampling of enlarged pages from this project.

"I'd done this picture-a-day twice before, in 2004 and 2007, and it's fascinating to look back at them," he said. Each year is bound into a 365-page book by a local book-binder, Dave Myhre. "Patti said I had to do it again. We have three sons, and they'd each want one."

Born and raised in Kansas, Settle and artist wife, Patti, have been Olympic Terrace residents for over six years. Growing up, Gary always looked forward to the family's annual vacation "somewhere out West." During those trips he took pictures with his Kodak Brownie camera, then with his father's Rolleiflex. His father taught him how to develop film and make prints; by his 16th birthday he landed a part-time job as a darkroom boy and photographer at his hometown newspaper. That was the start of a 45-year career in photojournalism at several newspapers.

He won the National Press Photographers' Association (NPPA) award for Newspaper Photographer of the Year, while working for the *Chicago Daily News* in the late sixties, 15 years after that first job. He was hired by *The New York Times* two years later and earned the title yet again.

Settle came to the Pacific Northwest in 1979 to accept a job as the Assistant Managing Editor/Graphics at *The Seattle Times*, where he was responsible for supervising the photography and art departments as well as the overall design of the newspaper.

League members and Port Ludlow friends are invited to view Settle's exhibit at the "First Friday Reception," **Friday, February 4**, from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in the lobby of Columbia Bank and from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in the Art Gallery adjacent to the bank.

Blood Drive Announced

A blood drive is scheduled for **Monday, February 7**, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with an hour closure from 11:00 a.m. to noon for lunch. The drive will be held at the Port Ludlow Community Church.

For information contact Sally Hirschmann at 437-1377. To make an appointment to donate, call 1-800-398-7888.

Bank Adds Depth to Mortgage Division



Shelli Cates joins Kitsap Bank.

Submitted photo

Kitsap Bank continues to strengthen its Mortgage Loan Division in response to a growing demand for mortgage services. Following the addition of Matthew Kover, Senior Vice President/Manager, to the Mortgage Loan Division in July, two new employees, Shelli Cates and Geri Barkhoff, have joined the Kitsap Bank team.

Shelli Cates, Residential Mortgage Loan Officer for the Olympic Peninsula, is based in Kitsap

Bank's Port Ludlow Branch. She has over 20 years of experience in the mortgage industry, is a resident of Port Ludlow, and is involved in her local Chamber and Rotary.

Geri Barkhoff, Mortgage Loan Processor, has 13 years of experience. She will be serving customers out of Kitsap Bank's Point Fosdick Branch in Gig Harbor.

"Our neighbors are recognizing that now is a great time to purchase, refinance or remodel a home," notes Steve Politakis, Kitsap Bank Executive Vice President/Chief Credit Officer, "We are committed to meeting the needs of our community and that includes helping them take advantage of these historic times. Our highly experienced team of lending professionals is ready to assist."

Established in 1908, Kitsap Bank is headquartered in Port Orchard, operating 20 locations throughout Western Washington.

Players Announce Cast of Spring Production

by Vallery Durling, Director

Ludlow Village Players (LVP) has been auditioning actors since November for Agatha Christie's *Towards Zero*, and the results are another extremely talented group of men and women to entertain Port Ludlow playgoers in the spring.

The cast members named to date are: Veterans Randy Duhon, Doug Hubbard and Sue Platt, who are remembered for last year's *Love, Sex and the IRS*. Joining them are newcomers to Port Ludlow stages: Jim Gormly, Peggy Harju, Amber McKennon, Mike Perzel and Phyllis Waldenberg. Three additional cast members are still being sought, two males and one who could be male or female.

We are all very excited and enthusiastic to get to work rehearsing and to bring another excellent opportunity for local entertainment to our friends and neighbors.

We are also beginning to assemble another great production team to support this great cast. If any of you would like to join the LVP production family for 2011 as backstage support or perhaps as one of the missing actors, please call Val Durling at 437-2861 or e-mail rkcd@waypoint.com. I promise you will have a lot of fun.

Mark your calendars, and to you "snowbirds," plan to be here for the Ludlow Village Player's production of *Towards Zero*, **Friday-Sunday, April 15-17** at the Bay Club. Tickets go on sale mid-March.

Fly Fishers Host Presentations

The Port Ludlow Fly Fishers are hosting three presentations during the next three months on **Tuesdays, February 15, March 15 and April 19**. All will be held at the Bay Club, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The monthly meetings will change from the customary afternoons to the evenings, so that we can make the presentations available to people interested in learning more about fishing. This also is for the convenience of our four sister clubs: The Bainbridge Island Fly Fishers, Greywolf Fly Fishing Club, Kitsap Fly Anglers and the Olympic Peninsula Fly Fishers. The presentations are free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

Tuesday, February 15 will feature four members of the Port Ludlow Fly Fishers simultaneously presenting and hosting "table sessions" where they will share their knowledge on local waters, equipment and techniques that work for them. It is expected that there will be a lot of useful information exchanged.

Tuesday, March 15 will feature Paul Dorn, Salmon Recovery Coordinator for the Suquamish Tribe. He will speak on both salmon restoration and recovery. Dorn brings 43 years' experience with salmon recovery and 34 years working with the Suquamish Tribe.

On **Tuesday, April 19**, Richard Stoll, well-known professional fisheries biologist and a certified casting instructor, will speak. Stoll has owned two fly shops in this area and is a world-class fly tyer. He has a new book, to be published momentarily, about salmon and what they see, and more importantly, what they eat.

We hope these programs will be of interest to the community. Future programs will include knot tying, casting and fishing etiquette.

Boeing Bluebills Preventing Falls Program

by Myron Vogt, Bluebills

Thirteen and a half million people, aged 65 years or older, fall each year. Falls cause 90 percent of broken hips. Of those who break a hip, 40 percent end up in nursing homes and 20 percent are never able to walk again. The three primary risk factors for falling are poor balance due to interactions of three or more prescriptions, medications, and muscle weakness.

Many of the health conditions that increase the chance of falling are treatable and should be addressed by your doctor. However, small improvements to your home can be of aid. The Bluebill Fall Prevention Program is aimed at facilitating installation of these improvements.

The program is focused on three areas: grab bar installations, stair railings and lifelines.

Grab bars aid in getting in and out of the shower, which can prove difficult or dangerous. A grab bar on the wall where you normally enter and exit can be of great help. A grab bar on the bathtub wall can help persons safely lower themselves into the water and make getting out much easier and safer. Bluebills can install grab bars on most surfaces: Tile, fiberglass or drywall. Cost is around \$30 per grab bar, normally paid for by the client. Labor is free.

Railings help seniors. The absence of a handrail on a stairway can be a real danger to the elderly or infirm. The most common point of entry into your home is from the garage yet very few homes have handrails on these steps. Often the steps off a deck have no handrails. Inside stairways always have a handrail on one side, however to many, a second handrail on the opposite wall is a great aid. Material for railings such as those mentioned above usually cost between \$50 and \$100. Bluebills do not charge for labor.

Lifeline is a medical alert system that allows a person to call for help from anywhere in the home in case of a fall or other emergency. Among adults 70 years and older, 5 in 10 will have difficulty getting up after falling. This service provides peace of mind not only for the wearer but also for loved ones who may be concerned about the ability of an elderly family member living alone to call for help.

Bluebills install Lifeline through Catholic Community Services. There is a monthly charge by Lifeline for the service but installation is free.

You Can Request This Service. Donna Jones at Catholic Community Services coordinates the Bluebill Fall Prevention Program in Jefferson County. Contact her at 360-405-0072, Extension 26 or e-mail donnaJ@ccsww.org.

Marvin Segar of Port Ludlow is the Bluebill program coordinator. If you have questions, contact him at 437-9514 or e-mail msegar@q.com.

Beginning Computer Classes

There is still time to enroll in the next session of Beginning Computer classes sponsored by the Port Ludlow Computer Club (PLCC). Membership in PLCC is not a requirement for these classes. They are suitable for beginners, people contemplating a computer purchase, and generally for people who wish to understand or brush up on the fundamentals of Windows XP/Vista and Windows 7, e-mail, letter writing and Internet browsing. They are also useful for people transitioning from Windows XP or Vista to Windows 7.

Classes will begin on **Wednesday, February 23** and continue for four additional consecutive Wednesdays, **March 2, 9, 16 and 23**, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Bay Club. The \$30 fee includes an easy-to-use text. This popular course fills rapidly, so if you have interest or wish to register, please call Bernie Kestler at 437-5102.

Great Courses Lecture Series

A new Lecture Series entitled "Classical Mythology," will begin **Wednesday, February 16**, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Bay Club. This course explores the origins and stories from Greek and Roman mythology, and the myths' influence on history, culture, the arts and western civilization. Each session will consist of two half-hour lectures leaving time for class discussion. The 12-week series of 24 lectures will alternate between the Bay and Beach Clubs.

Sign up with Mary Stuart by e-mail at marttiandmary@msn.com or call 437-8140 as soon as possible and request your guidebook for the course at approximately \$8 each. A supply will be purchased for those requesting them.

Thanks go to Dan Meade for providing the "The Great Courses" recorded material. For information on all of these courses, go to <http://www.teach12.com/great-courses.aspx>.

Jefferson County Fire District #3

Alarm Statistics December 2010

Alarms

Fire	1
False Alarm	1
Rescue/Emergency Medical	32
Good Intent	4
Service Call	5
Total Alarms	43

Ambulance Transports

Jefferson Healthcare	3
Harrison Medical Center	11
Harrison Silverdale	3
Airlift Northwest	2
Total Transports	19

Mutual Aid with Neighboring Districts

Provided	4
Received	1
Total Mutual Aid	5

Sheriff Reports Port Ludlow Incidents

by Sheriff Tony Hernandez, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office

For the month of December 2010, there were a total of 67 recorded Port Ludlow events known to the Sheriff's Office in comparison with 660 events County-wide. State Route 19, Tala Shore Drive, Oak Bay Road and Olympus Boulevard bound the area covered.

Agency Assist	6
Alarm or Incomplete 911 Call	8
Animal Control	10
Disturbance (unwanted persons, gunshots, etc)	9
Drugs	2
Malicious Mischief	0
Miscellaneous/Informational	4
Suspicious Vehicle or Person	4
Theft/Burglary	6
Traffic Incident/Complaint	7
Welfare Check	2
Warrant Arrests	2
Traffic Violations	6
Found Property	1

Let's keep our neighborhoods safe. Please contact the Sheriff's Office at 360-344-9700 if you notice any suspicious activity and always call 9-1-1 for an emergency.

Chief Ed Wilkerson's Safety Tip

For those of you who are interested in statistics ...

Did You Know:

- 64,100 – estimated home structure fires due to heating.
- 540 – estimated civilian fire deaths due to heating.
- 1,400 – estimated civilian fire injuries due to heating.
- \$943 million – estimated direct property damage due to heating fires.
- 16 percent – of all home fires were heating fires (second behind cooking).
- 3 out of 4 – civilians killed in home heating fires died in fires that involved (stationary or portable) space heaters.
- Half of home heating fires occurred in December, January and February.

Source: National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)

Ferry Fares Increase

On January 1, fares on the Washington State Ferries increased by 2.5 percent. Although there was some question about the legality of the increase, the State Attorney General ruled that, because voters approved the fare increase on November 19, it was not affected by the passage of Initiative 1053 which called for the legislature to approve all tax increases by a two-thirds majority vote.

The increase raises the price of a car-and-driver ticket on the Bremerton and Bainbridge Island routes to \$12.15 from \$11.85. The Port Townsend-Coupeville route is \$9.35. Passenger tickets on the Kingston, Bremerton and Bainbridge routes rise to \$7.10 from \$6.90. Monthly pass prices also increased.

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Community Meetings

Stamp and Paper Arts Group

On **Wednesday, February 16**, the Stamp and Paper Arts Group will meet from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Bay Club. Two new and fun projects will be presented: “How to Emboss Appliqués on a Candle” and “Making Gift Card Envelopes” for those handy little store gift cards we all love to give and receive.

If you’ve recently made or received a stamped or paper art card that you’d like to share during “Show & Tell” time, please bring them that day. Also, any gently used stamps that you no longer want, but someone else would love to own at a reduced price, please bring those as well.

We will continue to collect new cards, the fronts of used cards (without writing on the back), and calendar pictures that will be recycled and made into new usable cards to send to our troops overseas. These can be dropped off at both the Bay and Beach Club. Monetary donations are always welcome to help with mailing expenses. To find out more about this group, or how you can make a donation for “Operation Care Cards,” please contact Paula Davis at 437-2007.

Singles to Dine in Style

Singles—come out of the cold and join us by the fire at 4:30 p.m. on **Tuesday, February 22** for the featured “Comfy Dinner” in The Fireside at The Inn At Port Ludlow.

We believe you will enjoy getting together to enjoy the evening’s presentation of “Coq au Vin,” chicken braised in red wine with winter vegetables, your choice of the daily soup or seasonal salad and Chef Dan’s dessert for \$18 (plus tax and gratuity). You may order another menu item if you desire. Please call Peggy at 437-9935, by **Tuesday, February 15** for reservations.

You will be glad you made the effort to leave your abode for a while as you mingle with friends! And please wear your nametag!

Dine and Discover

On Monday, February 7, come to the Beach Club to learn about the “Orcas of the Salish Sea,” presented by Chrissy McLean, Marine Program Coordinator at the Port Townsend Marine Science Center (PTMSC). Did you know that there are different kinds of orcas that share our local waters? This slideshow presentation will discuss local orca populations, threats they face, current PTMSC research on orcas in Admiralty Inlet, and its work on the Orca Project featuring one of only five orca skeletons on display in the United States. Please sign up at the Beach Club to bring a potluck dish to serve at take 10 people.

On Monday, March 7, at the Bay Club, learn the history of Fort Casey from historian and author Terry Buchanan. Hear the story of the forts that guarded the approaches to Puget Sound. How close did our enemies come to our Naval bases? Terry has studied this history since the age of 14, when he first visited the site. His book traces the history from the 1890s to the present, with photos and personal narratives, throughout the eras of the Gold Rush, two World Wars and the Cold War. Please sign up at the Bay Club to take a potluck dish to serve at least 10 people.

For both events, remember to bring a complete table setting, including placemats, dishes, glasses, utensils and napkins, as well as your own beverage. A fee of \$2 per person will be collected at the door. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Please call Michael and Hilda Cahn with questions at 437-8223.

Port Ludlow Knitters Chat and Stitch

The knitters and crocheters of Port Ludlow, known as the Knitwits, meet regularly at the Beach Club’s Gazebo Room, 1:00-3:00 p.m., twice each month. Sessions are always scheduled for the first Thursday and third Tuesday of every month. It’s a fun group that is open to all knitters and crocheters, either beginners or experienced. For more information please call Bev Kestler at 437-5102.

Port Ludlow Book Club

What separates you from homelessness? How fragile is that line? When you read the stunningly touching book, *Breakfast at Sally's: One Homeless Man's Inspirational Journey* by Richard LeMieux, you may be shocked at how close each of us can come to that situation.

On **Tuesday, February 8**, 6:30 p.m. at the Bay Club, the author Richard LeMieux will join us to discuss his personal memoir of homelessness. LeMieux was a highly successful businessman who fell from affluence into living in his car and dining at the Salvation Army, Sally's, in Bremerton. He, with his "Wonder Dog" Willow, fought depression, an attempted suicide and the slow crawling back to what could be called a shadow of his former existence. During the course of this journey, LeMieux meets an extraordinary mixture of human beings. He puts an accessible and touching face on those individuals living on the streets and many times the ones asking us for assistance.

This really is a remarkable book, powerfully written, inspiring, heartbreakingly honest, and somehow, frequently quite funny. It is guaranteed you will never look at the homeless in the same way again!

The book selection for Tuesday, March 8 is *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett.

All are welcome. Questions? Call Martha Dawson on 437-4167.

Duplicate Bridge Winners

by Ian Feltham, Director

December 6: Marilyn Linrothe/Barbara Sexauer, first; Marilyn Elgin/Marvin Segar, second; Dan and Soozie Darrow, third.

December 13: Lee Amundson/Ted Wurtz, first; Dan and Soozie Darrow, second; Nancy McGillis/Ralph Stroy, third.

December 20: Jan Ditmar/Lois Ruggles, first; Nancy McGillis/Ralph Stroy, second; Marilyn Elgin/Marvin Segar, third.

December 27: Darrell Fett/Bruce Schmitz, first; Shirley Porter/Dorothy Winter, second; Nancy McGillis/Ralph Stroy, third.

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

Electronic Book Readers: an Update

One of the hottest gadgets to impact our daily lives lately are Electronic Book Readers. You've probably heard of them: *Kindle, iPad, Nook, Sony e-reader and others*. Maybe you received one for Christmas. Do you know what they are and what they do? Do you want to know more about them? If so, then come to a meeting sponsored by the Port Ludlow Computer Club (PLCC) **Monday, February 14**, at the Bay Club. Coffee and cookies at 5:30 p.m., program starts at 6:00 p.m. This event is free and open to anyone in the Port Ludlow area.

Last year, Martha Dawson, a member of the Port Ludlow Book Club and PLCC, introduced us to e-readers. On this Valentine's Day she will update her discussion and demonstration and attempt to answer your questions. She will show you that an e-reader is a rather simple device that lets you store a whole collection of books in a package as small as a traditional paperback. You will be able to read and enjoy your books wherever and whenever you like.

Dawson will also tell you how to obtain books for your reader—some you pay for, but many are free. And it's not just for books, either. With wireless or other Internet connection, you can download and read newspapers and magazines. The search feature lets you zip through your book, newspaper or magazine to find out what John Wilson did or what happened at Washaway Beach. Please join us at this public service meeting of the PLCC and learn about e-readers.

Upcoming PLCC Special Interest Groups (SIGs) and Workshops:

- Office SIG: **Monday, February 7**, 10:30 a.m. – noon
- Windows 7 SIG: **Thursday, February 17**, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
- A Special Topics SIG: **Monday, February 21**, 10:30 a.m. – noon
- Mac SIG: **Monday, February 21**, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- Photography/Pro Show Gold SIG: **Monday, February 28**, 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 current and prospective PLCC members only. Want to join the Port Ludlow Computer Club? Contact Dick Allyn at 437-7804, or e-mail him at zither2@q.com. For up-to-date Club news and schedules, check the PLCC website at www.pl-cc.com.

Artists' League Meeting



"Six Pears," a watercolor by Marti Mathis.

Submitted photo

Artist Marti Mathis will demonstrate "Watercolor Wraps and Framing Ideas" at the Port Ludlow Artists' League (PLAL) meeting on **Wednesday, February 16**. Mathis received a certificate in the Fundamentals of Fine Art in 1998 and continues to learn from her own library of over 100 art books. She has studied watercolor with Al Stein, Caroline Buchanan and Danny Adams. Her watercolors have been exhibited in local Northwest shows and her pieces have received several awards. She also teaches watercolor classes in Poulsbo.

Mathis loves watercolor for its glow and integrates her art studies and experience into her own realistic painting style. Her paintings can be seen at the Port Ludlow Artists' League Gallery next to Columbia Bank. "Seeing an idea come to life by composing, drawing and preparing that idea for color on paper is an important part of my art process," she says. "I paint in a realistic style and also take advantage of the movement and rhythm the paint takes when it meets with wet paper."

Although Mathis paints a variety of subjects, she is known for her vibrant floral paintings. She is drawn to any scene by the same elements, "The sunlight, shadows, reflections, shapes and shadow patterns are what attract me to a scene and inspires me to capture those elements on paper," she says.

Guests are welcome to attend this PLAL monthly meeting, social time and program in the Bay Club on **Wednesday, February 16**, at 1:00 p.m. A guest fee of \$5 may be paid for an individual meeting, or dues of \$30 will provide a year of inspiring programs for art lovers and artists of all levels. More information can be obtained by contacting President Wanda Mawhinney at 437-9081, or by e-mail at mawhinneyw_w@msn.com.

First Wednesday Lunch

Come and join us on **Wednesday, February 2**, at the Bay Club, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., for our next First Wednesday of the Month Luncheon. These luncheons were started back in 1978 to raise money for the Food Bank, but they have grown into so much more. They are a great opportunity for you to socialize with your friends, to meet and welcome new women to our community, to be entertained and educated, and to help supply the Tri-Area Food Bank.

The monthly Food Committee provides the meal. Instead of paying for your lunch, we ask that you make a donation to the Food Bank. This month we are requesting the following donations for the Food Bank: Body soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant and feminine hygiene products. Cleaning and laundry soap are always needed. Of course, cash or checks are much appreciated; please write checks to the order of the Tri-Area Food Bank.

After lunch we will be entertained by the Boot Scootin' Grannies of Hansville, WA. This is an act you just cannot miss. If you haven't already signed up, contact Taya Rose at either 437-8203 or tayarose@gmail.com.

The March lunch will be **Wednesday, March 2** at the Beach Club. Port Ludlow's Mary Small will talk to us about her experiences as a doctor in India.

Out to Lunch Bunch Going Hawaiian

The Community Enrichment Alliance (CEA) invites you to a "Taste of Hawaii" on **Wednesday, February 23** at 11:30 a.m. They will meet at the Aloha Kitchen in Silverdale to enjoy saimin noodle soup, mochiko chicken, pork laulau or kalua pork and poi. Try the delicious guava cake for dessert. Everyone will order from the menu that includes pupus, "on da side," aloha plates and island classics. Separate checks will be provided.



Deadline for reservations is **Wednesday, February 16**. You may sign up at the CEA promotional table in the Bay Club on Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Aloha Kitchen is located at 10516 Silverdale Way in Silverdale. If you have questions, please call Pauline Stearns at 437-5123.

February Hiking

Friday, February 4: Guillemot Cove

Explore a secluded cove that is part of a 200-acre preserve near Seabeck. Enjoy an easy walk with stunning views of the beach and a stately forest. Meet at the Bridge Deck at 8:30 a.m. to arrange carpools and get directions to the trailhead. Contact Lynn or Don Folsom at 437-9251 for information.

Friday, February 18: Barnes Creek

An easy to moderate hike of approximately 7 miles and an 800-foot elevation gain. Visit Marymere Falls in Olympic National Park and then make a gradual climb up Barnes Creek to another set of soothing cascades. Meet at the Bridge Deck at 8:30 a.m. to arrange carpools and get directions to the trailhead. Contact Judi or Larry Scot at 437-9299 for information.

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.

Port Ludlow Garden Club

On **Wednesday, February 9**, 11:00 a.m., the Port Ludlow Garden Club (PLGC) will meet at the Beach Club. Robert (Bob) Zimmerman of Chimacum Woods Rhododendron Nursery will speak on species rhododendrons, his primary interest. He has some 300 types in his six-acre garden/nursery.

Zimmerman has traveled three times with botanists to China and once to Tibet to study rhodies in the wild, facing adverse weather and rugged mountain hikes in his pursuits. Because rhododendron habitats in these countries are under constant threat from humans, he sees raising species rhodies as an investment in the future.

In a follow-up to the February program, Zimmerman will host PLGC members at Chimacum Woods in April, sharing his garden, shade houses and pond with us. More information about this field trip will be available next month.

The February meeting will be a brown bag lunch, with beverages and dessert supplied by the month's hostesses. It is open to non-members for a \$5 fee. Dues of \$20 for 2011 may be paid at the door or sent by check to PLGC, P. O. Box 65235, Port Ludlow, WA 98365. Membership

provides free attendance at all meetings and discounted rates for field trips, as well as an invitation to the annual members-only special holiday tea. PLGC President Tom Giske will conduct a short business meeting before the program, including the election of officers for 2011.

The ever-popular plant exchange has been moved forward to the March meeting, just in time for spring planting. Be thinking of what plants you have to contribute in exchange for those brought by other members. Any questions may be directed to Tom Giske at 425-301-5925.

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Port Ludlow Village Council

Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) Report

by Beverly Browne, Editor/Reporter

Secretary Ned Luce called the General Meeting of the PLVC to order on Thursday, January 6, at the Beach Club. Directors present were Pete Leenhouts, Larry Nobles, Shane Seaman, Tony Simpson, Don Thompson, Pat Traci and Elizabeth Van Zonneveld. Council members Jim Boyer, Laury Hunt, Tom Stone and Art Zoloth were absent. Recording Secretary Jane Navone took notes. Ned Luce declared there was a quorum. An audio recording was made of the meeting.

The agenda was adopted with one change involving comments from the audience. The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved. The new Recording Secretary was introduced and recognized.

Opening Comments: Larry Nobles requested an opportunity to introduce a topic ahead of schedule. He announced that the meeting with Jefferson County Hospital would be Thursday, January 13, at the Bay Club. Nobles said it is a top priority for the hospital and for Port Ludlow. The plan is for a Primary and Urgent Care facility to be open six days a week, ten hours a day. Ursel Krumme commented on promotion of the meeting and advocated using e-mail as well as posters and articles in the local papers. Further discussion focused on use of the e-mail lists maintained by the associations.

Treasurer's Report: Don Thompson gave the Treasurer's report that also was available in a printed form for the audience. He said that the PLVC has three bank accounts including certificates of deposit. He called attention to the Iron Mountain Quarry (IMQ) Legal Fund that was \$7,900 as of January. The IMQ-Pope Writ Guarantee is \$15,000. The PLVC had \$23,293 in General Operating funds available to it as of the meeting date.

Expenditures have exceeded incoming revenue and discussion focused on the need for finding a stable revenue stream. The PLVC receives about \$10,000 in phone directory sales but it has not been decided whether there will be a new directory put out this year.

A recommendation was made to give seed money to the Port Ludlow Festival Association in the amount of \$1,000. The new organization will be in charge of the summer festival this year.

Port Ludlow Village Council Meetings

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

Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, February 15
 3:00 p.m., Bay Club

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Donations have been coming in to the IMQ Legal Fund. Diane Ridgeley is sending thank you letters to the donors.

Committee and Community Reports:

IMQ Committee: Tony Simpson, Chair, gave a brief report on the status of the IMQ legal proceedings. He said that the County had applied to have the case reviewed by the Kitsap Superior Court. The review was declined. The PLVC appeal is still active. The Committee is waiting for a response from the County before withdrawing. If the appeal is withdrawn, donated funds will be returned to donors proportionally.

Dave Armitage added that the County is redoing the review of IMQ's application according to State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) guidelines. It is expected that a decision about the existence of significant impacts will be made soon. The question of damages will be considered later. As of the meeting, Jefferson County has rejected the IMQ studies as representing opinion, not science.

The PLVC report generated by the IMQ Committee has been given to the County. It shows a discrepancy between Pope's comments and actions. Discussion of the topic was scheduled for the Workshop on January 18.

Utility Committee: Bruce Schmitz gave a review of Olympic Water System (OWSI) request for a rate change. The Utility Committee met with the Washington Utility and Transportation Commission (WUTC) in December to present arguments against the increases. The WUTC decided not to approve the request. The reasons cited were that the tariff increases might injure the public and would not be fair. The Commission will review OWSI books and is negotiating with the company. Complete information is posted on the WUTC website.

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Schmitz said that the members of the Utility Committee gained information about how the WUTC assesses rates and what an allowable profit might be.

Publicity Committee: Bill Browne distributed examples of the new PLVC brochure. He said that smaller quantities of the brochure have been printed this time. This allows flexibility in changing the content. There are some typos on the current version but they will be corrected in the next printing. Production cost has been dramatically reduced to less than \$200 for 200 brochures.

Comments from the Audience: Sue Oemachen commented there is a perception in the community that the PLVC is holding a forum to discuss the IMQ situation. She was told that it would be primarily an informational meeting. The Workshop will continue with separate business after the IMQ portion of the meeting. Publicity about the meeting was being distributed.

Announcements: The next General Meeting of the PLVC will be **Thursday, February 3**, 3:00 p.m., at the Bay Club. The next Workshop meeting will be on **Tuesday, February 15**, also at the Bay Club. The Council meets at the Bay Club on even numbered months and at the Beach Club on odd numbered months. Additional information about the PLVC is available on the website at *plvc.org*.

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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

Tues., February 1

9:30 – 11:00 a.m., Trails Committee Meeting, Beach Club
 10:00 a.m. – noon, CEA Meeting, Beach Club
 Noon – 5:00 p.m., PLUSH Investment Meeting, Bay Club
 4:00 – 8:00 p.m., Comfy Dinner, The Fireside

Wed., February 2

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., First Wednesday Luncheon with the
 Boot Scootin' Grannies of Hansville, Bay Club
 4:00 – 8:00 p.m., Comfy Dinner, The Fireside

Thurs., February 3

9:00 a.m. – noon, Bayview Board Meeting (members),
 Bay Club
 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Knitwits, Beach Club
 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., PLVC General Meeting, Bay Club
 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Bluebills Meeting, Bay Club
 4:00 – 8:00 p.m., Comfy Dinner, The Fireside

Fri., February 4

8:30 a.m., Hiking Club Leaves for Guillemot Cove,
 Bridge Deck
 9:30 a.m. – noon, SBCA Board Meeting (members), Bay Club
 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Foot Care, Beach Club
 4:00 – 5:00 p.m., Artists' League First Friday Reception for
 Gary Settle Exhibit, Columbia Bank
 4:00 – 9:00 p.m., "Pasta Fresca," The Fireside
 5:00 – 6:00 p.m., Artists' League First Friday continues,
 Art Gallery

Mon., February 7

9:00 – 11:00 a.m., LOA Meeting (members), Beach Club
 9:00 – 11:00 a.m., Blood Drive, Community Church
 10:30 a.m. – noon, Computer Club Office SIG (members),
 Bay Club
 Noon – 3:00 p.m., Blood Drive, Community Church
 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Timberton Homeowner's Meeting (members),
 Bay Club
 5:30 – 9:00 p.m., Dine and Discover Potluck, "Orcas of the
 Salish Sea," Beach Club

Tues., February 8

4:00 – 8:00 p.m., Comfy Dinner, The Fireside
 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., Book Club with Author Richard LeMieux,
 Bay Club

Wed., February 9

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Garden Club Brown Bag Luncheon on
 Rhododendrons, Beach Club
 4:00 – 8:00 p.m., Comfy Dinner, The Fireside

Thurs., February 10

10:00 a.m. – noon, North Bay Drainage District Meeting,
 Beach Club
 Noon – 8:00 p.m., Hands on Clay, Bay Club
 4:00 – 8:00 p.m., Comfy Dinner, The Fireside

Fri., February 11

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., A Day with Chef Dan on Cooking
 Backyard Bounty, The Fireside
 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Hands on Clay, Bay Club
 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Valentine's Day Sale, Marina Office
 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 12

4:00 – 9:00 p.m., Valentine's Day Dinner, The Fireside
 6:00 – 10:00 p.m., Free Spirits Dinner Dance (members),
 Bay Club

Sun., February 13

4:00 – 9:00 p.m., Valentine's Day Dinner, The Fireside

Mon., February 14

3:30 – 5:30 p.m., MGA Meeting, Bay Club
 4:00 – 9:00 p.m., Valentine's Day Dinner, The Fireside
 5:30 – 6:00 p.m., Computer Club Social Time, Bay Club
 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Computer Club General Meeting on
 Electronic Book Readers, Bay Club

Tues., February 15

1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Knitwits, Beach Club
 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., PLVC Workshop, Bay Club
 4:00 – 8:00 p.m., Comfy Dinner, The Fireside
 6:30 p.m., Readers' Theater, for Location Call 437-2861
 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., Fly Fishers welcomes visitors, and hosts
 "Table Sessions," Bay Club

Wed., February 16

10:00 a.m. – noon, Stamp and Paper Arts, Bay Club
 10:30 – noon, South Bay Long-Range Planning Meeting,
 Bay Club
 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Artists' League Meeting features
 demonstration by Marti Mathis, Bay Club
 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., "Classical Mythology" Lecture Series,
 Bay Club
 4:00 – 8:00 p.m., Comfy Dinner, The Fireside
 7:00 p.m., USCG Auxiliary General Meeting, Fire Station

Thurs., February 17

1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Computer Club Windows 7 SIG (members),
 Bay Club
 4:00 – 8:00 p.m., Comfy Dinner, The Fireside

Fri., February 18

8:30 a.m., Hiking Club Leaves for Barnes Creek, Bridge Deck
 9:30 – 11:00 a.m., South Bay ARC Review Meeting, Bay Club
 4:00 – 9:00 p.m., "Pasta Fresca," The Fireside
 6:00 – 9:00 p.m., North Bay Family Movie Night, Bridge Deck

Sat., February 19

5:00 – 9:00 p.m., North Bay Potluck, Beach Club

Mon., February 21

10:30 a.m. – noon, Computer Club Special Topics SIG
 (members), Bay Club
 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., Computer Club Mac SIG (members),
 Bay Club

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Tues., February 22

4:00 – 8:00 p.m., Comfy Dinner, The Fireside
 4:30 p.m., Singles Dine on Comfy Dinner, The Fireside

Wed., February 23

11:30 a.m., CEA Out to Lunch Bunch at Aloha Kitchen, Silverdale
 2:00 – 5:00 p.m., Beginning Computer Class, Bay Club
 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., “Classical Mythology” Lecture Series, Bay Club
 4:00 – 8:00 p.m., Comfy Dinner, The Fireside

Thurs., February 24

Noon – 8:00 p.m., Hands on Clay, Bay Club
 4:00 – 8:00 p.m., Comfy Dinner, The Fireside
 4:00 – 9:00 p.m., LMC Board Meeting (members), Beach Club

Fri., February 25

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Hands on Clay, Bay Club
 4:00 – 8:00 p.m., Dinner Around the World, The Fireside

Sat., February 26

8:00 – 10:00 p.m., Arts Council’s Performing Arts in Port Ludlow, “A Touch of Benaroya” with the The Barston Quartet, Bay Club. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. for pre-concert reception, gourmet cheese tasting and art show.

Sun., February 27

Creole Classic Tournament, Golf Club

Mon., February 28

10:00 a.m. – noon, Computer Club Photography/Pro Show Gold SIG (members), Bay Club

Future Events

Trails Committee, March 1
 CEA Meeting, March 1
 PLUSH Investment Meeting, March 1
 First Wednesday Lunch features Mary Small on India, March 2
 Beginning Computer Class Continues, March 2, 9, 16, 23
 Dine and Discover on Fort Casey, March 7
 Garden Club Plant Exchange, March 9
 Fly Fishers Evening Presentation, March 15
 Nifty Niners Golf Club “Welcome to Golf” Party, March 17
 Performing Arts in Port Ludlow Presents “Clockwork,” March 18
 Lady Niners First Play Day, March 24
 Artists’ League Scholarship Silent Auction, March 25 and 26
 Ludlow Village Players Present *Towards Zero*, April 15 – 17
 For Sale by Owner Boat Show and Marine Swap, April 16
 Fly Fishers Evening Presentation, April 19

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LMC December Board Meeting Highlights

by Vaughn Bradshaw, LMC Secretary

The Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) monthly Board meeting was held Thursday, December 23 at the Bay View Room of the Beach Club following the special members' meeting. The following are highlights of that meeting:

The vote of the membership was to ratify the budget for 2011 as approved by the LMC Board of Trustees.

The new sound system funded by special donations is now operational. It is a great improvement over the old one. Thanks are due to all those who contributed and to Peggy Schafran who organized the fund-raising effort.

Significant electrical work is being undertaken in the RV storage lots. During the period of disruption, owners were permitted to park their RVs at their homes, but the regulations prohibiting such RV parking will be enforced again once the electrical work at the RV storage lots is completed.

The Board voted to appoint Jerry Purdy to fill the vacancy on the LMC Board of Trustees resulting from the resignation of Trustee Jim Boyer. The term of office for this appointment will be until the LMC election in April 2011

More About Volunteering

by Elizabeth Van Zonneveld, President

You have read often enough about the need for volunteers to participate in committees and run for election to your Board of Trustees. It's pretty easy to skip over this topic when it appears. Look at it from another point of view, please. We live in a truly beautiful place. We have privacy, quiet streets, parks, pools, tennis courts, extraordinary scenery and a wide range of amenities available at a nominal annual cost. The price for our high quality of life is voluntary participation in our own self-government.

Important Dates

LOA Meeting

Monday, February 7, 9:00 a.m.

e-mail: PortLudlowLOA@yahoo.com

Sign up for the *LOA Bulletin* online at the above address

LMC Board Meeting

Thursday, February 24, 4:00 p.m.

Telephone: 437-9201

e-mail: beachclub@olympus.net

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Visit www.lmcbeachclub.com for more complete information

All LMC members are welcome.



There is no building department, parks department or street department here. We maintain our way of life by serving on our own committees and maintaining the standards we all enjoy. So when you are asked to give a few hours to one of LMC's committees you are being offered a chance to set and maintain the standards of the North Bay community. A pretty cheap price for such a nice place to live, don't you think?

Two studies will be done for LMC in the coming months and the results will provide the Board and membership with considerable information about our facilities. What can be done with it? We all know we have an aging and sometimes inadequate building. Funds were budgeted to review and update the LMC's Reserves Schedule, which is the list of components that wear out over time, such as roofs, tennis courts, etc., together with projected replacement costs or major repairs.

The second study is one that has not been undertaken before. Recommendations in last year's long range plan included conducting a feasibility study of the Beach Club to help determine the long term cost benefit for maintaining the facilities. We know the Beach Club's electrical system will need significant renovation, the kitchen facility is in need of an upgrade, and we would like to make the facility more handicap-accessible.

What are our options? The Board will seek a professional evaluation of the physical condition of the Beach Club, the Bridge Deck, the RV Storage Yard and their components. Task teams of Trustees are evaluating the future

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needs of members for these facilities over ten years' time, preparing a request for bids for a professional evaluation including recommendations for repair or replacement and developing financial plans to present to LMC's members.

Manager's Report

by Brian Belmont, General Manager

By the time this article goes to press, the RV Storage Lot improvements should be complete. As reported last month, the improvements include:

- Improved overhead lighting
- Addition of digital cameras in both storage lots
- Re-wiring of the center island portion of the Rainier Lot

From mid-December to mid-January, LMC members may have observed many RVs parked on owners' property throughout the North Bay. LMC rules limit parking or storage of RVs on private property to 72 hours. The improvement project required 19 spaces to be vacated and limited the remaining owners' access to their stored property during the installation of the new equipment. Throughout the construction period, LMC allowed the affected tenants to store their RVs on their own property until the work was completed.

The winter of 2010-2011 has brought us a wide range of weather conditions. From mild to frigid temperatures, from blustery to beautiful calm days, we've experienced a little of everything. It's been my observation that when many of the North Bay owners have lost their electricity due to winter conditions, your Beach Club facility still has power. This all has to do with the configuration of the Puget Sound Energy (PSE) distribution system around the Resort area of Port Ludlow. So the next time you're sitting in the cold and dark, check the Beach Club. If we have power, come in and have a cup of coffee or take a hot shower. We strive to do our best to make your Beach Club visit comfortable and pleasant.

John Van Zonneveld "Big John" Award

by Brian Belmont, LMC General Manager

The late John Van Zonneveld was a man who often volunteered in our community and was a very noticeable presence with his energy, size and ideas. He was quick to meet people and share his thoughts, concerns and ideas. John began volunteering at a young age in Holland during World War II and part of his family and several friends were involved with Dutch resistance efforts. John continued volunteering for the rest of his life.

Following John's death, former Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) Trustee Jim Boyer suggested a "Big John" Award be presented each year to a member of our community who exemplified the spirit of volunteerism. The LMC Board of Trustees agreed with the idea and the "Big John" Award was established.

The first Big John Award was presented to an LMC member, Peggy Schafran, in 2010.

In conjunction with the LMC Annual Member Meeting Election in April 2011, the Board of Trustees will present the "Big John" Van Zonneveld award for exceptional volunteerism in service to the community. This award commemorates John's commitment to the Port Ludlow community and recognizes those who share that value. Nominations are open to North Bay residents and should be delivered in writing to the LMC Board by **Monday, February 28**. For further information, contact the Beach Club at 437-9201 or e-mail at beachclub@olympus.net.

This award may be presented each year, the recipient of which may or may not be an LMC member, for outstanding and dedicated volunteer service to the North Bay community. The LMC Board will consider prospects each year at its March meeting in executive session and determined by a majority vote. Current Board members are ineligible.

Recognition is in form of a certificate and the placing her/his name on a brass plate attached to the John Van Zonneveld "Big John" Award plaque in the Beach Club.

North Bay Family Movie Night

Mark your calendar for **Friday, February 18** for a great family movie night out. Grab the kids and meet at the Bridge Deck from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Enjoy popcorn and juice served along with the movie and the opportunity to socialize with your neighbors.

North Bay Potluck

Fight those winter doldrums by joining our **Saturday, February 19** potluck! Sharing great food, great company and great fun is a delightful way to warm up on a cold wintry evening. Keep on the lookout for postings at the Beach Club for further details.

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 Denotes Bay Club members-only activity.

SBCA Board Meeting

Friday, February 4, 9:30 a.m.

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All SBCA members are welcome. 

South Bay Community Association

by Janet Force, South Bay Editor

South Bay Community Association (SBCA) President Dave Armitage called the monthly Board meeting to order on Friday, January 7, at 9:30 a.m. Directors Richard Grieves, Howard Koester, Pat Traci, Sharon Walker and Chris Whitehurst were present. Mike Morgan and Linda Colasurdo of the Bay Club Staff; Mea Graham, Recording Secretary, and 12 SBCA members also were in attendance.

After a quorum was determined, a motion to approve the December 3 minutes was postponed until the February meeting.

Secretary-Treasurer Whitehurst reported the financial highlights for November, showing the Total Current Assets for the month to be \$311,070; Total Assets to be \$629,435, an increase of \$12,164 over last year's Total Assets. The Income Statement for October 2010 showed total revenues of \$5,591 and Total Operating Expenses of \$32,956 and a Net Operating Surplus of \$29,692 for the 2011 fiscal year. (Note the surplus is always high the first month of the quarter due to the majority of dues being paid during that month, while expenses are very consistent month to month.) The Maintenance reserve is \$188,675, with no expenses; and the Renovation Fund is \$51,143; expenses are \$658 for the conference room and ADA electrical work. The November 2010 financial report was approved (all ayes).

Three other motions were made, seconded and passed: The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) put up a new member, Brett Oemichen, which the Board approved, all ayes; the request to use the SBCA e-mail list to inform the members of an informational meeting about a health care facility in the community on January 13, all ayes; and a new ad-hoc committee created, called Financial Review, to be chaired by Board member Traci, four ayes, one nay.

The meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m. The next regular meeting will be on **Friday, February 4** at 9:30 a.m.

SBCA President's Message

by Dave Armitage, SBCA President

We start this New Year with a review in several areas of how we are conducting business. It's helpful every so often to step back and look at what we are doing to see if we have fallen into the trap of "it's the way we have always done it." The Board is responsible for the security and preservation of the Association's assets; thus it is incumbent upon the Board to check and see if we have inadvertently allowed vulnerabilities to creep into our way of doing business. In addition, the Long-Range Planning Committee is conducting an in-depth review of our reserves to determine if we are adequately funding for the long-term maintenance of the Association's assets.

This year will also see several important decisions that will impact the community. The first will be the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC) ruling somewhere between the middle and end of February on the water rate increase. The Jefferson County Department of Community Development (DCD) will make a determination on the level of impact the Iron Mountain Quarry (IMQ) will have on our community. I expect the decision will be before July. The real estate market is still in the doldrums, negatively impacting the Developer as well as the resale market value of our homes.

It will behoove you to stay informed on all of these matters because they will have an impact on you.

SBCA January Meeting Highlights

by Jen Portz, Contributing Writer

Architectural Review (ARC): Linda Colasurdo noted it was a quiet month with one completed project in Timberton's Common Area.

Compliance: A letter was received regarding an old issue of access to records protected by attorney-client privilege; Richard Grieves advised the Committee would address

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it. Armitage asked the Committee to review the current policy on how conflicts of interest are handled, and if changes were warranted, to make recommendations.

IMQ – SEPA (Iron Mountain Quarry – State Environmental Policy Act): Grieves explained the Committee had not met in some time. Dave Armitage noted the lower court’s ruling (that the County must more thoroughly consider IMQ’s application and then may make what finding it will) was upheld by the Appeals Court.

Operations: Morgan advised December was a busy month for parties. Membership remained constant with 518 regular and 31 associate members; four are in bankruptcy or foreclosure but as banks take possession outstanding dues are settled. An audience member thanked him and those responsible for the beautiful and festive decorations.

Long Range and Planning: Bruce Schmitz advised he was in receipt of an advisory book that would help in establishing costs. He hoped to make some progress at their January meeting.

Other Meeting Highlights: Armitage opened a discussion regarding the proposed water rate increase. (See related article on page 5.) Schmitz noted the PLVC Utilities Committee had sent a letter to authorities stating their analysis showed no justification for the increase. Armitage and Elizabeth Van Zonneveld had attended a December 16 meeting regarding the filing and afterwards met with officials to reiterate community concerns. The filing is suspended, as Olympic Water and Sewer, Inc., (OWSI) and the State negotiate to resolve issues. A conclusion is expected some time in February. Audience and Board members praised the efforts of the Utilities Committee, Armitage and Van Zonneveld. A Timberton homeowner’s letter to the Timberton Board was copied to the SBCA Board as well; no action was necessary. Several staff thank-you letters were passed along.

An Invitation from Free Spirits

Free Spirits cordially invites you to celebrate Valentine’s Day with good friends, great food and wonderful music on **Saturday, February 12**, at the Bay Club. Fabulous appetizers and choice of beverage will be served at 6:00 p.m. At 7:00 p.m. dinner, consisting of pork shoulder covered with a delicious peach sauce, and rice pilaf with pea pods and water chestnuts steamed in Grand Marnier, will be served.

Once dinner is over, Leslie and Michael (back by popular demand) will provide an evening of music for your listening or dancing pleasure. There is still time to sign up but seats are going fast. Signup for non-members began Monday, January 31, with the final day to sign up **Monday, February 7**. Cost for members is \$22, with \$29 for non-members.

If you would like to volunteer to assist for this event, please contact Sandy Rooks at 437-0747 or Sherry Robinson at 437-7948. See you there!

SBCA Members’ Social

South Bay members are invited to the monthly social on **Friday, February 11**, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Take one of your special appetizers to share with others; the beverages are provided by our SBCA association.

This is a wonderful way for newcomers to meet oldtimers and for residents to welcome new folks. Come enjoy! 🍷



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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.

Entertainment Picks for February

by Bev Rothenborg, Arts and Entertainment Editor

It may be the bleak mid-winter, but the month of February offers lots of entertainment choices! I'm not a big football fan, but perhaps that spectacular Seahawks win over the Saints changed all of that. Going to Bremerton's Admiral Theatre on Super Bowl Sunday sounds like a super idea. You watch the Big Game on the Big Screen with your friends and people you don't even know but soon will. (One year when we had season tickets to Seahawks' home games, I became "pen pals" with the couple seated next to me.) I'm told that ex-football players show up to argue the calls. How much fun is that? And it's free.

Another pick will be the Dave Peck Trio showcasing at the Commons on Bainbridge Island, **Sunday, February 13** at 4:00 p.m. The Arts Council presented jazz pianist Peck at the Bay Club in 1994, and I've been a fan ever since. His trio includes Jeff Johnson on bass and Joe La Barbera on drums. Google these guys and you'll be impressed with their backgrounds!

I enjoy going to Benaroya Hall to stroll under the Chihuly chandeliers (and pray that the Big One doesn't hit), people watch, enjoy some of Wolfgang Puck's terrific food, and, oh, yes, listen to the Seattle Symphony. On **Saturday, February 26** at 8:00 p.m., the Arts Council is bringing four of the Symphony's musicians right here to Port Ludlow to perform for us! You'll hear string quartets by Haydn, Shostakovich and Brahms, and you don't have to take a ferry or pay an expensive parking fee. Arts Council concerts are presented for the enjoyment of everyone!

After all this sitting around, get out there and do a hike with the Hiking Club or put on those snowshoes at Hurricane Ridge. And have a healthy and entertainment-filled New Year!

Friends Conversing Through Music

by Barbara Wagner-Jauregg, Contributing Writer



Members of the Barston Quartet are colleagues in the Seattle Symphony Orchestra.

Provided photo

It may not be a palace chamber, but the Bay Club auditorium becomes "A Touch of Benaroya" on **Saturday, February 26**, when four colleagues from Seattle Symphony Orchestra (SSO), who debuted in June 2010 at Benaroya Hall as the Barston Quartet, bring an evening of outstanding chamber music to our side of the pond. Because of its intimate nature, chamber music has been described as "the music of friends."

While performance time is at 8:00 p.m., you will want to be at the Arts Council Wine Bar by 7:00 p.m. when Ryan Trail of Mt. Townsend Creamery shares a selection of artisan cheeses for your tasting pleasure. Trail and Matt Day, owners of North Olympic Peninsula's first artisan creamery, have worked to reinvigorate the dairy processing industry in the Northwest by introducing specialty cheeses made using traditional methods with a Northwest flavor. If you haven't yet experienced their cheeses, you are in for a real treat.

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If you're unfamiliar with chamber music—it is written for a small group of musicians where each one performs a different part. The word “chamber” signifies that the music can be presented in a small room, often a private salon with an intimate atmosphere—originally in a palace chamber. What's more, playing chamber music requires special skills, both musical and social, that are different from the skills required for playing solo or symphonic works. In the words of Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, string chamber music is as if “four rational people are conversing.”

Using the European tradition, the Barston Quartet was titled from the leader/first violin, Elisa Barston, a frequent performer at the Olympic Music Festival. Other members include violinist Mikhail Shmidt, who the Arts Council brought here nearly 10 years ago in a Conference Center concert; violist Mara Gearman, previously a tenured member of the Oregon Symphony and now Third Chair Viola with SSO; and cellist Walter Gray, a 30-plus-year veteran of SSO. While the Quartet is youthful in energy and formation, its members are venerable veterans of chamber music, including the Kronos, Moscow Piano Quartet, Corigliano and Four Violas Quartets. Staples of its programs include German and Eastern European Masters.

Included in their Port Ludlow performance will be a string quartet by Joseph Haydn, generally credited with creating the modern form of chamber music as we know it, having established the conversational style of composition; one of a pair of Johannes Brahms' first quartets released to the public in 1873 after nearly a decade spent composing them; and one by Dmitri Shostakovich, one of the most prolific chamber composers of the 20th century, whose music was banned for a long time in the Soviet Union.

Performing Arts in Port Ludlow presents the visual art of Patti Settle in conjunction with this concert. An exhibiting member of the Port Ludlow Artists' League, one of her paintings, “Winter Holding Back Spring,” was featured last year on the cover of the arts section of *The Leader* and on the back cover of the *Voice*. Her poster design was used in the publicity for Port Ludlow Days 2010 and she has exhibited at Art Walk and in the Harbormaster Gallery as well as at The Inn.

Tickets for “A Touch of Benaroya” are on sale now at the Bay Club. Save money by using a six-punch Flex Pass that will allow you to put together a group of six people for \$111. Individual tickets sell for \$20 each. For further information or to order tickets online from Brown Paper Tickets, go to www.portludlowartscouncil.com.

KCPT Unveils 2011 Season

Key City Public Theatre (KCPT) has announced its 2011 season, “Monsters, Mirth and Music,” with seven productions running from February through December.

February brings the 15th Annual Playwrights' Festival featuring works by local and regional playwrights. The Festival centerpiece is the presentation of new works by winners of the Port Townsend Arts Commission's 2010 One-Act Play Competition.

April brings slapstick and comedy as visiting Italian director Germano Rubbi presents his adaptation of a Commedia dell'Arte classic, *The Soup is Served*. They say that Count Anselmo is none too bright, so his obsession with valuable antiquities makes him easy pickings for con artists.

Hope springs eternal as June brings the world premiere of *The Garden of Monsters*. As stories and lives intertwine across the decades from WW II to 2045, hope itself travels a perilous journey in this powerful new work.

KCPT's signature annual tradition returns in August as “Shakespeare in the Park” presents *Macbeth* in Chetzemoka Park. Also in August is *Bark! The Musical*, which follows six canine characters at Deena's Doggie Daycare—sort of like *Cats* only with dogs!

October brings one of the great thrillers of all time with *Dracula*. KCPT's holiday show is *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. This popular holiday classic features the Worst Kids in the History of the World, who when they take over the annual church pageant might, just possibly, put on the best one ever!

Subscriptions for the 2011 season and Flexpasses are now on sale at www.keycitypublictheatre.org. To receive a full color season brochure, call 379-0195.

Hail Britannia! English Choral Masterpieces

RainShadow Chorale, directed by Rebecca Rottsoik, will present Hail Britannia! — a concert of English choral masterpieces, on **Friday, February 11**, 7:30 p.m., and **Sunday, February 13**, 3:00 p.m., at St. Mary's Star of the Sea in Port Townsend. The program will feature works by Henry Purcell, Charles Villiers Stanford and Ralph Vaughan Williams.

Purcell's familiar *Come, Ye Sons of Art*, a joyful ode written in 1694 to celebrate the birthday of Queen Mary II, opens the program. It has seven movements, an

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opening symphony, and is for chorus, soloists and a small instrumental ensemble.

Three works by Sir Villiers Stanford (1852-1924) form the core of the program: the dramatic *Magnificat* for unaccompanied double chorus, the motet *Beati Quorum Via* and *The Blue Bird*, a serene meditation on the natural beauty of the English countryside. Musical Director Rottsohl describing the music says, "These are works of a master whose compositions are only now being recognized after decades of neglect. They are fresh, tuneful and beautifully crafted for the voice."

The concert will conclude with the robust and rollicking *In Windsor Forest* by Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), who has been called Britain's greatest composer since Purcell. Inspired by the composer's own opera *Sir John in Love*, this cantata is based on the story of Falstaff from Shakespeare's *The Merry Wives of Windsor*. Pianist Lisa Lanza will accompany the work.

Based in Port Townsend, RainShadow is a chamber choir of select local singers devoted to challenging choral repertoire from Renaissance and Baroque to modern classics. Rottsohl is internationally known for her outstanding work with a variety of choral groups. Tickets are available at Crossroads Music at 2100 Lawrence in Port Townsend. Call 379-2987 or 385-3363 to reserve by phone.

St. Mary's Star of the Sea is located at 1335 Blaine Street in Uptown Port Townsend.

PTCO Winter Concert

Port Townsend Community Orchestra (PTCO) presents its winter concert on **Saturday, February 26, 7:30 p.m.**, in the Chimacum High School Auditorium. Maestro Dewey Ehling will present a pre-concert conversation at 6:45 p.m. that will provide insight into the music.

The evening's concert opens with music from Bach, including the *Adagio from Toccata and Fugue in C* and his *Concerto for Oboe d'amore*. Anne Krabill will perform the concerto. Krabill received a Bachelor of Music in Oboe Performance from Mount Allison University. In 1973 she was the winner of the prestigious Harrison scholarship in London, England, and studied there with the legendary oboist Leon Goossens. Krabill was principal oboist with the Atlantic Symphony Orchestra and performed frequently for the CBC as a soloist and chamber musician. She now lives in Port Townsend and is principal oboist in the Port Angeles Symphony and Chamber Orchestra and the Northwest Symphony Orchestra in Seattle. Husband David is a retired bassoonist; they operate a business manufacturing oboe and bassoon reeds.

Felix Mendelssohn's *Symphony No. 3 in A minor (The Scottish Symphony)* is performed in the second half of the program. Mendelssohn started composing the symphony in 1829, but it was not completed, published or premiered until 1842. The score bears a dedication to Queen Victoria and Prince Albert, both of whom were great admirers of Mendelssohn's music.

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 additional information.

Clockwork, Vocal Jazz with a Twist

by Barbara Wagner-Jauregg, Contributing Writer

If you're a fan of the vocal group Manhattan Transfer, the Art Council's Performing Arts in Port Ludlow series promises you an award-winning San Francisco-based vocal quartet known as Clockwork performing mostly close-harmony jazz with a few of its own twists on pop and rock tunes. **Friday, March 18**, at 8:00 p.m., Clockwork will come to Port Ludlow as part of a three-show tour to the Seattle area, with a stop at Tula's Restaurant and Jazz Club in Seattle and Bake's Place in Issaquah. Clipper Anderson on bass, Mark Ivester on drums and a keyboardist rhythm section will join them.

The "Clockwork Sound" is rooted in the tradition of great vocal jazz groups such as New York Voices, The HiLos, Singers Unlimited and Lambert, Hendricks and Ross. The talented two women and two men draw creative inspiration from the variety of musical and artistic experiences that have influenced each of them. The result is a fresh and entertaining new interpretation of the jazz vocal ensemble.

All members of Clockwork have complete card-carrying a cappella credibility. They go far beyond the genre, however, honoring the song! Some arrangements are demanding and require consummate singing abilities but their arrangements and performances always capture the spirit of the song itself. Playful, soulful and precise—they exhibit traditional vocal jazz excellence, perform jaw-dropping solos and stunning vocal-ese.

Save the date, **Friday, March 18**, to hear Clockwork, delighting audiences as diverse as the music being performed. Tickets will be available at the Bay Club beginning on **Saturday, February 26**. To order online, you can go to www.portludlowartscouncil.com.

Bach of Ages

The Rawson Duo will feature original violin and keyboard works of Johann Sebastian Bach on **Friday, February 25 and Sunday, February 27**, both at 2:00 p.m. It will be a celebration of original violin and keyboard works mixed with arrangements of some of Bach's greatest organ and harpsichord pieces.

The Rawson Duo is Alan Rawson on violin and Sandy Rawson on piano. The music will be complemented by Sandy Rawson's culinary research and expertise. A professionally trained chef who lived several years in Europe and Japan, her love of music is equaled by her love for cooking. Zon Eastes, a colleague and cellist, will travel from Vermont to join the Rawsons for this performance.

Concerts are held in the Rawson's Chimacum home. More details are on their website www.rawsonduo.com or by calling 379-3449.

Performing Arts Calendar

Friday, February 4

The Emmy-nominated actor/comedian Rob Schneider, best known for his work on *Saturday Night Live* and on films with Adam Sandler, brings his stand-up comedy to Bremerton's Admiral, 8:00 p.m., 360-373-6743, www.admiraltheatre.org.

Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, February 4 through 20

Art is a provocative and profound debate about the rules that dictate art and friendship, winner of the 1998 Tony Award for best play, 8:00 p.m. with Sunday matinees at 2:00 p.m., Poulsbo's Jewel Box Theatre, 360-697-3183, www.jewelboxpoulsbo.org.

Saturday, February 5

Love. Seriously. Love. Humorously. Love. Stories by Amy Hempel and Others is offered by PT Shorts, 7:30 p.m. free admission. Readings of literary works in conjunction with monthly Gallery Walk, 385-7396, for location, see www.keycitypublictheatre.org.

Saturday, February 5

The Edge, the improv troupe members at Bainbridge Performing Arts, literally make it up based on audience suggestions, 7:30 p.m., 206-842-8569, www.bainbridgeperformingarts.org.

Saturday, February 5

An Orchestral Omnibus when the Port Angeles Symphony Orchestra presents music by Rossini, Holst, Bizet and Brahms, Port Angeles High School Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. with dress rehearsal at 10:00 a.m., 360-457-5579, www.portangelessymphony.org.

Sunday, February 6

That Football Sunday, because it's more fun to watch on the big screen with friends and strangers and notable ex-football players who come and argue the calls, Admiral Theatre, Bremerton, 360-373-6743, free admission, www.admiraltheatre.org.

Thursday, February 10

Our Revolution is an interactive live presentation in which an actor and video bring to life a dangerous idea in 1776 America, Bremerton's Admiral Theatre, 7:00 p.m., 360-373-6743, www.admiraltheatre.org.

Thursday, February 10

Visiting award-winning playwright Lee Blessing kicks off the 15th Annual Playwrights' Festival by reading his one-man play *Chesapeake*, 7:00 p.m., Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Port Townsend, 385-3489, www.keycitypublictheatre.org.

Friday and Sunday, February 11 and 13

RainShadow Chorale directed by Rebecca Rottsolk will present Hail Britannia!, a concert of English choral masterpieces, Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 3:00 p.m., St. Mary's Star of the Sea, Port Townsend, call 379-2987 or 385-3363 for tickets.

Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, February 11 through 20

The Philadelphia Story is an intelligent, sophisticated, classic romantic comedy-farce of love and marriage, human growth and class distinctions set in the late 1930s, 7:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Sundays, Bainbridge Performing Arts, Pay-What-You-Can Preview, 7:30 p.m., **Thursday, February 10**, 206-842-8569, www.bainbridgeperformingarts.org.

Friday, February 11 through Sunday, February 27

The 15th Annual Playwrights' Festival at Port Townsend's Key City Public Theatre features workshop productions and readings of new works by local and regional playwrights with special guest Lee Blessing, various dates and times, 379-0195, www.keycitypublictheatre.org. Pay-What-You-Wish, **Sunday, February 13 and Thursday, February 17**.

Sunday, February 13

First Sundays at the Commons features The Dave Peck Trio with composer, arranger and jazz pianist Dave Peck plus Jeff Johnson, bass and Joe La Barbera, drums, 4:00 p.m., Bainbridge Commons by Waterfront Park, 206-842-3380, www.firstsundaysconcerts.org.

Monday, February 14

Enjoy an evening of dinner, flowers, chocolate and romance at Bremerton's Admiral Theatre. After dinner, watch the film *An Officer and a Gentleman* on the big screen, dinner 5:30 p.m., movie, 7:00 p.m., 360-373-6743, www.admiraltheatre.org.

Saturday, February 19

Paula Cole, the Grammy Award-winner singer/songwriter, brings her soulful and beautiful music to the Admiral, Bremerton, 8:00 p.m., 360-373-6743, www.admiraltheatre.org.

Friday and Saturday, February 25 and 26

The Portable Reality Show improv comedy troupe will perform *The Grapes of Laughs*, an improvised Depression-era musical, 8:00 p.m., Jewel Box Theatre, Poulsbo, no phone reservations, www.brownpapertickets.com.

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Saturday, February 26

“A Touch of Benaroya” with the Barston Quartet, comprised of two principal chairs plus two long-time members of Seattle Symphony, performing works by Brahms, Haydn and Shostakovich, sponsored by Arts Council, Bay Club, 8:00 p.m., doors open at 7:00 p.m. for pre-concert reception, gourmet cheese tasting and art show of acrylics and oils by Patti Settle, www.portludlowartscouncil.com, 437-2208.

Saturday, February 26

Port Townsend Community Orchestra’s winter concert will feature music from Bach including his *Concerto for Oboe d’amore* and Mendelssohn’s *Symphony No. 3 in A minor*, pre-concert chat at 6:45 p.m., concert at 7:30 p.m., Chimacum High School Auditorium, free admission, www.porttownsendorchestra.org.

Saturday and Sunday, February 26 and 27

Bainbridge Symphony Orchestra featuring guest conductor Julia Tai and violinist Sophia Stoyanovich with music of Mussorgsky, Tchaikovsky, Debussy and Grieg, Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 3:00 p.m., 206-842-8569, www.bainbridgeperformingarts.org.



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Port Ludlow Associates

Developer/OWSI News

by Diana Smeland, Port Ludlow Associates (PLA), President

Have you reflected on the past year and made goals for the coming year? Maybe you are asking what activities you want to repeat (that fabulous vacation, restaurant, etc.) and what activities you may not want to repeat (that hurt muscle, etc.)

Looking Ahead: I, like you, have spent some time reflecting on the challenges/opportunities ahead. The economy may have turned upward, but will take time to start climbing, and the real estate market has been somewhat “okay,” depending on the geographic location. Closer to home, our operations are still trying to reach past numbers in room occupancy, golf rounds, food covers and real estate transactions. PLA is still watching costs very closely, including reducing our regular labor hours where possible, while still providing superior customer service. Can you believe that health costs are now running on average over \$8,000 a year for a full-time employee?

Looking ahead to 2011, a variety of important uncertainties remain: The economy and the real estate market among them. The financial discipline brought to bear the last couple of years will be a focus for this year too. We will continue to maintain the balance between service to our customers, while identifying and eliminating unnecessary spending.

The following are some of the projects we have budgeted for 2011: a new model home for Olympic Terrace, remodel of Niblick’s café, painting The Inn, remodeling the rooms, electrical at the Marina and general spruce-up of the amenities. Our models are up for sale in Olympic Terrace, and hopefully those sales will help speed these projects along. We expect pre-sales at Olympic Terrace too.

We are fully prepared to hit the ground running with three approved sub-divisions: Olympic Terrace, Ludlow Bay Village and Ludlow Cove. In 2010 we made some updates to our hotel rooms and updated systems at the Golf Course and the Marina. We are very excited about the future here in Port Ludlow and hope that you share that excitement with us, your family and friends, 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.

Resort News

by Paul Wolman, General Manager of The Resort At Port Ludlow

In February our thoughts turn 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, and then end the day with a warm dinner at The Fireside At Port Ludlow or enjoy the fireplace in one of our guest rooms. Worried about rain? Don’t be! It’s nice to sleep to the sound of rain falling in the Bay.

The Fireside Restaurant Hours of Operation:

Country Style Breakfast: daily, 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Lunch: daily, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Small Plates Service: daily, 2:00 p.m. – closing

Happy Hour: daily, 2:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Dinner: Sunday to Thursday, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Dinner: Friday and Saturday, 4:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Brunch: Saturday and Sunday, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

For more information, check online www.portludlowresort.com or call 437-7000.

Upcoming Events – Save the Date:

For more information on any of these events, check www.portludlowresort.com or call 437-7000.

Fridays, February 4 and 18: “Fireside Pasta Fresca”, served 4:00 – 9:00 p.m., prepared at your table with Chef Dan and his culinary team. Includes Fresh Pappardelle and Ravioli with Three Sauces for \$15. Pair the dinner with Sangiovese by the glass, only \$5 for a 5-ounce serving.

Comfy Dinner and Trivia Contest for February:

Dinner includes the choice of a freshly made daily soup or a seasonal salad and Chef Dan’s dessert. Check the clues by each dinner; find the correct titles of all the movies that inspired the dinner and the location (i.e. country, region, state and city) where they were filmed. You could win a Comfy Dinner for two! E-mail your answers by **Tuesday, February 8** to pwolman@portludlowresort.com. We will randomly pull three winners from the pool of correct answers. The winners will be notified by e-mail and will be recognized in the March *Voice*.

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Tuesday, February 1, Couscous Royal, \$19. Clues: Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman and Paul Henreid.

Wednesday, February 2, Fried Chicken, \$16. Clues: 1994 film based on a novel by Winston Groom.

Thursday, February 3, Baked Cannelloni al Ragù, \$16. Clues: Music by Ennio Morricone, starring the former mayor of Carmel, California.

Tuesday, February 8, Choucroute braised in Riesling, with sausages, smoked pork, ham and steamed fingerling potatoes, \$19. Clues: Directed by Jean Renoir, with main actors Jean Gabin and Erich von Stroheim.

Wednesday, February 9, Chorizo and Seafood Paella, \$19. Clues: Based on Jules Verne novel, *Le Phare du Bout du Monde*, starring Kirk Douglas.

Thursday, February 10, Fresh Pappardelle, with spicy and mild sausages, tomato, garlic, peppers and the kitchen sink, \$16. Clues: Directed by Pietro Germi, starring Marcello Mastroianni and Daniela Rocca.

Tuesday, February 15, Lamb in homemade Curry with Basmati Rice, \$17. Clues: 1982 Movie directed by Richard Attenborough.

Wednesday, February 16, Short Ribs braised in Syrah with Mushroom Risotto, \$19. Clues: The star of Rocky 1, 2 and 3 and Julianne Moore.

Thursday, February 17, Chef Dan's Bouillabaisse, \$16. Clues: Hitchcock, Gary Grant and Grace Kelly.

Tuesday, February 22, "Coq au Vin," chicken braised in red wine with winter vegetables, \$18. Clues: An American remake of the movie *The Birdcage*. Remake was relocated to South Beach in Miami, starring Robin Williams and Nathan Lane.

Wednesday, February 23, Andouille and Shrimp Jambalaya, \$19. Clues: 1969 movie with Jack Nicholson directed by Dennis Hopper.

Thursday, February 24, Waterzooi of Chicken with leek, carrots, potatoes and celery, \$18. Clues: Filmed in 1969, directed by Mel Stuart and song by Donovan, *Lord of the Reedy River*.

Dinner Around the World – Friday, February 25:
An Epicurean Six-Course Dinner paired with some of the finest Northwest wines with guest winemaker/owner Mike Januik of Januik Winery and Novelty Hill Wines and with Chef Dan, \$69.

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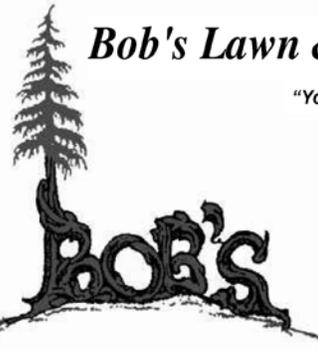
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Tide and Timber

From the Desk of the D.O.G.

by Vito M. DeSantis, PGA Director of Golf

Did anyone see if Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow this year? Boy, I hope not—because as I write this month's article I am staring at many inches of snow out the Golf Shop window.

This month the Golf Course will host one of its monthly winter tournament golf events on **Sunday, February 27**, called the Creole Classic. If you are a Port Ludlow Golf Club member and would like to join in on the fun or to receive more information, please call the Golf Shop at 437-0272.

Thank you to all our golfing members who joined us on January 20 at The Inn At Port Ludlow for a night of appetizers, stories and fun. Thank you to Paul Wolman and Lauren Reinertsen and the entire staff at The Inn for making everyone feel comfortable and welcome. The food was terrific and so was the hospitality! It was a job well done!

Once again around this time of year complaints start to come into the Golf Shop about dogs and walkers on the Golf Course. I would like to remind everyone that the Golf Course is for golfing. We all agree that when we think of the perfect place to take a nice long, relaxing walk, a Golf Course pops into our minds. A Golf Course has an undeniable draw that sometimes is so strong that the urge overtakes our senses.

It is important to remember that if you don't see golfers it may be that the Golf Course is closed due to frost or dangerous conditions. Most people don't realize that if you walk on grass that has frost on it, you can damage and even kill the grass. Once a turf grass is damaged from frost, it can take months to repair. Please help us to keep Port Ludlow Golf Club beautiful by walking on designated paths and trails and do have a Happy February.

February is a Tease for the WGA

by Bonnie Vahcic, Captain

February is the month that celebrates the events of the heart. To the heart of the golfer it can be a tease, cold and snow one minute then sunshine and the thermometer above 40 degrees. If you're one of the lucky ones who sneak out in the rain/snow and are blessed with a

peek-a-boo view of the sun, you know why February is "just a tease." It's the month when we begin to see the light at the end of the winter tunnel—if only in your mind's eye. It is white, round and very distant, just like a beautifully executed golf shot flying through the air. It is a month of playing golf in our hearts if not on the course.

Preparations, registrations and lots of planning make up the month of February for the Women's Golf Association (WGA). As an organization we've set our 2011 budget and had meetings with the Board and Committee Chairpersons to help map out a successful golf season for 2011. The deadline of **Monday, February 14** is fast approaching for all women golfers to get their registrations and golf dues in to our Treasurer, Linda Aho. We need your current addresses and phone numbers so the WGA handbooks can be printed and ready to distribute by opening day. Prompt response is greatly appreciated. Whether you are a returning member, a new 18-hole golfer or one of our valued social members, we want to make sure we have your current information before we go to print.

As February winds down into the blustery month of March, we'll all be champing at the proverbial bit to get out and play golf. I understand that a few of our members will be playing in some tournaments in the warmer climates. Our Pro Shop tried to keep the less traveled busy with some winter gigs. Please tell me how you fare and I'll announce it in the next *Voice*. For now, most will put up with February teasing and tune into the golf channel.

Men's Niners

Every Thursday beginning in March and continuing throughout summer and into the fall, the Men's Nifty Niners play a nine-hole event. A variety of low-key golf games make for a lot of fun. We regularly schedule games with the Ladies Nifty Niners and enjoy social events together. We welcome new members who wish to participate.

The Port Ludlow Nifty Niners Golf Club, men and women, will host a Welcome to Golf Cocktail Party on **Thursday, March 17** at the Beach Club with appetizers arranged by the ladies. All members and potential members are invited to attend. Contact Captain Marvin Segar for more information at 437-9514.

Men's Golf Association News

The Port Ludlow Men's Golf Association (MGA) is seeking new members for the 2011 season that begins in mid-March.

Highlights of the upcoming season include weekly fun and exciting 18-hole golf games, a couple of nice social events and most importantly, meeting new friends with similar interests. Please contact Terry Lyle at 360-379-1904 for more information about joining the MGA. For additional information about the MGA, an application form and for tee times, consult the MGA website, www.plmga.org.

News from the Lady Niners

by Kathy Snider, Ladies Niners Captain

Happy New Year to all of the Ladies Niners! I don't know about all of you, but I have not been out on the Course very much the last couple of months. (Actually, I haven't been out golfing at all!) Anyway, I am very much looking forward to our 2011 season and plan on improving my handicap by "leaps and bounds!" We have a great group of new Officers and Board members to ensure that we all have a challenging and enjoyable golf season.

The dates to save are **Thursday, March 17**, for our opening Welcome Party at the Bay Club and **Thursday, March 24**, for our first play day. See you soon—hopefully with sunglasses and not umbrellas.

For those readers who are thinking about adopting golf as a hobby, the Niners are a wonderful place to start. We are accepting of all levels of expertise. If you are interested in joining our congenial group, contact me or any other Nifty Niner member for details. More information also can be obtained at the Golf Course.



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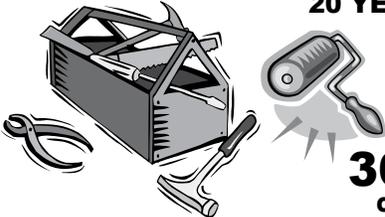
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Dock Talk

by Kori Ward, Marina Manager

Congratulations to Terry and Janet Barnes and the *M.V. Queen Bee* along with Jake and Nancy Dragseth and the *S.V. Kia Ora* for tying for first place in our "15th Annual Holiday on the Docks." The Barnes and Dragseths will both receive 50 percent off their January moorage.

February 11: Third Annual Valentine's Day Sale! Don't miss out on a chance to receive 100 percent off your favorite cruising guide for 2011. Stop by the Marina office from 9:30 a.m. to 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.

April 16: Third Annual For Sale by Owner Boat Show and Marine Swap!

Though it is only February, the reservations are flowing in, and our neighboring Yacht Clubs are plotting their 2011 cruises to Port Ludlow Marina. We are looking forward to hosting the following groups at Port Ludlow:

Friday-Saturday, March 18-19: Milltown Sailing Association

Saturday, April 16: For Sale by Owner Boat Show

Friday-Saturday, May 13-14: Mukilteo Yacht Club

Saturday, May 14: Port Ludlow Yacht Club Opening Day

Friday-Sunday, May 27-29: Poulsbo Yacht Club, Rob Rothe Rendezvous

Saturday-Sunday, June 4-5: Nauticat Rendezvous and Wauqueiz Rendezvous

Friday-Saturday, June 10-11: Port Madison Yacht Club

Friday-Saturday, June 17-18: Islander Rendezvous and Dagmar Yacht Club

Friday-Saturday, June 24-25: Corinthian Yacht Club of Edmonds

Friday-Saturday, July 8-9: WSU Cougar Yacht Club

Friday-Saturday, July 15-16: Searay Cruising Club

Friday-Saturday, July 22-23: Bellevue Yacht Club

Friday-Saturday, July 29-30: Signature Yachts "All Fleet" Rendezvous

Friday-Saturday, August 12-13: Eagle Harbor Yacht Club and Hunter Rendezvous

Friday-Saturday, August 19-20: Perry Design Rendezvous

Friday-Sunday, September 2-4: Edmonds Yacht Club

Etchells Update

by Dan Darrow, Captain



(L. to R.) Ron Campo, Steve Shanklin and Jack Armes sailing on a borrowed boat.

Photo by Dan Darrow

The Port Ludlow Etchells Fleet #26 is planning for the upcoming season. The year's preliminary schedule includes a regular Thursday afternoon sailing divided into a Spring, Summer and Fall series, two weekend regattas, match racing days and special tune-up days. Regularly scheduled sailing begins in mid-March. The conversation in the Fleet is about the upcoming World Championship Regatta that will be held in San Diego in June. Kers Clausen, who sails *Wild Woman* in the local Fleet, will represent Fleet #26.

To prepare for the Worlds the San Diego Yacht Club (SDYC) holds a series of One-Design weekend regattas. At the January event Port Ludlow was represented by an additional Port Ludlow team of Jack Armes (ex-*Lightning*), Ron Campo (*Bananas*), Dan Darrow (*keta*) and Steve Shanklin (*Lightning*) sailing on a borrowed boat, *Air Tuna*, along with Kers sailing on *Broken Windows*.

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The Port Ludlow team met in San Diego and, with the hospitality of the SDYC sailors, launched the boat and went out to practice with a group of locals. This was a new experience, sailing in Pacific Ocean swells on the racecourse south of Point Loma. The weekend regatta had a fleet of 43 boats that represented a who's who of the sailing world, several world champions and visiting skippers from around the U. S., plus Switzerland and Australia.

The racing saw light breezes with a very challenging ocean chop on top of three-foot swells. For the Port Ludlow team it was a learning experience in conditions completely different than the flat water normally experienced on Port Ludlow Bay. The weather was sunny, temperature in the 50s and 60s—like a summer day in Port Ludlow. The team experienced exciting start lines, sailing next to and against *August Company*. Although the team did not finish near the top of the fleet, they did gain experience and have a desire to go back for more.

Anyone interested in learning more about the local Etchells fleet should contact Fleet Captain Bob Quick at 437-8126 or any of the other fleet members.





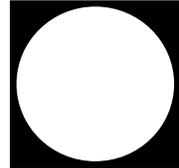
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Regional News

This Month on the Peninsula

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Fort Worden State Park, Port Townsend. Beach access. Commanding Officers Quarters closed in the winter.

Gateway Visitor Center, Route 19 and State 104, Port Ludlow, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Featuring photographs of early immigrants, books and travel information. For information or to volunteer, phone 437-0120 or visit gatewayvcr@olympus.net.

Jefferson County Historical Museum and Shop, 540 Water Street, Port Townsend, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Admission: \$4 for adults, \$1 for children 3-12, Jefferson County Historical Society (JCHS) members free. Open weekends. Exhibits include “Jefferson County’s Maritime Heritage,” James Swan and the Native Americans” and the “Chinese in Early Port Townsend.” Phone 385-1003.

Jefferson County Historical Museum, First Friday

Lectures: “The History of Fort Casey and the Defense of Pacific Northwest,” **Friday, February 4**, 7:00 p.m. For a yearly schedule see jchsmuseum.org. Click on events.

Northwest Maritime Center, 431 Water Street, Port Townsend. Tours are available. Pets are not allowed in the building. Call 385-3628, ext 102, for information.

Northwind Arts Center, 2409 Jefferson Street, Port Townsend. Exhibits of local work and juried shows. Artist’s reception is on the first Saturday of the month. Call 379-1086 for information.

Port Townsend Aero Museum, Jefferson County International Airport, 195 Airport Road, Port Townsend, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Admission: \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors, \$6 for children 7-12 years old, free for children under 6. Exhibits feature vintage aircraft.

Port Townsend Marine Science Center (PTMSC), 200 Battery Way, Fort Worden State Park, Port Townsend. Natural history and marine exhibits, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Admission: \$5 for adults, \$3 for youths 6-17, PTMSC members free. Phone 385-5582, e-mail info@ptmsc.org or visit www.jchsmuseum.org.

Puget Sound Coast Artillery Museum, Fort Worden State Park, Port Townsend, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Admission: \$3 for adults, \$1 for children, JCHS members free. Exhibits show harbor defenses in Puget Sound and the Strait of Juan de Fuca. Phone 385-0373 or visit jchsmuseum.org.

Rothschild House, 418 Taylor Street, Port Townsend. Open for groups during the winter. Phone 385-1003 or visit jchsmuseum.org for additional information.

Come to the Cabernet, old Chum

Jefferson Healthcare Hospital Auxiliary (JHHA) is hosting an afternoon of Wine, Cheese and Chocolate tasting from local purveyors on **Friday, February 25**, 4:00-7:00 p.m. in the Kuhn Building in Port Townsend. Tickets for the event are \$20 per person. What better way to start a New Year than with a wine tasting with Joe Euro as the sommelier explaining what to look for in wine? The Port Townsend Creamery is helping JHHA with a selection of their cheeses and Mari Dressler is donating her chocolate truffles.

Some departments at the Jefferson Healthcare Hospital will prepare exciting raffle baskets; and, to add a little more excitement for the fundraiser, winners of the baskets will be selected that evening. All proceeds from the event will go toward equipment for the Hospital.

Make a reservation by calling Nita Edgcombe, 379-1635 or Barbara Sepersky, 385-0297 or send your check to JHHA, 834 Sheridan, Port Townsend, WA 98368. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

The tasting will be on the second floor of the Kuhn Building on the corner of Water and Polk Street above the Public House restaurant. The building has an elevator entrance on Polk Street.

Northwind Presents Color: Cut and Fused

The exhibit, “Color: Cut and Fused,” featuring encaustic and prints by Martha Pfanschmidt and collages by Harold Nelson continues through **Sunday, February 27** at Northwind Arts Center. Viewers note the artists have infused lots of color into this show to lighten the gray days of winter, so don’t miss their wonderful works.

“Saturday Art Walk” is held **February 5** from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Pfanschmidt and Nelson will discuss their work on **Sunday, February 6**, at 2:00 p.m.

Northwind Arts Center is open Thursday through Monday, from noon to 5:00 p.m. “Gallery Art Walks” are scheduled the first Saturday of the month. Call 379-1086 or visit www.northwindarts.org for more details on gallery shows, poetry readings and workshops.

Harpist May Ride Again

David Michael, the harpist who played on the *MV Klickitat* as it traveled between Port Townsend and Whidbey Island until August 2007, might be back in the saddle again—on the Port Townsend-Coupeville ferry, that is. In 2007 Washington State ferry officials decided he needed to be treated like any other ferry passenger under Federal Homeland Security requirements. This meant paying for each ride, hauling the harp off and on the ferry, and buying a permit to sell CDs.

The busker requested that he be allowed to purchase monthly passes with one fee for several trips a day on the *MV Chetzemoka* and a license to sell CDs. The State is reconsidering the request.

Jefferson County Chamber Notes



Ludlow's Laura Brackenridge.
Photo by Peggy Lee Flentie

Teresa Verraes has accepted the position of new Executive Director of the Jefferson Chamber of Commerce. She replaces Jennifer Wells MacGillonie who resigned her position to accept the position of President/CEO at the Camarillo Chamber of Commerce in Ventura County, California. Verraes, former

owner of the downtown Artisans on Taylor gallery and a graduate of Port Townsend High School, is herself an artist and designer and returns to the area from Portland. She was chosen from a field of 28 applicants.

Olympic Terrace resident Laura Brackenridge began a new position as Meeting and Event Coordinator for the Chamber in early January. Previously she worked for Capitol/EMI Records for 20 years and for many of those years worked in Hollywood at the famous Capitol Records building that was built to look like a stack of 45 records with a needle on top. She planned the company's special events, meetings and conventions in the U. S. and Canada that usually included artist performances including up-and-coming and superstar artists like Garth Brooks, Coldplay and Janet Jackson.

Other News

Port Ludlow resident Tim Caldwell was honored by having his name attached to the Business Leader of the Year and Citizen of the Year awards. The 2010 winners will be announced at the Business Leader of the Year and Citizen of the Year Brunch on Sunday, January 30.

Recent new members of the Chamber include the Banana Thai Bistro, McClane's Café on Upper Sims Way, and "Thecarwash" on Howard Street.

Upcoming Events

February 1: Breakfast Meeting, Pedro's Fiesta Jalisco, 7:45 – 9:00 a.m.

February 2: Executive Meeting, Chamber office, 9:00 a.m.

February 8: Wine and Chocolate Mixer, Northwest Maritime Center, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Information about the Jefferson County Chamber may be obtained on the website, jeffcountychamber.org.

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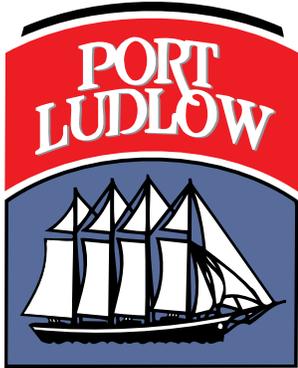
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If you've attended an Arts Council concert, chances are you've noticed a bearded guy crawling around on the floor, camera in hand, trying to catch "one of those moments" depicting musicians at work. Such was the case at the foot-stompin' "Roadhouse Cabaret" in January when Colin Ross lost himself in his guitar as wife Mig O'Hara stood by granting him his moment. Ever since award-winning photographer Gary Settle was a kid, he's been photographing musicians at work and just can't stop. We hope he never does! The Artists' League Artist of the Month for February, he will also contribute a print of Colin and Mig in color for the League's Scholarship Auction in March. You can see this memorable color photograph at www.plvoice.org.

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