

The 14th Annual Key Peninsula Citizens of the Year Awards



Pierce County Sheriff
Mark French
Keynote Speaker

The 14th annual Key Peninsula Citizens of the Year Awards festivities will begin in the Civic Center at 6:30 PM with lots of socializing and getting acquainted Saturday March 14th. Dinner is scheduled for 7:00 PM. A no host bar should meet everyone's liquid wishes.

"This is the largest number of nominees we've ever had," said president Mike Coffin of the sponsoring KP Lions' Club. There are 24 separate nominations, some of which are couples, making a total of 32 individuals. For photos and descriptions of the nominees, please see pages 10 and 11.

Pierce County Sheriff, Mark French, who will serve as keynote speaker for the event began his career with the Department as a deputy on July 1, 1970. Over the years, he served as detective, lieutenant, and captain before being appointed a bureau chief in March of 1992. In January 1995, he was appointed chief of corrections and as such was in charge of the Pierce

County jail. Upon the January 1997 retirement of Sheriff John Shields, French was appointed Interim Sheriff. In a dignitary-crowded courtroom on August 13, 1997, he was officially sworn in as Pierce County Sheriff.

He has long been a supporter of community policing programs and credits the Gig Harbor Key Peninsula Citizens Against Crime (CAC) organization as "spearheading" subsequent programs of volunteers working with the Sheriff's Depart-

ment in Pierce County.

He has given encouragement to the Department's cooperation with CAC's current efforts to establish a Citizens' Patrol on the peninsulas.

Sheriff Mark French is no stranger to our Key Peninsula.

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AT THE
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COME ONE! COME ALL!
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6:00 PM TO MIDNIGHT
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BEAT-THE-DEALER!
BINGO!
MONEY WHEEL!
WIN! WIN! WIN!
COME JOIN US
FOR A GREAT EVENING!



UNDER MY HAT

by Irene Zimmer
Facility Coordinator

The Firefighter's Ball was a smashing success! Everyone said it was the best one in years. People were still dancing at midnight. I want to publicly thank all the folks who did the set-up and clean-up, too. They did such a great job, all I had to do was to open the door the next morning for church. Everything was all put away neatly and the kitchen was immaculate! Great job, everyone!

The VFW Post #4990 is having a crab dinner on March 28th here at the Center. Tickets are \$13.50 each. Contact Eileen Young at 884-4551 for ticket availability.

We are getting ready for our first Reno Night of the year on March 7th. Festivities start at 6:00 PM and run until midnight. It's great fun, and you can win! We, as usual, need many volunteers to help with this endeavor.

If you can help, please call 884-4370.

The annual Lions Club Citizens of the year banquet is on March 14th at the Center. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at Key Bank and Sunnycrest Nursery.

Don't forget the Easter Egg Hunt on April 12th at 1:00 at the Civic Center. It's a great event for kids 12 years and younger.

The Spring Bazaar is on May 2nd here at the Center. Buy you mother something nice for Mother's Day! Lots of nice things will be on display and for sale. Come and see! Open from 9:00AM to 4:00 PM. The kitchen will be open, serving wonderful goodies for you all!

Be sure to come and join us for all these great events. Bring the family!

See you next month.

Key Peninsula Lions Club

by Russ Beckim

At the first meeting in February, the president of the Tacoma Aristokats Lions, Margaret Sheak, spoke to the Key Peninsula Lions on the uses of the proposed photo screener for determining sight problems in young children who cannot tell us what they see. She explained its use and added that it can also be used to more accurately diagnose sight problems in older people.

Welcomed to the K. P. club along with Margaret, were several other members of the Aristokats Lions. We were also pleased to welcome our Zone Chairman, Lee Schmidlap, and three other members of the Lakewood First Lions Club and our good friends Lee Roy Challender and his wife, former Zone Chairman, Frances, both from the Gig Harbor Lions Club.

Several of our young married Lions brought their children to the meeting. After a nutritious meal, the children went to supervised play in the game room until the meeting was over. This accommodation for children is working out well for parents who both want to enjoy the fellowship of serving the community as a Lion.

At the Winter Visuals arts and crafts celebration, five Lions and two friends of Lions served delicious and filling foods for the artists and art

lovers. Then at the Fireman's Ball, one Lions member and two friends of Lions served drinks throughout the evening.

Donations made this month were: \$300 to the Prison Pet Partners program, \$75 to the Key Peninsula Health Center, \$100 to the Lions Club International Fund -- a fund that supports civic improvements both at home and abroad, and \$200 to CARE, a fund that provides basic necessities in third-world countries.

Our enthusiastic new Sight Chairman, Pamela Noyes, is attending the Kolitis sight seminar at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma on February 21. Pamela can be reached at 253-884-5656. The Lions customarily make glasses and hearing aids available to low income people who have no other means of getting them.

The Key Peninsula Lions Club is now concentrating its efforts to make the coming Citizens of the Year Banquet the best ever. We are planning for 300 guests, lots of good food and an interesting program. Just being nominated for this award is a great honor, for all nominees are exemplary citizens. Admission will be \$10, with tickets available at Sunnycrest Nursery and Key Bank. Plan to come and support your favorite nominee.



THE FAMILY ROOM

In the past decades the roles of mothers and fathers have changed dramatically. Today, mothers and fathers have a multitude of roles which may include protector, provider, companion, disciplinarian, and teacher.

Society often dictates the roles that mothers play and has clear expectations about appropriate behaviors. Outside of the role of provider, societal expectations for fathers are often less clear about how they are expected to behave.

Stereotypes of men as limited to disciplinarian and breadwinner roles have begun to break down. It is often recognized that men want to succeed in work, but in a slow shift that has been occurring over the last 20 years, men are identifying that they want to succeed at home too. They want important and lasting relationships with their children and more diversity in familial roles.

It is often difficult to know what it takes to be a good father in today's world. Even if you are committed to your family and children, there can be a gap between what you wish you could do, and what you can actually manage.

If you are a Key Peninsula father who might like to share with, and support other fathers with similar concerns, there is a group that has formed just for you. The Family Resource Center is currently offering a Positive Fathering group on Thursday evenings, 6:30 to 8:00 PM. There is no cost or obligation. For more information please contact the Center at 884 5433.

March Center Hours:

Monday- Friday

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Healthy Families: March 4,

March 18, 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Indoor Park: every

Tuesday and Thursday-

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\$1.00 per child

Little Buddies:
March 5, 12, 19, and 26.
3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Grandparents Support Group
(Key Peninsula Library- Brones Room): March 5.
1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Cancer Support Group (Key Peninsula Library- Brones Room)
March 19, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Positive Fathering:
Thursdays, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Active Parenting (Minter Creek Elementary).
March 5, 12, 19, and 26th.
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Family Fun Night: Tuesday,
March 24, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Clothing Bank:
Monday through Friday.
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Please call for availability)

HAPPY

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Skate Night

Skate night on Fridays has been a great success, but due to overcrowding, we have a few new rules: Starting February 27th we will limit the amount of children to 150. Also, children ages 7 and below need to be supervised by a parent not an older sibling or babysitter at all times. We would appreciate any parent volunteers willing to help supervise children and help clean up at the end of the evening.

Sunday family skate was designed to help with the over crowding from Friday and give parents a time to skate with young children.

We are not responsible for lost or stolen items!

A special thanks also to KP Video for donating movies at Skate Night for all to enjoy!

Key Peninsula Civic Center Executive Committee

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Angel Guild Notes

The 20 year anniversary celebration continues and the sales are tremendous at the ANGEL GUILD Thrift Shop. We want to thank the entire community for their support over the years. Then we want to thank all of the angels, past and present, for all of their help and support. Without the volunteers, we wouldn't be able to give the donations that the ANGEL GUILD has so generously provided to our area.

Many new residents don't know

how this endeavor began. I will try to fill you in, however, I wasn't here either so I am going on a few remembrances. It seems that Jean Brodsack was working as a nurse practitioner in the local clinic and someone donated clothing. Jean got the idea to give it away. Then someone suggested to charge a minimal amount for whatever they sold. It evolved and changed and moved a few times. We don't have all the names of all the

people who helped along the way but if you know of those we should give credit to, please call. We want to honor all who have helped over the years and will have a special tea in March after the regular meeting March 23. We would like to invite past officers and members to attend.

There are always good sales to be found at the store. Keep watching for more. As a worker, I find it to be so much fun, I'd like to extend the invi-

tation to any of you who have a bit of time to donate to the community. The angels ask for a minimum of 6 hours a month. That is almost nothing for so much reward. All proceeds from the store go right back to our own area. We pay our expenses and the rest goes back to the community.

If you know of a founding member, please call Virginia Seavy at 884-2938. If you would like to be an angel call Molly Holmes at 884-9190.

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50 Years Of Subtracting

by Mary Nelson

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1948 - Esther Manz starts TOPS

1950s - Amphetamines

1956 - Jack LeLanne (exercise)

1963 - Weight Watchers

Late 1960s - "aerobics" added to dictionary

1970 - Liquid Protein

1979 - Scarsdale Medical Diet

1981 - Beverly Hills Diet

1983 - Jenny Craig

1994 - 51,000 liposuction procedures that year

1997 - Redux and fen-phen

T.O.P.S. has steadily and successfully been helping people subtract the pounds and gain better health. With a membership fee of \$20 per year,

T.O.P.S. has been able to contribute nearly \$5 million to obesity and metabolic research at Milwaukee's Deaconess Hospital.

Two from our morning group who have continued to benefit from the help they get from T.O.P.S. are Lila Garrison who was our top loser this month and Laurie Frayne who came in second.

A real highlight was our Open House, organized and chaired by Lila Garrison and beautifully decorated by Ruth Matthews. The guests enjoyed watching the Baggy Clothes Parade, where the members proudly showed a piece of clothing that fit them when they first started. Even our two new members, Michelle and Lori had losses to report. This was followed by delicious refreshments (all legal!).

We are looking forward to a successful year with more members and more losses. Come join us!!

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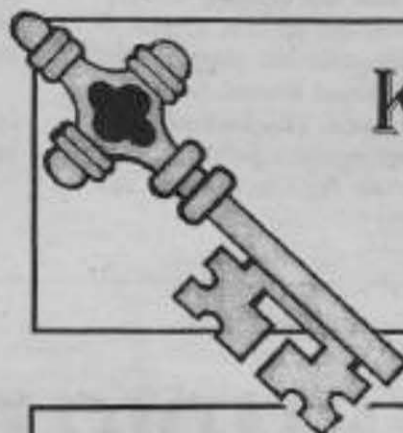
Thank You

Mention mailboxes and most rural folk shudder "What next?"

Well surprise! Evidently last fall some wonderful person or persons stopped and planted bulbs at the foot of all the mailboxes on 186th Ave. KPN on the east side of Rocky Bay. What a pleasant surprise for one and

all to come out on the nice warm days of February to find blossoms of crocus, daffodils and more shooting up at the foot of all the boxes. Thanks goes to whomever was the giver of spring for us. I wonder if any other neighborhood was so treated.

Rocky Bay Resident



KEY DATES 1998

BUSINESS / PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

KP Business Assoc. March 6 - 7:30 AM Home Port Rest.
March 20 - Noon Horseshoe Lake Rest.
Fire Fighters Assoc. March 24 - 7:00 PM Key Center Fire Sta.

CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

Ashes March 5 Key Center Fire Station
Boy Scout Troop #220 Thursdays - 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM - KPCCA VFW Rm.
Cootiettes March 19 - 7:00 PM KPCC/Whitmore Rm.
KPCCA Exec. Board March 9 - 7:30 PM Museum - Civic Center
KPCCA Board March 12 - 7:30 PM KPCC/Whitmore Rm.
KPCS Board March 9 - 10:00 AM Comm. House - Home
KPHC Board March 12 - 7:30 PM Health Center
KP Lions Club 1st & 3rd Wed. - 7:00 PM KPCC/Whitmore Rm.
VFW & Auxiliary 2nd & 4th Mon. - 7:30 PM CC/VFW Room/WM Rm.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Adult Literacy Classes - Call for Appointment 851-6552 - Gig Harbor
Angel Guild March 16 - 10:00 AM Brones Rm./KC Library
Cancer Support Group 3rd Thurs. - 1:00 PM Brones Rm./KC Library
Children's Home Society Family Resource Center - Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Key Peninsula Civic Center, Lower Level - Call: 884-5433
Food Bank - Tues. through Fri., 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM Comm. House - Home
Hot Lunch for Seniors on Wednesdays at Noon - Comm. House - Home
Also food & clothing assistance. For More Information, call 884-4440, 884-4514, or 857-4780.
Immunizations (FREE) Thursday, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Urgent Care, Gig Harbor

Key Center Library 884-2242 - HOURS: Tuesday & Wednesday 1 - 8 PM, Thursday & Friday 1 - 6 PM, Saturday Noon - 4 PM

KP Baptist Bible Study Wed. - 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM KP Civic Center
KP Baptist AWANA Wed. - 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM KP Civic Center
Overeaters Anonymous Wed. - 7:30 PM St. Nicholas Church
Parenting Network March 3, 10, 17 - 6:30 PM CHS - Civic Center
Positive Fathering Thursdays - 6:30 PM CHS - Civic Center
Seniors Exercise Program Tues. & Thurs. - 8:30 to 9 PM Comm. House - Home
WIC (Women, Infants & Children) Every Tuesday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Civic Center in the Whitmore Room. Call: 884-3835 on Tuesdays for an appointment.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

KP Fire Commissioners March 11 - 7:00 PM Key Center Fire Sta.
March 23 - 4:00 PM Key Center Fire Sta.
KP Parks & Rec. March 9 - 7:00 PM Volunteer Park Annex

SELF-HELP GROUPS

Alcoholics Anonymous - Mon. through Fri. 8:00 PM - Sat. & Sun. - 6:00 AM at the Key Peninsula Community Services in Home
Caregivers Support March 12 - 7:00 PM Brones Rm./KC Library
Grandparents Group March 14 - 1:00 to 3:00 PM Brones Rm./KC Library
Contact Norma at 884-2205 for more information.
T.O.P.S.-Tuesday Evening Weigh-in 6:15 PM - Meeting at 7:00 PM - Civic Center

SOCIAL & HOBBY GROUPS

Bayshore Garden Club March 20 - Meeting Longbranch Improvement
Cancer Support Group 3rd Tues. - 1 - 3 PM Brones Rm./KC Library
Indoor Park Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:00 - 11:30 AM KPCCA gym
KP Historical Society 1st Thursday - 7:30 PM KP Historical Museum.
Museum re-opens on Thursday Feb. 5 from winter shut-down. Regular schedule of Thursday and Saturday from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM will resume.
LB Improvement Club March 20 - 7:00 PM Longbranch Improvement
Peninsula Neighbors March 10 - 10:00 AM Longbranch Improvement
Lakebay Fuchsia Society March 5 - 7:00 PM Brones Rm./KC Library
Ruth Circle Meeting March 16 - 10:00 AM Bible Study, Lunch and meeting at 12:00 Noon at the Longbranch Church.
Senior Society Luncheon Thursdays - Noon KPCC/Whitmore Room
Vaughn Bay Garden Club March 18 at the home of Colleen Slater. Call 884-5403 for more information.

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KPCCA Regular Board Meeting Minutes

January 8, 1998

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 by President Mike Coffin. The minutes of the December meeting were accepted as corrected.

We received a letter from Lee Stiles thanking us for the flowers, and were informed that she is feeling well, despite her illness. Another letter was received by Mike Salatino, thanking us for the use of the Center for the annual Seniors dinner. The Boeing Good Neighbors Fund wrote to inform us that we were again eligible as recipients for donated funds and would be receiving these monies through the United Way. We also received a letter informing us that we are not eligible for a HUD grant due to the income level increase for the Vaughn area. Dale Loy, secretary for the Past Presidents Club, wrote to inform us that the next meeting will be held at Mike Salatino's home, The Farm, on January 10th, at 7:30 AM, and to call Mike if you intend to come.

It was decided that an announcement in the paper about the Boeing Good Neighbors Fund could be useful, and help to inform other Boeing employees in the area that donating their portion of monies to the Center is an option.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Stephanie Zampini's last report to the board as treasurer, was as always, succinct, neat, and informative. We will all miss her superb work, and want to thank her for her years of wonderful service. Thank you, Stephanie.

MANAGER'S REPORT: A thank you was printed in the paper to Jerry Davis for driving his tractor down and moving the large logs along the lawn area to finish off closing in the Center where the gates don't cover. Irene asked the board to consider getting a new or used freezer for the maintenance room that would allow the Center to lock up food that was bought for Center events. She would also like to see cabinets put into the maintenance room for storing of excess beverages, and has offered to pay for the materials needed. The application for Reno night, and the liquor license have been sent in. Irene is looking into the cost of a new street banner for Pioneer Day, the old one is in bad condition due to age, and needs to be replaced, depending on the price another banner may also be purchased for use closer to Gig Harbor. Tim Kezele has been asked to run the Beer Garden at Pioneer Day this year. Irene confirmed booking of the Black River Falls Band, and of the folks who did the barbecue last year. She is looking into getting the dunk tank again this year, more vendors, entertainment, better lighting and soliciting donations to help defray costs. Fred Ramsdell was asked to organize

the parade again this year, due to his wonderful expertise. Suggestions are needed for this year's honorary judges and theme for this year's parade. Irene reported that the light switches on the stage were sparking and needed to be looked at. The parking lot lights have been out for some time, and need maintenance work done on them. Peninsula Light, has a lease program that costs \$6.80 per light, per month, or \$35, plus a one time fee of \$50 per light. They will be out in the future to look at the lights and give an estimate. Burton Park reader board is lined up for the year, and will advertise upcoming Center events. George F. Russell Jr. Donated \$1000 to the Center. Ruth Bramhall donated things from the wish list in the *Key Peninsula News*.

It was suggested by Stephanie Zampini that a mesh divider in the existing freezer may work just as well as a new freezer in the maintenance room. Claudia Loy asked that a refrigerator also be considered for the Flavor of Fall, due to lack of room during this event.

NEWSPAPER REPORT: The paper made a profit this month.

PROGRAM & GROUP REVIEW: LIONS CLUB: Mike Coffin reported that the Lions are accepting nominations for the annual Citizens of the Year Award Banquet which will be held on March 14th.

CHILDRENS HOME SOCIETY: Mike Ryan reported that the toilets are now working, and was informed by Irene that there was a solid blockage, which could be a broken pipe. Christmas gift giving went well, thanks to the entire community. Over 200 kids were served. Positive Fathering, a support group for dads, is beginning next week.

INDOOR PARK: The Center is still looking for a parent volunteer to help run the park. Sandy McFarlane and Mike Ryan are looking into the Family Center coordinating the Park.

SKATE: Skating is doing well and will continue through to April. Family Skate is the first and third Sunday of each month, and attendance is increasing.

OLD BUSINESS: WHITMORE ROOM RENOVATIONS: Don Olson, Loyd Miller, Al Yanity, Fred Ramsdell, Tim Kezele and Dave Freeman laid the new flooring in the Whitmore room on December 30th. Fred and Tim had prepared the room the day before. Two coats of sealer, and one of wax were needed and applied, and the room was reopened on the 4th of January. A thank you was given to everyone for their hard work. Claudia reported that there was still some items that needed to be taken care of. It was MSC to increase the money allotment to \$4000. Sylvia requested that a note explaining that the

donated funds from the community financed the Whitmore room renovations, be in both the newspaper and the next donation letter.

GRANT UPDATE: Sandy McFarlane received correspondence from D.V. & Ida J. McEachern Charitable Trust informing her that the grant request for stage renovations will be heard by their advisory board no later than the end of February. Sandy and Sylvia are trying to find a way to get income levels without risking the privacy of individuals, which will help with future grants that request income level service. Gina designed a demographic sign-in form that may help with this situation. Sandy also contacted the Gig Harbor/Key Peninsula Coalition, and requested that the Center be put on the donation list for computers in the News Room, she was informed that though they did not have any at this time, we would be considered for future donations.

NEW BUSINESS: ATTENDANCE POLICY: Krys Wylie explained that attendance will now be taken at each meeting, this will help to keep a record of who is a current member and who is not. A letter will

be sent to those members who miss more than 3 meetings in a row without a notification to either Mike or Krys.

MISC. BUSINESS: There will be an Executive Committee retreat on the 24th of January, policy and by-laws will be discussed. The committee would like to update and make clearer some of the rules for better meeting performance. Mike Salatino asked if the Past President position will be filled due to Tim Kezele turning down this position. This will be discussed at the retreat also. The board has not decided on whether to hire a bookkeeper or not, and this too will be decided at the retreat. The Board was asked to contact Mike or Krys before the 24th if they had any ideas for the retreat agenda. Mike asked that all agenda items be phoned in to him or Krys at least one week before the regular meetings, in order to help with time constraints; emergencies or things that are on a time constraint will be decided upon at that time.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted;
Krys Wylie, Secretary

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 NCUA

Museum Receives Major Grants

The Gig Harbor Peninsula Historical Society and Museum has recently received two significant grants. One will support the society's immediate work and the other will help guarantee its future.

The Ben B. Cheney Foundation granted \$7,000 towards the development and installation of the permanent exhibition in the society's new museum at 4218 Harborview Drive.

The museum, scheduled to open March 14, is in a building owned by the City of Gig Harbor. The society spent six months extensively remodeling the building with the help of hundreds of volunteer hours and generous donations by individuals and businesses.

The permanent exhibition is a long-term display providing a broad introduction to the history of the Gig Harbor Peninsula. There will be information about Native American people, the Wilkes Expedition that named Gig Harbor, early pioneers, maritime transportation, commercial fishing, boat building, logging and mills, agriculture, domestic life, and community life.

Several major themes will be woven through the exhibition: cultural heritage, the significance of natural resources and geographic location in the community's history; and continuity and change.

"We are very grateful for the Cheney Foundation's gift," said Executive Director Chris Fiala Erlich. "This will help ensure we provide the community with a quality museum experience."

The society also received a grant for \$85,000 from the Morris Foundation for the acquisition of real estate or capital improvements to real estate owned by the society. The grant is a response to recent actions taken by the society's Board of Trustees to ensure that the society can continue its work of preserving local history into the next century.

The trustees know from past experience that the society's collection of historic artifacts will soon outgrow the new building and they are planning ahead. In December the board learned of the availability of a 4.23 acre parcel of land, the old Babbitt family property located at 4219 Harborview Drive. The board immediately realized the potential of the site as a permanent home for the GHPHS and its collection.

"This generous gift will help us make sure local history is preserved for future generations," said Erlich.

In addition to the Morris Foundation grant, the society has received pledges for \$80,000 from donors who wish to remain anonymous. The society is hoping to secure the remaining

\$140,000 needed to secure the property by the closing date of April 15.

Once the land is acquired, the trustees hope to work with the City of Gig Harbor, representatives of local arts organizations, and the general public to plan a heritage and art center.

Erlich said some of the preliminary ideas currently under discussion include a park-like setting with an area for outdoor programs and a building or series of buildings that house a history museum, community art gallery, reception hall, museum store, and classrooms. "We hope it will be a center for community educational activities related to heritage and arts," she said.

For information call the society at 253-858-6722.

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Frank Robert Quesnel

Frank R. Quesnel, 80, died at home in Vaughn, Washington on February 4, 1998.

Born June 9, 1917, he grew up in Seattle and attended the University of Washington. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps during WWII. A highly decorated veteran, he served in the China-India-Burma and Pacific Theaters as a B-29 Flight Engineer. He also served with the Air Force during the Korean conflict, and retired from the Reserves in 1979 as a Lt. Col.

After WWII, he married May Petersen of Gig Harbor, and recently celebrated 52 years of marriage. He retired from The Boeing Co. in 1980.

He is survived by his wife May, his sister Jean, his three children Judy, Ruth, and Patrick, and granddaughters Meagan and Rachel.

A Memorial Service was held at Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church in Gig Harbor. Memorials may be made to the Building Fund of Chapel Hill or to the charity of your choice.

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In Memory Of Edith Norgard Huson

by Aileen Rickert Froehlich

Edith Norgard Huson was born near Austin, Minnesota in 1901 to Chris and Anna Norgard. They had seven children, five girls and 2 boys. In 1910 they moved to McNeil Island to homestead.

Chris and his friend Peter Orwick were awe-struck by the beauty of the island, so they purchased 10 acres on the east side facing the city of Steilacoom. They were located one half-mile from the penitentiary and one half-mile from the dock located in that harbor.

The harbor contained a Post Office, grocery store and sawmill. The sawmill was started by Fred and Selma Parr who came from Flint, Michigan. They made lumber fruit boxes, shakes and shingles. The mill burned in 1926, but was rebuilt and was run at a later date by their son, William Parr.

The steamers Tyrus and Typhoon would stop by the harbor on their way to Longbranch to deliver mail and supplies, and to take passengers to their destinations.

Chris and Peter cleared their land so they could build their houses. They obtained their lumber from the sawmill. At first the Norgard house was just one large room, later they added a wall to separate the room and eventually they added on a lean-to as the family increased.

They cooked and heated by wood. They pulled by buckets their water from their well and would heat all their water on the cookstove for dishes, laundry and Saturday night baths. Their well was close to their house and Edith remarked she only had to go about ten feet from the house to get a drink of cool, fresh, clear water to refresh herself. No pollution back then, we didn't even know of such things.

Edith was the eldest of the seven children, so had much responsibility. She had to take the younger ones with her where ever she went, even when she went places for recreation. Their recreation consisted of community picnics, swimming at the beach and local dances three or four times a year. Sometimes a boat load would come to Longbranch to their dance. The dance was supposed to end at midnight, but they would keep passing the hat to keep the band playing, sometimes until three A.M. By the time the boat brought them back to the island it would be daylight, but she remarked what wonderful times they had sometimes singing songs all the way home.

After finishing eighth grade, Edith went to Tacoma to go through high school. Part of the time she stayed with relatives and part of the time she worked for room and board. Eventually her father came back to Tacoma and went to work for Northern Pacific Railroad. He found making a living

on an undeveloped farm was not as productive as he had hoped it would be. His family stayed on the island and he would come home on weekends, Edith at that time stayed with her father to finish her schooling.

The penitentiary was built on McNeil during the 1880s. Edith remarked that they thought nothing of prisoners escaping as they knew the

prisoners would want to leave the island as soon as possible to escape.

I met Edith about three years ago and had the privilege of spending some time with her. She was a truly delightful lady. She remarked that her life on the island was so full of joy that she would always hold those memories fondly in her heart.

Museum Open For Year

The Key Peninsula Historical Society Museum will be open on Thursdays and Saturdays from 1:00 to 4:00 PM or by appointment by calling 884-4538. The museum is located at the Key Peninsula Civic Center in Vaughn, Washington.

School tours and group tours are encouraged to make reservations. Also, ask about making a presentation at your next group meeting. The Key Peninsula Historical Society, P.O. Box 577, 17010 S. Vaughn Rd., Vaughn, WA 98394.



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The Gig Harbor Key Peninsula Cultural Arts Commission had such a successful Winter Visuals 1998 event at the Key Peninsula Civic Center that KPCC has already placed us on their calendar for next year. Mark this date, February 6 for CAC's 1999 Winter Visuals program.

A sincere thank you to everyone who supported our first Winter Visuals through your attendance and/or donation. An extra thank you to those who brought children, for the children truly were immersed in the artistic processes.

Special thank you also to: the artists who participated in the program, donating their time and energy, Key Peninsula Lion's Club's for the concession, Sunnycrest Nursery for providing beautification plants, the fine entertainers who provided background music throughout the program, KPCC's Irene Zimmer for being our backbone, and CAC's wonderful volunteers who pulled everything together.



Photos by Hugh McMillan



Winter Visuals 1997 a huge success

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by Howard Reynolds

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EDITORIAL CARTOONING, a twenty year history from the Peninsula to the world, the story of Don Snowden's work as the editorial cartoonist for the *Peninsula Gateway* by the cartoonist himself, Wednesday, March 11, 7:00 PM at the Key Center Library.

Twenty years ago Don Snowden submitted a cartoon instead of a letter to the *Peninsula Gateway*. He was asked to join the staff. Snowden has been the regional produce manager for Safeway for thirty eight years. Avocationally his interests lean toward art and golf. He blends the two in working with his twin brother's graphic company to produce custom golf score cards. He is a long time resident of Minter Bay.

This is a free program sponsored by the Friends of the Key Center Library.

A business meeting of the Friends will begin at 5:45 PM before the program. All are welcome.

Tax Tips



by R. Marvin Keizur CTP

We will start out with a little humor this month. Quote: "I'm putting all my money in taxes. The only thing sure to go up." We have been accused of using this column for personal advertisement - no way, our statement about using a year round tax preparer was inserted into a local newspaper by the IRS. We were only passing the information along.

If you have a small business, you are a desirable target for the IRS. Make sure you keep adequate records and don't try to abuse your business expenses with too many expenses that might be considered borderline. IRS is looking for this type of information. Seek professional help. What you have to pay could be less than if you didn't get help.

Computer Program

Another computer was donated to the CAC Computer Program in which donated computers are allocated to non-profit organizations. This one was a Macintosh, with a printer. It was given to Mike Coffin, President of the Key Peninsula Civic Center and President of the Key Peninsula Lions club. Both clubs have a need and whichever organization can use the technology the Mac offers will keep it.

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Citizen Patrol In The Making

by Irene Zimmer

Citizens Against Crime (CAC)'s president Art Gilmore called the organization's task force on creation of a Citizens' Patrol to order in the Headquarters of the Key Peninsula Fire Department in Key Center shortly after 1:30, Thursday, February 18. Among the 21 people attending the planning session was Paul Pastor, Acting Pierce County Sheriff in Sheriff Mark French's absence. He was accompanied by Chief of Personnel, Major Myron Smith.

Proceedings were chaired by task force spokesman Hugh McMillan. Mike Enneking of Gig Harbor Ford who, like Greg Olson (unable to attend) of Olson Brothers Chevrolet, confirmed that his firm would make available at no

cost a vehicle for the patrol. Unfortunately, this was not to be. Art Chelain of Gig Harbor Insurance confirmed reports previously received from two other insurance industry representatives that it would be prohibitively costly from the standpoint of insurance requirements to proceed with the plan to employ vehicles on loan in the Patrol's activities.

Gilmore sought a vote; those present approved a motion to use personally-owned vehicles in patrol activities. Owner insurance will cover all needs. "We're disappointed," said McMillan, "but if we're serious - and we are - about getting this show on the road, this is our only route."

Fire Commissioners Ed Taylor and Ruth Bramhall (commissioner

James Bosch was unable to attend) and Fire Chief Gary Franz, all of whom had indicated they would approve parking loaner vehicles on Fire District property, excused themselves thereafter.

Also approved was a motion to purchase custom-designed CAC magnetic door signs for patrolling vehicles. Acting Sheriff Pastor helped make this a reality by volunteering to pay out of his own pocket half the costs of procuring the signs ... which are somewhat more costly than generic ones. These will be ordered immediately.

An application form put together by Jim O'Roke and Bill Howe was approved and will be produced shortly for use in signing up volunteers interested in working with the Patrol. All such volunteers

must agree to a background and driver record check. "We want to start signing up volunteers now, to make time for these background checks," said McMillan.

It was agreed that the target date for start up of the Patrol will be mid-April.

Roland Nease and Art Gilmore will coordinate in drawing up a protocol to cover Patrol activities in consort with two or three members of the Sheriff's Department and Richard Gormly will draw up plans for a training program to be coordinated with the Sheriff's Dept.

The task force will meet to tie up loose ends Monday, March 16, in the Key Center Fire station at 11:30 am. The meeting is open to all interested parties. For information, call 884-3319.



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1998 Citizens of the Year



Irene Zimmer



Krystine Wylie



Allen Yanity



Art Gilmore



Steve Crouse



Richard Gormly



Dave Freeman



Alice Faye Tramil

Irene Zimmer is the Facility Coordinator at the Key Peninsula Civic Center. Because she is a paid employee there, many do not realize the extent of work she puts forth on a volunteer basis. Unselfishly, she gives many more hours to the Center than she is paid for. She does whatever it takes to accommodate those in need. She can be seen opening the Center's gates very early in the morning and often doesn't close them until very late at night. Between those times she gives her every spare moment to individuals, renters of the Center, and resident organizations. Technically, she is off two days a week. In fact, she is an integral part of this community's success, often working seven days a week with no compensatory time. The Center's major fundraisers occur on her days off. She is always at them volunteering for "the cause." Irene personally coordinated a rummage sale to benefit the Center; with help from volunteers she netted over \$1,700! Irene volunteers much of her personal time to assist others. For instance, she caters a meal once a month for the Key Peninsula Lions Club which has helped to increase their attendance by 40%. This year Irene shared several thousand dollars which good fortune dropped in her lap, donating to our local non-profit service organizations. Irene is the driving force of the *Key Peninsula News* and masterfully orchestrates the necessary coordination to produce a fabulous community paper. Irene has been there for all of us and is a treasure to our community.

Krystine Wylie was a volunteer firefighter for almost two years while simultaneously finishing college and caring for her disabled son. She is an active member of the Vaughn Elementary School's PTA where she is in charge of the Campbell's and Box Top programs which secure equipment and other benefits for the school. She volunteers for the Pierce County Humane Society, helping answer calls on the hot-line, animal foster care, and follow-up calls. She volunteers many hours to the Key Peninsula Civic Center. She is Secretary of the Civic Center Association and has chaired many major events

there such as the Children's Halloween Party and the Christmas Bazaar. She has recently been nominated for membership in the Key Peninsula Lions Club. Additionally, she holds down a job and is a single parent to an emotionally disturbed young son. She is a loving, understanding parent and, against advice, continues to raise him outside an institution. Her biggest goal in life was to be a peace officer but she put that dream aside to care for her son and to give to her community.

Allen Yanity is an active member of the Civic Center Association Board. He most recently helped build two new gates in the Civic Center parking lots, assisted in laying the new floor in the Whitmore Room, repaired two large stock pots in the kitchen, and has always made himself available to volunteer any help when needed. Allen has repaired the Fire District's generators at no cost. He is an active member of the Longbranch Improvement Club where he has been involved in many volunteer projects. He recently signed up for the newly-forming Citizens Against Crime Citizens' Patrol which will patrol the Key Peninsula, making this area a little safer for us all. This kind of volunteerism is the backbone of our community.

Art Gilmore has served as president of the Citizens Against Crime organization for the past four years, is one of four CAC members who provide neighborhood watch programs throughout the Key and Gig Harbor peninsulas, has worked on CAC's fraud alert program, is a leading voice in the CAC Citizen's Patrol eight-member task force, is a regular telephone watch and office assistant volunteer at Pierce County Sheriff's Department's Detachment 21 in Purdy providing sheriff service to all of Pierce County west of the Tacoma Narrows, and has assisted with every fund-raising activity CAC has mounted for the past six years. He serves as a telephone watch volunteer at the Key Peninsula Fire Department's Headquarters station in Key Center. If that weren't enough, he also volunteers at the Fish food bank in Gig Harbor.

Steve Crouse brought to the Key Peninsula its only manufacturing business, Custom Camera Design, and has steadily increased the number of our citizens gainfully employed at the Key Center location of the firm. Each year of the Key Peninsula Civic Center's most successful fund-raising activity, the Flavor of Fall, Steve has contributed substantial donations of film and cameras to help make the event's auction a success. When approached with a request that he provide at cost cameras bearing the logo of the Pierce County Fire Commissioners' Association, he ate the start-up prototype costs and filled a small, non-profitable order which, twice replenished, brought some funds to support the commissioners' organization. He also did this for the Key Peninsula Lions Club. When told that the non-profit Peninsula Schools' Education Foundation planned to give recyclable cameras to teacher recipients of grants for school projects so that they could document the progress of their students efforts for final reports to the Foundation, Steve asked, "How many, and do you want flash or standard cameras." He personally walked through his firm filling a box with the 36 cameras which he contributed at no charge. Steve is a wonderful member of our community.

Richard Gormly has served as vice president of the Citizens Against Crime organization for the past four years, has worked on CAC's fraud alert program, is a leading voice in the CAC Citizens' Patrol eight member task force, is a regular telephone watch and office assistant volunteer at Pierce County Sheriff's Department's Detachment 21 in Purdy providing sheriff service to all of Pierce County west of the Tacoma Narrows, has helped with various CAC fund raising activities, and, in general is just a really reliable, even tempered, dependably rational, unflappable rock of Gibraltar for any group with which he is involved. He has long served as a volunteer at the Key Peninsula Health Center in Key Center. Dick is the sort of person who can be counted on for help of whatever sort within minutes of receiving a request for same.

Dave Freeman is always first in line to help out at the Civic Center whether it is for an event like Reno Night or for a work party making necessary repairs or improvements. He is always cheerful, always with good ideas, and filled with dedication to "the cause." The community is lucky to have such a loyal supporter. He served two years as president of the Civic Center Association's Board of Directors and is currently its vice president. He has served on virtually every committee of the Center in virtually every capacity. He is always there to help with events. Without him, the KP Civic Center and community would be a lesser place in which to live.

Alice Faye Tramil is the person who puts together the *Key Peninsula News* and has done so for almost 6 years. Her expertise has made the paper look the best it ever has. Alice has helped out whenever or wherever help is needed. She has helped in the KP Civic Center kitchen at several events, run errands, and cooked burgers. Her good humor and common sense make her a joy to be around. She regularly volunteers at Minter Elementary, her son's school, and participates in many school activities. She is a lady of boundless energy, competence, dedication, and professionalism. She is a truly an outstanding member of our community.

Tim and Kathy Hale have been active participants in our community for several years, not only involved in the activities at Lake Holiday where they live, but in the community in general. Tim has been a volunteer at Reno Nights at the Civic Center for several years. Kathy puts in many hours as the Treasurer of the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association Board. Last year, Kathy put in many hours being instrumental in putting together "Destination Key Peninsula," the Key Peninsula Business Association's "tourist guide" for visitors and new residents. Tim and Kathy willingly give their help in the Center's kitchen on special event nights, as well as helping out wherever or whenever the need might arise.

William (Bill) Adams has been an active member of the Key Peninsula Community Services/Foodbank since

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Tim and Kathy Hale



William (Bill) Adams



Hellen Saxer



Ernest French



Thais J. French



Chuck West



Marty Marcus and Ann Waldo

1986 and has put in no less than 600 volunteer hours a year there. With over 25 years experience as a volunteer with Boy Scouts of America, Bill is always called on to help organize fundraisers like "Old Timer's Day." He picks up and delivers food, bread, and supplies, maintains the records of KPCS volunteer hours, and is always there to volunteer whenever needed. His enthusiasm in promoting the programs of the KPCS is infectious and encourages others to put in just a bit more effort to help those who need help. And he does it all while pulling around a personal oxygen supply bottle.

Hellen Saxer has been an extremely active member of the Key Peninsula Community Services for five years and the Pierce County Fish Food Banks for over seven years. Hellen volunteers her time to fill food baskets, monitor phone calls, cooking for the Senior's meal on Wednesdays, takes Seniors on outings, and picks up bread and food for the food bank. Hellen is also an integral part of the "Old Timers Day" activities. She is also very important as a constant encouragement and supporter of her husband, Earle, the KPCS President.

Ernest French has been a volunteer at the Key Peninsula Community Services Food Bank for over five years. He has assisted at many of KPCS's projects and has been very supportive of the KPCS Board of Directors through his mom, a member. He is an avid Little League supporter and volunteers many hours to make our Key Peninsula Little League the huge success it has become.

Thais J. French, a resident of Lakebay since 1992, began volunteering to help with cooking at the Key Peninsula Community Services Senior Center then replaced the head cook when he retired. She offers, "It is a real pleasure to give of myself each Wednesday as I prepare the meal. I love seeing happy people, getting hugs and giving hugs in return. I've come to meet so many gracious people and to love them all." Thais also serves on the KPCS Board of Directors and the Lakebay Senior Center Board.

Marty Marcus and Ann Waldo have been partners bringing education, civic pride, public awareness and entertainment to so many for thirty-five years. As retired school teachers they are acutely aware of the needs, desires and interests of all ages. Their main interests are in herpetology and aquatic animals of a similar nature. They provide presentations at schools, libraries, clubs and various community events such as Pioneer Days, Old Timer's Day, CiderFest etc. They have traveled over 200,000 miles with these presentations. Their annual expense is approximately \$8,000 for these efforts. Local science teachers have enjoyed broadening their curriculum plans by attending the annual presentations they offer. They breed snakes and present the offspring to local teachers for classroom instruction. Ann sits on the Executive Board of the Northwest Society of Herpetology and made all of the arrangements for exhibitors at the Reptile and Amphibian Show at the Pacific Science Center last September, a two day event which drew 5000 visitors. She is an active member of the Bayshore Garden Club and has done many programs on the scientific classification of plants. Both are very active in the town meetings in Home and were active in Home's Centennial-Celebration for which they designed one of the Home Centennial T-shirts. Both are active in "Friends of the Key Peninsula Library" and write for the KP News and five Herpetological Societies. They are also active board members of the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association.

Chuck West is the ambassador of good will for the Key Peninsula Fire Department and the community. His love for his community is evident by his willingness to work on any improvements or community projects. He is compassionate and willing to help people of all ages. In his ongoing effort to provide activities for community youth Chuck led in developing the skate board park at Volunteer Park. He frequently assists at the Key Peninsula Civic Center's projects. He coordinated the Key Center Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and was a key figure in the success of 1998's Firefighter's Ball. Chuck always goes

the extra step to help someone in need whether it be cutting wood for someone who has none or providing a ride to the Doctor or other needs. The owner of a storage facility in Longbranch, Chuck provides free storage space for some needy clients. He is active in the Firefighters Association, Longbranch Improvement Club, Puget Sound Sea Rescue Team, Volunteer Firefighter Muster Team and is a Vice-President of the Key Peninsula Business Association. There are many other needs Chuck has fulfilled I am sure, but he does not advertise his kindness.

Lethaniel Ray serves as the Pack Committee Chairman for Key Peninsula's Cub Scout Pack 220 which serves all elementary school age boys on the Key Peninsula. He is responsible for administration and supervision of the Cub Scout program; recruitment, training and motivation of pack leaders, volunteers and Cub Scouts; prepare and execute the annual plan; control Pack finances, plan monthly Pack meetings and serve as chairman of monthly pack leader meetings. He routinely donates 20 to 30 hours each week in carrying out these duties. He has initiated actions to start a new Cub Scout Pack on the Key Peninsula. The success of his current Cub Scout Pack has brought about the need for a new Cub Scout pack. He assisted in coordination and planning of Cub Scout Day camp at Volunteer Park in 1997 which hosted some 80 Cub Scouts from the Key and Gig Harbor Peninsulas. He is coordinating planning for a Cub Scout Day camp to be held at Volunteer Park in July 1998. He is responsible for the increase of cub enrollment to almost 100 boys within the past year, serves as Assistant Den Leader for Wolf Scouts, plans activities, prepares crafts and wood projects and instructs the Scouts in family life, community awareness, citizenship and basic handicrafts, coordinated collection of nearly 4400 food items for the Key Peninsula food bank through the Scouting for Food Drive held in 1997, a quantity more than double that donated in previous years. His selection as a member of the Pacific Harbors Council training staff not only benefits the local community but also

serves to benefit boys and adult volunteers from Federal Way to the Oregon/Washington border through the training of adult leaders and volunteers. The list of his accomplishments would fill pages.

Elizabeth "Betty" Hicks is always professional, warm and compassionate in dealing with many of our families at Evergreen Elementary School and cares deeply for them and their troubles. She is an instructional assistant and health technician here but is much more. She can be described as the heart and soul of Evergreen, to which she brings historical knowledge otherwise not available. She tirelessly volunteers work for Volunteer Park where she was an "original" volunteer and currently serves as a spokesman for the park.

Val Hardin is the sort of person you go to when help is needed and you just don't know where else to turn. She'll always fill the bill. At Key Peninsula Community Services/Foodbank she drives the cargo van to pick up bread and bagels from Gig Harbor to Federal Way and uses the passenger van to gather our seniors for our Wednesday lunch program. She headed a group of volunteers preparing and distributing about 100 Christmas food baskets to those in need. In the past 13 months she has contributed over 875 hours of volunteer time. She does this month after month and always with a smile. She holds an Associate in Arts degree in accounting and Business, another degree in language, a minor in counseling and human services and speaks Spanish, is computer literate and dabbles in art projects. She hopes to put these talents to work for the KPCS Board of Directors if elected to the office this year.

Barbara Trotter has been a tireless contributor to her community through her volunteer efforts as school board member and active supporter of Citizens for Peninsula Schools. She has contributed countless hours supporting Key Peninsula Middle School in particular as an active member of its PTA and School Council. Additionally, she provides

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TO YOUR HEALTH

by
**William F. Roes,
MD**

People are frequently surprised to learn after the nurse has taken their blood pressure that they have hypertension. This is probably traceable to misunderstandings of what hypertension is and the fact that this serious disease seldom present with any definable symptoms. Hypertension is high blood pressure, and not as it would suggest a state of increased tension. We define blood pressure with two numbers the first (highest) is called the systolic pressure. This relates to the pressure inside the blood vessels at the peak of the heart's contraction. The second (lowest) number is the diastolic, or the pressure in the blood vessels between contractions or at rest.

In adults normal blood pressure is considered 120/80, with the traditional diagnosis of hypertension as being anything over 140/90. It is generally realized that pressure can drift up slowly with age so there are some considerations made based upon the specific patient. The majority of patients with elevated blood pressures are suffering from what physicians call "essential hypertension", that is

hypertension without an obvious precipitating cause. There are many rare and unusual disorders which can secondarily elevate blood pressure, so your physician would frequently run blood and urine studies as well as a physical exam before accepting a diagnosis of essential or primary hypertension. Many people also suffer from "white coat syndrome", meaning their blood pressure goes up when they enter a doctor's exam room, or other stressful situations. In this situation, it's useful to repeat the blood pressure exam a few minutes later, but the fact that stress can produce significant elevations in blood pressure suggests that at least careful monitoring is in order.

One of the problems in adequately treating hypertension is that there are usually no symptoms, and it's hard to get people to take medication when they don't feel bad. If you can demonstrate to a patient the medication they're on helps relieve symptoms it's a lot easier to convince them of the effectiveness of the drug. I've found it helpful for patients to take an active role in monitoring their blood pressure, which I'm sure contributes to improved compliance. Most drug stores offer simple equipment for home monitoring, as well as the opportunity to get it checked at the fire department or drop by our office. If you haven't had your blood pressure checked for awhile, make a point of doing so this month. This is definitely a case of what you don't know can hurt you.

Girls Volleyball Skills Clinic Offered

An "Expand Your Skills" instructional volleyball clinic for elementary, junior and senior high girls in grades fourth through tenth will be held Saturday, March 14th at Ford Middle School. Players in grades 4-6 will attend from 12:00 noon - 2:00 PM followed by grades 7-8 from 2:00-4:00 PM and grades 9-10 from 6:00-8:00 PM.

Cost is \$10.00 if pre-registered or \$15.00 at the door. Players will focus on individual skill development as well as participate in game situations and will be specifically designed to the level of player ability.

The clinic is being hosted by the NVC RAGE Volleyball team and NBC Camps under the guidance of clinic director Suzanne Paulsen, co-director of NVC Camps who also heads up NVC's Australian Volleyball Tour this summer. A graduate of Wilson High School and Eastern Washington University, Paulsen led her team, as a setter, to the Big Sky Championship her senior year.

Enrollment is limited so for further information contact Mare Blau at (253) 848-1360 or Suzanne Paulsen at (253) 926-1355.

Spring Gift Show

A Spring Gift Show will be held March 27, 28, and 29, at the Rosedale Community Center in Gig Harbor, 8205 86th Ave. NW. Please call Ten Thousand Villages at 858-3326 for additional information and driving directions.

Hours for the Spring Gift Show will be Friday, March 27th from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Saturday, March 28th from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM, and Sunday, March 29th, from noon to 4:00 PM.

The Gig Harbor/Key Peninsula area is looking forward to the return of the Easter Basket Boutique, a unique Spring Gift Show offering something for everyone's delight, including treats for Easter giving, gifts for gardeners, Mother's Day, graduates, weddings and more. In addition to the juried selection of local and international handicrafts, event participants will enjoy free admission, door prizes, complimentary beverages, and creative kids crafts to make and take home.

Children's activities are geared for ages 5-12 and include homemade soaps, weaving, bouncy balls and worry people. Craft fees are minimal, ranging from \$.25 to \$1.00 each.

TOPS News

by Frankie Johnson

February was an exciting month. It seems a lot of folks want to start over at the first of the year. Now we have several new members that have lost over 10# and earned their bracelets. They are: Evelyn Cannon, Kathleen Larson, Debbie Wayno, and Linda Sutterfield.

We are so proud of them. But even better, we are so proud to announce that Jesse and Sarah Nixon have reached their goals and both are KIW, (KOPS -IN WAITING) this is the first mother and daughter team to do this in our group. Sarah is our first teen to reach goal.

February 17 we had a special speaker, Max Lomax, a motivational expert, as our guest. It was terrific. I am sorry for anyone who missed him. All of our programs are free and we try to publish times and dates ahead of time.

Our annual open house was Febru-

ary 24, 1998. We featured all of our successful members. We now have people who have maintained for 1 to 12 years their normal weight. Susan Davidson has lost 82 lbs. and will be our state queen contender. Arleen Lonning has lost 37 lbs. And is our runner up.

We are practicing for our return appearance as the singing nuns in Silverdale in May at our State recognition days. It was a ball at the fall rally where Alana Midditon was honored as the youngest TOPS member present. She was adorable in her nun outfit.

Be watching for the TOPS annual rummage sale, it will be April 25th Sat at the Civic Center.

Our elections are coming up and we will be reporting about them next month.

If you have questions about TOPS call Frankie at 884-4102.

Wellness Conference Emphasis On Health And Quality Of Life

Senior citizens from Pierce and south King counties are urged to attend Wellness Works, a conference set for May 5 at the Lakewood Senior Center just south of Tacoma.

Co-chairs Betty Drost of Tacoma and Dr. Calvin Wainess of Lakewood promise an exciting day of nationally known speakers, important workshops, exercises for fitness, sing-along and a delicious lunch.

Drost, a retired member of the Tacoma school board, said the day-long event is aimed at "helping seniors learn about staying well and enjoying life to the fullest." Wainess, a retired community college administrator and former state director of AARP, added that participants will "enjoy the social

interaction mixed with useful information they can use everyday."

Workshops will include a defense against swindlers, use of over-the-counter medication, community and government services, nutrition, Social Security and Medicare details.

Presenters will also talk about ways to stay healthy, tips to improve memory and fitness techniques. Blood pressure and blood sugar tests and books on wellness will also be available.

Registration fee by April 10 is \$8, after the 10th it is \$10. Call 253-472-0770 for registration information. Wellness Works is open to people of all ages.

Reunions Unlimited

Search for classmates for 1998 reunions continue. Reunions Unlimited, Olympia, is coordinating the following reunions and is searching for classmates. If you are a graduate of one of these classes, or know someone who is, and have not heard about the reunion and would like to receive more information please contact Reunions Unlimited at (360) 866-8842 or toll free (888) 866-8842. Don't miss the nostalgia - don't miss the fun!

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1998 Teen Poetry/Short Story Contest

Young poets and fiction writers are invited to compete for cash, prizes and publication in Pierce County's Second Annual Teen Poetry & Fiction Writing Contest.

Called "Our Own Words," the contest is open to teens ages 12-18 living in Pierce County. Entries will be accepted between February 16 and April 1, 1998. Winners will be announced in late April to coincide with National Poetry Month.

"Our Own Words" is sponsored by Pierce County Library System, Pierce County Library Foundation, Tacoma Public Library, Puget Sound Poetry Connection, Seafirst Bank and Pierce Transit, which will feature excerpts from winning entries on the exteriors of its buses.

There is no charge to enter the contest. Prizes will be awarded in two age groups (12-14; 15-18) and two categories: poetry and short story. Four sets of prizes will be awarded as follows:

First Place: \$100, Second Place: \$75, Third Place: \$50, and Honorable Mention: \$25.

First-place winners also will receive gift certificates donated by Barnes & Noble. Winning poems and stories will be published in a contest book as well as excerpted on Pierce Transit buses. Contest winners will be invited to read from their work at a May 21 awards ceremony.

The judging will be coordinated by Puget Sound Poetry Connection. Judges include local poets, writers, librarians and educators.

To help young people prepare for the contest, a series of free writing workshops led by professional writers will be held in February and March at selected branches of the Tacoma Public Library and Pierce County Library.

Contest entry forms are available at local middle and high schools, county

and city library branches, Pierce Transit headquarters and sales outlets in downtown Tacoma and the Lakewood Mall, and the Barnes & Noble Bookstore in the Lakewood Mall.

For more information on the contest, call Sallie Zimmer at the Pierce County Library at 536-6500, ext. 103. To register for a writing workshop, call the Tacoma Public Library at (253) 591-5666.

Meeting Of Olympia Presbytery

Grace Presbyterian Church will host the March 19 meeting of Olympia Presbytery at Miracle Ranch.

The Grace choir will present musical numbers and Elder Larry Carlson will give the message at the Women's Correctional Center for the Chapel Hill Church services on March 8. Choir members from Mission Woods Presbyterian Church will also be included.

There will be an Easter musical presentation on April 5, Palm Sunday, in the afternoon at Miracle Ranch.

Regular Sunday services are held at 8:30 AM at Miracle Ranch. For more information, call 857-7284.

A View From Home

by Marty Marcus



Hardly a day goes by that there isn't something in the news about salmon. I guess it's really good that more people, especially people with some political power, are coming around to the realization that we need to do more than we've done in the past or some species of wild salmon will go the way of the dodo, the passenger pigeon and the Carolina parakeet. It's really great to see, on the Key Peninsula, that children and adults are involved in efforts such as those at Vaughn and Evergreen schools to clean and monitor streams and to raise and release young salmon into these streams.

And while the survival of the salmon is of great importance here in Washington from economic, ecological, recreational and nostalgic points of view, unfortunately the plight of the wild salmon is only a part of a larger problem which doesn't seem to be getting as fully addressed. More than a decade ago the World Watch Institute reported data showing that on a world-wide basis, the total amount of money being spent on fishing was greater than the revenue being earned from the sale of the fish being caught.

There is no question that efforts to rehabilitate streams, to reduce logging near streams, and to prevent farm animal and human wastes from polluting streams are worthwhile activities. But as a recent letter in a local newspaper pointed out, there is a tremendous discrepancy between the number of young salmon being released and the number of adult salmon returning from the ocean to spawn. What's happening to the salmon out there in the ocean?

To get some answers to that question, we need to look at how the food web in the ocean works. At the lowest level are the marine algae and phytoplankton, organisms that derive their energy from sunlight and use it to combine carbon dioxide, water and dissolved minerals to grow and reproduce. These organisms are sometimes referred to as autotrophs, meaning they make their food from inorganic materials. They are eaten by the next level of organisms, the heterotrophs, commonly known as herbivores, which then get eaten by the carnivores of level three, which become prey for the carnivores of level four. Our local orcas (killer whales) are at the top at level five, as anyone who watched them catching salmon in Dye Inlet a few months ago can attest to.

By analyzing the data about the worldwide catch of some 220 species of fish and invertebrates accumulated by the United Nations from 1950 to 1994, scientists at the University of British Columbia have come up with some interesting conclusions. In next month's column we'll look at what they discovered and what some of the implications are for reversing the current decline in our local fishery as well as the global fisheries.

Vaughn Bay Garden Club

Vaughn Bay Garden Club will meet on March 18 at the home of Colleen Slater. The Club is making plans for celebrating its 75th anniversary this spring. Interested gardeners are welcome. For further information, please call 884-5403.

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IN THE CRITTER CORNER

by Jeffery W. Irwin, DVM

I believe I can safely say that most of us residents of the Pacific Northwest are delighted that the days of spring are rapidly approaching. It is the time of year to prepare for weekly grass mowing, spring cleaning, and for some of us, planting gardens. In light of the fact that we live in a part of the U.S. that snails and slugs find most hospitable, it is often necessary to wage war on them in order to protect the "fruits" of our labor, i.e., our gardens. The ammunition used in this war is most often snail or slug bait, which is very effective in eradicating these garden pests. Unfortunately, as many of you may know, it is also quite effective in poisoning our pets.

The active ingredient in slug bait is a compound called metaldehyde. It

kills snails and slugs by hyperstimulating their nervous system or causing their nerves to fire repetitively without rest. It has a similar effect on our pets when ingested in larger quantities.

Dogs are more likely intoxicated than cats due to their often indiscriminate appetite. I think you know what I mean. If something smells good, a dog will probably eat it, and if something smells bad, a dog will almost assuredly eat it. Dogs are very much attracted to slug baits because a large percentage of them contain bone meal, a palatable substance found in almost all dog foods.

When a dog or cat ingests metaldehyde, symptoms can occur within minutes or can take up to a few hours.

These symptoms include, an elevation in heart rate, nystagmus (rapid, involuntary eye movements), increased respiration rate, panting, increased salivation, stiffness, unsteady gait, muscle tremors, vomiting, increased sensitivity to touch, continuous convulsions or tremors, diarrhea and an elevated body temperature. In the late stages, the pet becomes depressed, comatose and can eventually die. Death usually occurs from respiratory failure 4-24 hours after exposure. Some pets may experience what appear to be an apparent recovery followed by death 2-3 days from liver failure. Temporary blindness has been reported in dogs that do survive from time to time.

Treatment for slug bait ingestion begins by initiating emesis or vomiting in the affected pet. This can be accomplished with a number of products. If ingestion is witnessed by a pet owner, peroxide or syrup of ipecac given by mouth, about 1-2 tablespoons, will usually do the trick. The emetic used most in veterinary hospitals is apomorphine. Clearing the poisons from the stomach is often all that is necessary for treatment if the ingestion was recent and none of the above symptoms are evident. It is, however, necessary to administer drugs to diminish or eradicate central nervous system signs such as tremors or seizures. The most commonly used compound is intravenous valium, given repeatedly until seizures diminish or stop. If valium fails to mitigate the seizures, barbiturates may be given, but will probably sedate or lightly anesthetize the affected animal. Supportive care in the form of intravenous fluids is also initiated to keep the circulation strong. Often sodium bicarbonate, an acid neutralizing

agent, is added to the fluids to reverse the acid build up that occurs in the bloodstream from prolonged tremors and seizures.

The good news about slug bait intoxication is that, in most cases, when a pet is presented for treatment soon after ingestion, it can be saved. Do not delay! The longer symptoms have existed, the harder it is to reverse the damage. It is NEVER, under any circumstances, OK for your pet to manifest symptoms such as dizziness, incoordination, body tremors or seizures! Although many other diseases may cause these symptoms in your pet, when they are seen in the spring during planting season, your suspicion for slug bait intoxication should be heightened. Have your pet examined immediately to increase his or her chances of survival. Also, if you have the choice, consider using slug bait products without bone meal, such as Deadline. Dogs and cats are less attracted to it.

Fact of the Month: 3-4 ounces of unsweetened baking chocolate is enough to kill a 10 kg (22 lb.) dog. Don't leave chocolate unattended and readily available to your ravenous, junk-food eating pets!

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Tacoma Resident Turns 106

On February 16th, Marija Reinis will be 106 years old.

Mrs. Reinis was born in Latvia in 1892. She was one of four sisters. Married twice, she had a son and a daughter. Mrs. Reinis was a farmer during her adult life.

In 1962, at the age of 70, she made the journey to the United States, residing with friends until May of 1997. She now lives at Park Rose Care Center in Tacoma, Washington.



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VETERAN'S VOICES

By Eileen Young

Another month is upon us, seems like 1998 is in a big hurry because it seems to be going by really fast! Any way, for those of you who are Irish, Happy St Patrick's Day and for the rest of us I offer this old Galic blessing;

*May those who love us, love us
And those that don't love us
May God turn their hearts
And if He doesn't turn their hearts
May He turn their ankles
So we will know them by their
limping.*

Now to more serious things, our comrades on the sick list: in Tacoma General Hospital as of this writing, Bill Smith, Recovering from shoulder surgery at home, Bill Howe and to Glen Miller and Don Palmer, our prayers are with you. To all of the above, we send our wishes for a speedy recovery.

Last month's column left out a very important young lady, Mary Broder-son of Vaughn school, who won 1st place, 4th grade in the District 4 Jr. essay contest. Sorry Mary and congratulations.

The ladies auxiliary welcomes new members Shirlie Marretti and Lecanne O'Rourke.

Both post and auxiliary voted to participate in the Spring Festival to be held in the Civic Center May 2nd. Any one who sews, paints, does woodworking or any craft item that would sell at our VFW table is asked to donate an item or two. Call 884-9982 or 884-4407 with your donation. Thank you,

SPECIAL NOTICE: A correction regarding the patriotic art notice for High School students appearing in the Gateway. Previous 1st place winners on a NATIONAL level only are exempt; all other entrants at high school level may enter with a new piece of work not previously submitted.

The coordinators for the VFW fireworks stand for this year will be

Ron and Cathy Collier and Tony Pickney, new members who are becoming involved in a big way. Our thanks to all three of you. The stand will again be at Lake Kathryn and State declared we must open June 28th to July 4th. Workers will be needed to man the stand so please be prepared to do your fair share in our annual fund raiser. Remember, all money collected stays in our area and goes for high school scholarships, Jr. essays, Voice of Democracy, Christmas and Thanksgiving baskets, the Aisle of Honor plus help for any needy veterans, their families or members of our community.

Again, we invite any veteran and their wives to join our organization. Come and help make your community a better place for all. Information available from any VFW member or call 884-4551.

See you next month, have a good one.



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THE LAW COLUMN

by Michael Misner

Some time ago I was hired by a woman who wanted to get a divorce after more than thirty years of marriage. One of her first questions to me was whether or not her husband could prevent the divorce from going through. Apparently, he was of the opinion that he had been a good husband and had told her that unless she could prove otherwise, she was stuck.

I advised her that she was not forced to stay married under Washington's divorce law. Her question has stayed with me as I have since wondered if there are other people who might think the same way.

In the early 1970s, Washington passed a "no-fault" set of laws regarding divorce in this state. Let me be up front about this: I am a firm supporter of Washington's "no-fault" divorce system. Let me give you a few of my reasons.

One of my first jobs in a law office took place when I was still in law school at Gonzaga University. The firm in which I worked had just filed a divorce case and we were representing the wife. In those days, you had to prove "grounds" before you

could end a marriage. While I can't remember all of the grounds, some of them included drunkenness, battery and adultery. It was this last ground that I had to prove.

My job for the day was to park my green VW bug in an inconspicuous spot and wait for the errant husband to come out of a hotel with his girlfriend. I had been given a camera by one of the attorneys and was told to take as many pictures as I could while remaining undetected.

As I sat in the broiling heat of an eastern Washington afternoon in an air conditioned car waiting for this guy, I began to realize that it was no one's business why a man and a woman could not stay married. Moreover, what child would ever want to know that his father had been caught in the act of a tryst with his girlfriend by a sweat-soaked law student as he was coming out of a run-down motel in Stateline, Idaho?

There are lots of good reasons for re-examining our divorce statutes, but going back to the "good old days" of proving fault is an expensive and degrading regression.

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Older students reading to younger students.

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Among the many volunteers for RIF was Dave Row, a Ranger at Penrose Point State Park.



Children eagerly searching for books to read.

by Hugh McMillan

I had never heard of the "RIF" program until Barbara Kraft, a booster, suggested I visit Evergreen Elementary School on the Key Peninsula to have a look. I did so on a recent Thursday. I've got to tell you I have never had a more uplifting experience.

RIF stands for "Reading is FUNdamental. According to its brochure, it "motivates children to read for pleasure and learning" ... and "enables educators, parents, and community volunteers to bring some of America's neediest children stimulating reading activities and challenges with free new books to choose and keep."

I watched kids from kindergarten through fifth grade in Evergreen's library. They came and went every fifteen minutes in groups of about 20, class by class, into the library es-

corted by a teacher. Every one of them - and I mean without exception - was wide-eyed with barely controlled enthusiasm as they entered the room. They clustered and milled quietly, almost breathlessly around tables covered with all sorts of children's books.

They carefully selected one book each and recorded their choices with parent or community volunteers. Then, some sat with other community volunteers to be read to, some sat with one another and shared readings from their newly-won prizes, and fourth and fifth graders read to the wee ones not yet able to read. This was serious business. Santa Claus never had it so good.

As each group departed parent volunteers and staff replenished the book collection for the next group.

"Evergreen Reading is FUNdamental, or RIF, is a local program that is part of a national organization," said Barbara Kraft. "It sponsors three book distribution days annually. Students, pre-school through 5th grade, may choose a free new book that is theirs to keep.

Each RIF day has its own theme. This one's is "Read your heart out." Spring of '97's was "Read a book, plant a seed" accompanied by suitable decorations in the library. I thought one of the best to be "20,000 Reads Under the Sea" which, I'm told, was accompanied by a simulated "diving bell" to the book selection area at the "bottom of the sea."

"Books are chosen and RIF days planned by a committee of staff, parents, and community members all volunteering their time," said Kraft. Bookmarks which can be colored

with available crayons, and treats of candy add to the specialness of the occasion. Funding of RIF is through a grant of \$300 from the Evergreen VPO which is then matched 3 to 1 by national RIF, Inc. Many book companies offer substantial discounts to RIF programs.

Throughout the school year, kindergartners use the library once weekly on schedule. All other classes have once a week schedules and may (and do) check out books during lunch hours. Each teacher has library passes that can be given at the teachers discretion to students for research ... or whatever.

Evergreen RIF gave to eager young readers 849 books during the 1996 - '97 school year.

And on that Thursday, it gave this writer a warm and fuzzy feeling of hope for our future.



Lethaniel Ray



Elizabeth "Betty" Hicks



Val Hardin



Barbara Trotter



Henry Ramsdell



Dale Ramsdell



Diane Ramsey



Phil and Dorothy Rome



Phil Radcliffe



Ross and Joyce Bischoff



Barb Granquist

From Citizens of the Year Pages 10 & 11

weekly support to the school's student store as a parent volunteer. For her efforts to improve our schools it is with great appreciation that we nominate this special lady for Citizen of the Year.

Henry and Dale Ramsdell have been involved with the Key Peninsula Community Services/Foodbank picking up bread and other items for distribution through the Center's food bank. They frequently service and repair the KPCS' aging vehicles at no cost to KPCS. They are always available to transport elderly people to doctors' appointments all the way to Tacoma. They repair mowers and autos for the elderly at no charge and pick up and deliver items needing repair. They have moved wood up next to doors so that those who can't walk very far can keep warm. There is much more to be said for these fine citizens and I'm sorry I can't provide more information because I am one of those they have helped.

Phil and Dorothy Rome serve as volunteer managers of the Long-branch Improvement Club and have gone over and above any expectations to make the clubhouse accessible and presentable to the public on a daily basis. We can always depend on the Romes to have the club ready for any event. Most every day you will see them come and go at least once to the clubhouse. They do this for no pay, just dedication to our community.

Phil Radcliffe moves a lot of dirt. It's his business. But he is always willing to do it in a pleasant way and invariably does more than is asked. When it is suggested that "a little more dirt here would be nice," his reply is, "what kind, how much more, and how soon?" He makes suggestions that might improve the project but when the suggestion is taken he does it without increasing his costs. During and after storms, he and his equipment are available to start or assist with clearing debris, road block-

ing or whatever job needs being done. Whatever or wherever the situation, Phil does it willingly and pleasantly.

Ross and Joyce Bischoff have been active members of the community for many years. Ross was a member of a six person committee in 1994 that put together a detailed account for future planning of Fire District 16. This is an extensive study covering the history, equipment, personnel, costs, training, needs, and recommendations for the future of the District. The Bischoffs have been involved with the Farmer's Market for close to 30 years when it was first in Port Orchard then in Gig Harbor. They are active in the Key Peninsula Lutheran Church, participated in making the Home Centennial celebrations a success, are involved with the Home Town Meetings, and in general are always ready to lend a hand with many projects in the community.

Diane Ramsey started a non-profit corporation called Communities in Schools in order to find a way to bring community resources into the schools to help students and their families. To date she has been awarded over \$100,000 in grant money to be used for projects such as a senior citizen mentor/tutor program which brings seniors into the schools to read with students who need help with reading, after school programs to include an enrichment program to offer languages, art, native American culture, a young authors club, and a latch key program offering simple healthy activities for kids as an alternative to watching TV at home. It includes family nights offering family dinners, children's activities and classes for adults and teens on family issues. Diane is seeking more grant monies to support a summer activities program, a community learning center, and to address family issues such as domestic violence and substance abuse.

Barbara Granquist and her husband Richard have been mainstays in our community for years. Serving as Chaplains for the fire department, working as volunteers for all sorts of events like Cider Fest and the Fire-fighter's Ball. Barbara served as secretary of the Key Peninsula Business Association for several years. She has also done her part in keeping the KPBA's stretch of highway cleaned up.

Volunteers Needed

The Tacoma-Pierce County Chapter of the American Red Cross is in need of volunteers to assist at our Hispanic Meal Site. Volunteers are needed as prep cooks to chop and clean food items and to assist with the clean up of the meal site. The meal site is located on Portland Avenue in the Portland Community Center. Volunteers are needed on Wednesdays from 9:30 AM until 2:00 PM. Lunch will be provided for all volunteers.

If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Beth Elliott at 474-0400.

The Tacoma-Pierce County Chapter of the American Red Cross is currently accepting volunteers interested in assisting people in our community during local disasters. The volunteers would meet with those affected to determine their disaster-caused needs and how the Tacoma/Pierce County Red Cross can help. This chapter responds to community disaster needs approximately every 61 hours.

The Red Cross provides professional, extensive training for all of its volunteers. For more information, please call Beth Elliott at 474-0400.

AARP 55 Alive/Mature Driving

Thank you so much for your support. We will be conducting AARP 55/Alive Defensive Driving classes on Key Peninsula Quarterly (Feb, May, Aug, and Nov.), usually the third Wednesday and Thursday at the new Fire District 16 fire station in Home.

Those 55 or older taking the class will receive an Auto Insurance Discount, those under 55 may be eligible. Hours are always 8:30AM to 12:30 PM. Call Bill Helgeson at 857-4815 for Required Reservations and Class Locations.

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The Maritime Gig

The Gig Harbor Peninsula Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring "The Maritime Gig", June 6th and 7th. The Gig Harbor Parade is scheduled for 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM on June 6th. The Chamber has parade participant forms available. Entertainment will be plentiful along Harborview, including the Arts Fair along Judson. June 7th brings the traditional Blessing of the Fleet in the morning, and again, 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM entertainment and Arts Fair. A Children's Festival at Henderson Bay, food vendors, souvenir booths and the farmer's market will also be available.

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