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### *A Visit To See Santa*

*Santa Claus (a.k.a. Fred Ramsdell) holds Kaci Matthews while sister Jessica and mother Kim looks on. Santa presided at the Key Peninsula Civic Center's Christmas Bazaar (Arts & Crafts Show), on Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. The event was crowded and most successful.*

*Photos by Lee Stiles*



*During the Christmas Bazaar, these fine folks turned out some great eats! L to R: Phyllis Jardin, Irene Zimmer, Tim Hale, Kathy Hale, Alice Tramil, Virginia Liebergesell, and Sandy McFarlane.*

## An Invitation To Winter Visuals

Gig Harbor Key Peninsula cultural Arts Commission's (CAC) will present its first "Winter Visuals" program. More than thirty; international and national winners in the visual arts will be participating, many from our own Key Peninsula.

Artists from all medias will eagerly speak to guests on the process of their art, e.g., how they came up with the idea, market their work, and more. We have the international award winning bird carver, a poet who has published more than twenty books who will explain the process of creating a poem, a computer artist demonstrating brochure development, a national winner of original china painting, and another national winner in pottery.

Providing musical entertainment are Gig Harbor United Methodist Church String Ensemble, Harp by

Marny Jones, and Piano by Alex Fordyce.

This event is scheduled for one day only at the Key Peninsula Civic Center, 10710 So. Vaughn Road, Vaughn, WA, on Saturday, February 7, 1998 and will be open to the public from 12:00 noon to 5:00 P.M.

The Key Peninsula Lions Club will host the concession providing hamburgers and hot dogs.

Donations will be requested of adults at the door, children and students are invited free of charge, but must be supervised by an adult. The goal of our program is to expose our youth and community residents to the diversity of the arts available in their area. Please mark your 1998 calendars and plan on joining us for this unique experience.

You are cordially invited to the  
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## UNDER MY HAT

by Irene Zimmer  
Facility Coordinator

First of all, let me wish you and yours a happy and prosperous New Year from all of us here at the *Key Peninsula News*! We have enjoyed serving you in the past year, and want to thank you for your continued support.

In many ways, 1997 was a banner year for the Civic Center! We did lots of "clean-up, paint-up, fix-up" on the old girl, and there is more in the offing! We now have new flooring in the Whitmore Room thanks to the efforts of Claudia Loy, Tim Kezele, Don Olson, Loyd Miller and the rest of the "new floor" committee. The grounds are in order, the new gates (one of my favorite improvements) are up, thanks to the work of Allen Yarity and Fred Ramsdell. We're still waiting to get started on the major capital improvements slated to begin sometime early in the new year. This was made possible by our receiving a HUD grant. This grant will allow us to up-grade the bathrooms and make them more handicap-accessible, enlarge the present storage area at the north end of the gym, install new lighting and a new ceiling in the gym, and repair the sagging gym floor. Sadly, these type of things move very slowly!

Sylvia Haase and Sandy McFarlane have been diligently working on new grants that hopefully will provide us with new front doors, more roller skates, new windows in the school building and gym that will be far more efficient at keeping heat in and weather out. Stephanie Zampini submitted a new HUD grant asking for funds to repair the broken shingles on the building and give it a new paint job. 1998 looks like it will be another productive year!

We have many entertaining events planned for 1998, too. The first big event will be the Cultural Arts Commission's "Winter Visuals". This event will showcase local artists dis-

playing their creations and working at their crafts; painting, sculpture, wood carving, etc. Mark **February 7<sup>th</sup>**, from noon until 5:00 PM, on your calendar for this for this event. Next, the "Firemen's Ball" will be presented on **February 14<sup>th</sup>**. More information about this event can be had by calling the fire station in Key Center at 884-2222. The "Citizens of the Year" banquet put on by the Lions Club, will be on **March 14<sup>th</sup>**. Be sure to nominate your favorite volunteer by submitting a letter to the Lions Club, (P.O. Box 63, Vaughn, WA 98394) outlining the accomplishments of your favorite nominee!

Other scheduled events include "Reno Night" on **March 7<sup>th</sup>** and **November 7<sup>th</sup>**, the "Annual Easter Egg Hunt" on **April 12<sup>th</sup>**, the "Spring Festival" on **May 3<sup>rd</sup>**, the "VFW Fireworks Demonstration" on **June 29<sup>th</sup>**, (don't forget, help is always needed in the fireworks booths!) "Pioneer Day" on **August 1<sup>st</sup>**, "Flavor of Fall" on **October 3<sup>rd</sup>**, the "Annual Halloween Party" on **October 31<sup>st</sup>**, (including the scary "Spook Alley" designed and put together by the firefighters), "Thanksgiving Dinner" put on by the VFW on **November 26<sup>th</sup>**, and the "Christmas Bazaar" on **November 28<sup>th</sup>**.

As you can see, we have a busy year planned! As always we can only succeed with the generous donations of your time and money! Those of you who lent a hand or sent a donation during the year - **THANK YOU!** Those of you who haven't discovered the fun of participation - **COME ON DOWN!** We'd like to meet you! The Civic Center could not exist without your help.

As a closing note, I personally want to thank all of you for making my job here at the Center entertaining and fulfilling! See you next month!

## THANK YOU!

We just want to say a special thank you to Jerry Davis. Jerry puffed and putted down to the Civic Center on his tractor and moved some logs into place around the front lawn to close the last available opening that people could drive through (other than the driveways!) Jerry has always been there to lend a hand whenever needed, and we truly appreciate his efforts.



## THE FAMILY ROOM

As this holiday season comes to a close, the staff of the Family Resource Center would like to take this opportunity to reflect upon the enormous outpouring of community support that made our Holiday Gift Program a huge success.

In the truest spirit of giving, sharing and caring, people from all reaches of the Peninsula joined together to help brighten festivities for over 70 families. A warm and heartfelt thanks to the individuals and families that donated their time and resources to make our hope a reality. In addition, a sincere and grateful appreciation goes out to the following organizations that made our program possible:

St. Nicholas Church, Fish Food Bank, Longbranch Community Church, Peninsula High School Honors Society, Key Peninsula Community Services, St. Vincent de Paul, Pierce County Road Maintenance Shop #4, Key Peninsula Fire District #16, Homeport Restaurant, Key Center Tavern, Realty One, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #4990, Peninsula Neighbors, Pierce County Planning Office, Gig Harbor Eagles Aerie #2809, Vaughn Elementary School, and Lake Kathryn Cost Less.

January Center Hours -  
Monday-Friday 9:00-4:00 p.m.

## Key Peninsula Lions Club

Dan and Theresa Means opened their home to the Lions and their friends for a gala Christmas party on the evening of December 13<sup>th</sup>. The home was beautifully decorated with a Christmas tree in every room and other reminders of the season everywhere. A banquet of turkey, ham and all kinds of goodies covering two large tables, was served buffet style. It was a most enjoyable evening of good food, good friends and good conversation.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors, it was decided to serve a meal for the first Wednesday of each month. Irene Zimmer, the Facility Coordinator of the Civic Center offered to cook the meals. December 3<sup>rd</sup> was the first dinner and it met with approval from all who were at the meeting. Irene will now prepare a meal to be served on the first Wednesday of each month until further notice.

At the same meeting, the Lions were treated to some Christmas carol singing by the Cub Scouts of Pack 220, led by Della Darbyshire. The scouting movement in this area has become very successful, so much so,

Jan. 1 - Office Closed  
Happy New Year!  
Jan. 6 - 6:30-8 p.m.  
Parent Network  
(Family Resource Center)  
Jan. 8 - 3:30-5:00 p.m.  
Little Buddies (Civic Center)  
Jan. 15 - 1:00-3:00 p.m.  
Cancer Support Group (Key Peninsula Library-Brones room)  
Jan. 15 - 3:30-5:00 p.m.  
Little Buddies (Civic Center)  
Jan. 15 - 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
Positive Fathering Group  
(Family Resource Center)  
Jan. 20 - 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
Parent Network  
(Family Resource Center)  
Jan. 21 - 9:30-11:30 a.m.  
Healthy Families  
Jan. 22 - 3:30-5:00 p.m.  
Little Buddies (Civic Center)  
Jan. 22 - 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
Positive Fathering Group  
(Family Resource Center)  
Jan. 27 - 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
Family Fun Night - snack and fun activity for parents and children  
Jan. 29 - 3:30-5:00 p.m.  
Little Buddies (Civic Center)  
Jan. 29 - 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
Positive Fathering Group  
(Family Resource Center)

that it might be necessary to split the present troop into two. This cannot be done, however, until there is a qualified adult to become scoutmaster of the new troop. Typically, it should be a man who has children of his own who can benefit from the scouting program.

The Lions Club members donated \$125 to the food bank and \$300 to Volunteer Park.

In the month of November, individual members also chose to donate a total of more than 300 hours of their time to: The Civic Center, Vaughn Elementary School, Meals on Wheels, recycling, Boy Scout Troop 220, support for other civic-minded groups and aid to elderly and handicapped individuals.

The next meeting will be in the Whitmore room at the Civic Center on **January 7**. Dinner will consist of home made chicken pot pie with rolls and salad for a nominal fee of \$5.00, including tip. Dessert will be provided as previously scheduled. It is expected that there will be an induction ceremony for a new member who has been invited to join the club.

Russ Beckim

## The Spirit of Christmas

by Don C. Brunell  
President

### Association of Washington Business

Every year about this time, critics complain that we've lost the true meaning of Christmas, that the holiday spirit has been overshadowed by greed and commercialism.

Not so.

Despite all of the television and newspaper ads urging us to buy this and that, many of the people I know are busy working to help their neighbors, to reach out to those less fortunate than themselves.

One small example is the Holiday Kids' Tree Project in Olympia. Once again this year, as they have for nearly a decade, business owners, designers, foresters, public employees and volunteer firefighters have donated their time and money to make Christmas a little brighter for needy families.

The project provides the state's unofficial Christmas tree on display in the Capitol Rotunda. But more importantly, the Holiday Kids' Tree Project is the genesis for thousands of dollars in donations to provide toys

and gifts for children in rural counties who might otherwise be overlooked during the holidays.

Why do all these volunteers, who have busy lives and commitments of their own, work so hard to help others? Consider this true story.

A few years ago, the rural volunteer firefighters who deliver the gifts to needy families in their districts discovered at the last minute that one family had been overlooked. Living in a house trailer deep in the woods, the family had fallen on hard times. The father was injured and out of work,

the mother had only a part-time job. They had already told their children that there would be no Christmas this year.

But on Christmas morning, the children awoke to see a fire district aid car pull up with Santa at the wheel. As Santa handed out presents to the children, their mother stood nearby with tears in her eyes.

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# Annual Membership Meeting Of The Key Peninsula Civic Center On November 13, 1997

The meeting was called to order by president, Mike Coffin. He announced the restructuring of the treasurer's position, with ATB Services taking over some of the duties at a cost of \$75. per month. Election of officers was moved to the beginning of the meeting. Ballots were marked and counted and the new officers are:

**President** - Mike Coffin, **1st Vice President** - Dave Freeman, **2nd Vice President** - Sylvia Haase, **Treasurer** - Kathy Hale, **Secretary** - Krys Wylie, **At Large** - Loyd Miller, **At Large** - Sandy McFarlane.

We received correspondence from the Angel Guild, and they will continue their donations to the Center for the WIC program through March 1998. It was msc to approve the minutes of the October meeting as written. The treasurer's report and the newspaper report were accepted.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:** There was an attempted break-in on October 26<sup>th</sup> which was unsuccessful, but has damaged the front doors. Mr. Southwick has requested space for an alter-

native school. The VFW room may be a possibility. Logs have been placed by the lawn to prevent people from driving on the grass after the new gates are installed. To date, sixty four vendors have signed up for the Bazaar, and both the gym and the Whitmore room will be in use. The fire inspector was here and was extremely pleased with everything at the Center. Starting in January, there will be a pre-school music class on Monday afternoons.

**HALLOWEEN PARTY:** There were about 300 kids attending, and it was noted more candy was needed for next year's party.

**RENO NIGHT:** Poor turnout and we made the least money ever.

**WINTER BAZAAR:** It was msc to place an ad in several of the craft newsletters advertising our bazaar.

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY:** Keith Stiles, president, reported many people are using the reference materials to look up history of the Key Peninsula as well as looking for ancestors.

**LIONS:** Mike reported about

\$2400 was raised for Kurtis Wolfe, and he has had his bone marrow transplant and is doing well.

**CHS:** Two new workers have been hired for this office, hopefully a representative will be at next meeting.

**CONSTRUCTION:** Dave reported we have the permits, and are waiting for the county to advertise for

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## KEY DATES 1998

### BUSINESS / PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

|                        |  |                      |
|------------------------|--|----------------------|
| KP Business Assoc.     | Jan. 2 - 7:30 AM                                 | Home Port Rest.      |
|                        | Jan. 16 - Noon                                   | Horseshoe Lake Rest. |
| KPBA Membership Dinner | Jan. 26 at Oliver's in Key Center                |                      |
| Fire Fighters Assoc.   | Jan. 27 - 7:00 PM                                | Key Center Fire Sta. |
| Ashes                  |  | Key Center Fire Sta. |
| Boy Scout Troop #220   | Thursdays - 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM                   | KPCCA VFW Rm.        |
| Cootiettes             | Jan. 15 - 7:00 PM                                | KPCC/Whitmore Rm.    |
| KPCCA Board            | Jan. 8 - 7:30 PM                                 | KPCC/Whitmore Rm.    |
| KPCS Board             | Jan. 12 - 10:00 AM                               | Comm. House - Home   |
| KPHC Board             | Jan. 8 - 7:30 PM                                 | Health Center        |
| KP Lions Club          | 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed. - 7:00 PM | KPCC/Whitmore Rm.    |
| VFW & Auxiliary        | 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon. - 7:30 PM | CC/VFW Room/Wm Rm.   |

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

Adult Literacy Classes - Call for Appointment 851-6552 - Gig Harbor  
 Angel Guild Jan. 19 - 10:00 AM Brones Rm./KC Library  
 Cancer Support Group Jan. 15 - 1:00 PM to 3:00 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  
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 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 - 9:30 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 Jan. 6, 13, 20 - 6:30 PM Longbranch Improvement  
 Positive Fathering Wednesdays - 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 | Jan. 14 - 7:30 PM | Key Center Fire Sta. |
|                       | Jan. 26 - 4:00 PM | Key Center Fire Sta. |
| KP Parks & Rec.       | Jan. 12 - 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 Jan. 8 - 7:00 PM Brones Rm./KC Library  
 Grandparents Group Jan. 10 - 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                           | Jan. 16 - Meeting                     | Longbranch Improvement |
| Cancer Support Group                           | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues. - 1 - 3 PM      | Brones Rm./KC Library  |
| Indoor Park                                    | Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:00 - 11:30 AM  | KPCCA gym              |
| KP Historical Society                          | 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday - 7:30 PM    | KP Historical Museum   |
| LB Improvement Club                            | Jan. 16 - 7:00 PM                     | Longbranch Improvement |
| Peninsula Neighbors                            | Jan. 13 - 10:00 AM                    | Longbranch Improvement |
| Lakebay Fuchsia Society                        |                                       | Brones Rm./KC Library  |
| Ruth Circle Meeting                            | Jan. 19 - 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                         | Call 884-5403 for meeting information |                        |

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bids. He expects bid-opening to be mid-December.

**GATES:** Allen reported he had spent \$122. for material, and would probably spend another \$10. He plans to install the gates before next meeting.

We will be re-applying for a HUD grant for painting of the building and new front doors.

Mike reminded everyone the Christmas Potluck is next meeting, December 11 at 6:00 PM. The Center will provide prime rib, and people are asked to bring a side dish.

Vickie McClung offered to be in charge of an antique sale for a fundraiser.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Bosch, secretary

# Thank You!

There is a personal joy that comes from unselfishly giving our time and resources. Throughout the year people from within our greater community strive to help and meet the needs of our children, families and individuals alike. These needs vary widely as do the people and organizations that contribute. I have had the good fortune to become involved with these community organizations over the last few weeks while representing Fire District #16 and the Angel Tree Program. This has provided a wonderful insight into this community's generosity. I so much want to take this opportunity to thank those of you who sponsored children and families, gave cash donations or brought us toys and food. You know who you are, why you have given, and you deserve to bask in the warm satisfaction that accompanies this kind of sharing. These gifts will find their way under Christmas trees and to dinner tables where, without your help, surely there would have been none. Thanks also to the people within our community service organizations that orchestrated this huge undertaking. Without their united efforts this level of success could not be achieved.

On behalf of Pierce County Fire District #16, the Firefighters Local #3152 and myself, Thank You and may the 1998 New Year be all that you dream.

Don Blischke  
Fire District #16

## Washington Ambulance Association Award

Key Peninsula Fire Department Chief Gary Franz, on behalf of the Department, accepts the Washington Ambulance Association's Community Service Special Mention Award. "This is the first year we've presented this award," said Toni Long, Associate Director of Airlift Northwest, which recommended Key Peninsula Fire. "It is also the first time that our association (which represents the private ambulance industry) has ever given an award to a public ambulance service organization," she said. "You should be proud." The award was to recognize the efforts of 13 KPFD firefighters and paramedics who on September 13 coordinated the three hour effort of the KPFD, its ambulance, Mountain View Towing, and an Airlift Northwest helicopter which saved the life of a man trapped in a man hole under a loaded septic truck. Franz commented to the audience that, "it was a dangerous and pretty stinky operation."



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# Pinochle Anyone?

By Aileen Rickert Froehlich

It was a dark and stormy night deep in the heart of Longbranch, when Pa said to Ma, "Are we going to the card party tonight?" She responded quickly, "Yes, yes, it is so much fun. It was one of our main forms of entertainment back in the 20's, 30's, and 40's. The card parties were held at Longbranch and Home. They were during the winter months and lasted, I believe 12 weeks. So Friday night was Card Party Night."

Pinochle can be played many different ways. The one used at card parties was Straight. You had four people at each table, and this then was two sets of partners. You never knew who your partner would be nor could you choose. Each time it would be someone different. Each table played exactly four hands. At the end, your score would be put on your score card, then at the end of the evening the man and woman with the highest score would win a prize and the man and woman with the lowest score would get the booby prize. At the end of six weeks, there would be grand prizes handed out to the man and woman who had the all time high.

Pinochle kind of died out for a time but it seems to be coming back as a good entertainment for friends getting

together for fun. There are many ways to play the game straight, radio or racehorse honeymoon, three handed, cutthroat and many varieties of each kind. Normally there are four players but there can be two, three or six. Many people feel it to be complicated because you have to be alert all the time, and you need to try to figure out where the important cards lie. When playing at the card parties, you could make some real enemies if you didn't pay real close attention. Because of preservation of my life, I learned to play at a very early age. It seemed my mother thought I was a bit too noisy when allowed to play with the other youngsters. Of course, I didn't believe that to be true, but then who was I to argue with the voice of authority. I had some rather frightening moments when I moved to the table and had to be a partner with some of the men who really took their cards seriously. One time I really blundered when I had double pinochle in my hand, and because of nervousness, neglected to lay it down. I knew for a certainty doomsday had arrived when my partner figured out my innocent error, at least I thought it was. Oh well, I lived through that one and a few others. Now when I play, I still accidentally make a few mistakes, but now they let

me get away with it because they say it's my old age. Wasn't age the problem before? Oh well, it is a wonderful way to spend an evening, so if you don't know how to play Pinochle, find someone to teach you. I guarantee you that you will want to play it all the time because it is challenging and fun.

## Bugs, Bugs, Bugs

A new exhibit, *Insecta Perspecta: A Bug's Eye View*, joins The Children's Museum of Tacoma. Dragonflies, Ladybugs and Carpenter Ants will crawl their way into the Museum February 28, 1998.

This fun introduction to these three insects will allow children and their families to learn about where they live, what they eat, and their role in the environment. Once inside the exhibit, children and read books on bugs, learn fascinating insect facts using a field guide and learn about bugs' anatomy. Plus children can play computer bug games, dress up in bug costumes, and help create a big bug sculpture.

For more information, call the Children's Museum of Tacoma at (253) 627-6031.

## TOPS News

by Frankie Johnson

At the close of the year we look back to see how we have done. This year has been very good for our members. In November, several members got their bracelets for 10 pounds lost. They are Evelyn Cannon, Eva Roths, Helen Schlipps, and Debbie Spadoni. We congratulate all of them!

Several members also reached their goal weight. That is a really big deal! Susan Davidson, Joann Cluver, and Joann Holmes all reached goal. Jesse Nixon and Sarah are very close to goal. Sarah has lost 10 pounds and will get her bracelet. Sarah is a pre-teen and it's very hard for kids to reach any goal. We are especially proud of her!

Our celebration for Christmas was on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. As usual, it was a very nice time for all. It was also a good time to show that low calorie food can be good. We exchanged ornaments.

If you have seen Cindy Brewer with a big smile on her face, it is because she has lost weight for over 15 weeks in a row! We are very proud of Cindy.

Now that the new year is here, many people will make a resolution to lose weight. We are here for you and we will help.

The 3rd week in January, we will have a guest speaker, Dorothy Jarman. For more information call 884-4102. C-U-Slimmer.

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## TO YOUR HEALTH

by  
**William F. Roes,  
MD**

The new year is the traditional time for people to make resolutions to improve their lives, giving up old habits or starting new endeavors. I've often urged people to use this as a stimulus to stop smoking, and now there's a new product that may make this a bit easier.

The medication Bupropion (marketed under the brand name Zyban) has recently been released as the first medication in tablet form to reduce the urge to smoke. Bupropion has been available for years as the antidepressant Wellbutrin, but has only just been released by the FDA as

also effective in smoking addiction. It is presumed to work through affecting neurotransmitters in the brain and reduce nicotine craving and withdrawal symptoms. It is generally started in a low dose, and the patient is instructed to be on the medication for one to two weeks before they stop smoking so the medication can be in the brain in therapeutic doses. This is different than the alternative nicotine delivery systems (gum and patches) in that they both require you to stop smoking as soon as you start their product.

Studies show that Bupropion can be used in conjunction with the patches or gum, and the success rate of cigarette cessation is higher than either medication alone. There are side effects from both however, and you should discuss them with your medical provider. No medication can make you want to stop smoking, but if you have the desire, Bupropion may make it a little easier on you and your spouse.

## Grumpy The Grizzly Bear - A Fable

Grumpy was a big gruff grizzly bear who loved to help others. Grumpy had lots of good ideas about how to help many of the animals, but few of the animals wanted to work with him.

Grumpy decided it would be great to build a community house for all the animals so they could have shelter from the winter storms, so he went to where the rabbits were playing in the clover.

"Hey! You dumb rabbits," he roared in his most grumpy grizzly voice, "Quit wasting time and help me build this community house."

The rabbits were so startled by the loud gruff voice that every one dived into a hole and didn't come out for two days.

Then Grumpy saw a flock of sheep grazing in a nearby field.

"Hey, you stupid sheep," he yelled, "quit stuffing your bellies and help me build this community house."

The sheep stood still as stone and

just looked at Grumpy in fear and confusion. No one answered, no one moved. They just didn't know what to do.

Grumpy was getting angry, but he saw a llama standing on a hill looking into the distance.

"Hey, you mindless llama," he yelled in his grumpy grizzly voice, "quit daydreaming and help me build this community house."

The llama turned to look at Grumpy. Then he said in a cultured voice, "Are you, sir, addressing me?"

"You're ——— #~\*~! right I am talking to you," Grumpy said, "Who the #!\$! do you think I am talking to?"

The llama smiled. Then calm and composed, he spit his last meal all over Grumpy's face.

Grumpy never did get his community house built, but for his good ideas, he won a scholarship to charm school.



## VETERAN'S VOICES

By Eileen Young

Welcome to 1998, a brand new year in which to continue our efforts to make our community a better place for all. Many things were done that brought the organization and the community together into a good working relationship and some examples are: our beloved Aisle of Honor on both Memorial and Veterans day, 4th of July fireworks, Pioneer Day parade, food baskets, flag dedications, Thanksgiving dinner and the Christmas Bazaar at the Civic Center to name just a few.

Speaking of the Thanksgiving dinner, which was very successful, and the bazaar (also successful), a huge thank you to all who volunteered their time and or talents to both events. We especially appreciate the community

for their support and the volunteers who appeared, seemingly out of nowhere, just to help. We want each of you to know how very much we appreciate your efforts. We also want to make it very clear that all monies earned by the post and auxiliary stay in our area to be used for area needs.

Two more new members for the ladies auxiliary; a big welcome to Theresa Haase and Trula Knudson.

If you have not paid your dues, now is the time to send your check to quartermaster Bob Blum.

On behalf of our local VFW and the auxiliary, we wish each and everyone the best in 1998 and look forward to working with and for the good of our community and its people.

## Free Depression Screening

If you or someone you know is concerned about depression, take advantage of a free individual depression screening being offered by Terry O'Neil, Ph.D. of Northwest Psychological Services. All screenings are free, anonymous, and confidential.

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Common symptoms of depression include: feelings of sadness, hopelessness, worthlessness; changes in sleeping and eating patterns; irritability, anxiousness, restlessness; fatigue or loss of energy; inability to concen-

trate; and thoughts of death or suicide. People who have several of these symptoms for two weeks or longer may suffer from clinical depression, a medical illness that can be successfully treated.

To arrange for a free depression screening appointment, please call Dr. Terry O'Neil at Northwest Psychological Services in Gig Harbor at 253-851-3141.

## Reynold's Roost

by Howard Reynolds



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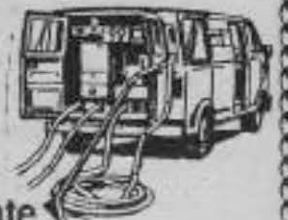
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## Peninsula Light Company Upgrades KP Power Lines

Peninsula Light Company linemen, John Carbone with Coley Hill in the bucket and Dan Winchester on the pole are changing power lines from copper number 4, to 556 MTM stranded aluminum along the Key Peninsula Highway near the Key Peninsula Middle School. When all replacements are installed, this will give greater load capacity and will facilitate inter-tie between sub-stations. Hence, in the event of power outage, Key Center or Longbranch can be fed power from either the Lakebay or the Vaughn substations. The lines are stronger and should better withstand hits by falling branches during storms.



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# KEY PENINSULA TREE LIGHTING CELEBRATION



The merrymaking crowd burst into cheers as the Yuletide tree erupted in colorful lighting.



Under the watchful eye of Lethaniel Ray, leader of Cub Scout Pack #220, Della Darbyshire lead cub scouts in singing Christmas carols. Ray and Master of Ceremonies, Rhys Wood,

earlier reminded all attending that this day marked the 56th anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor which brought America into World War II.



Dr. William Roes' Down Home Marching Band warms the hearts of the approximately 300 tree-lighting ceremony

participants with its renditions of Christmas carols.



With Santa's helper, Eric Nelsen, boosting kids onto the sleigh, Santa and Mrs. Claus (bearing little resemblance

to Fred and Mary Ramsdell) listen to the wishes of excited young folk.

Photos by Hugh McMillan

## Key Peninsula Park And Recreation District (KPPRD)

**Meetings:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, 7:00 P.M., Annex Building at Volunteer Park.

**Commissioners:** Fred Ramsdell (Chair.), Frank Jeffries (Volunteer park Manager, 884-5046), Dick Granquist, Betty Hicks, Marilyn Tagert.

**Park Office:** 884-9240.

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**Home Plat Undeveloped Road**

### Right-of-ways.

In 1985, an application for vacation of a portion of an undeveloped road right-of-way on 9<sup>th</sup> and C St. in Home, known historically as the Honeymoon Trail (or virgin Trail) was submitted to and approved by Pierce County Public Works. After deliberation, the Pierce County Council, denied the petition. In 1996 another application for vacation of the same piece was submitted to and approved by Public Works and again denied by the County Council. In October 1997 another application for vacation was

submitted to Public Works for a stretch of undeveloped road right-of-way in the Home Plat known historically as Happy Valley. The petitioners withdrew their application after a meeting with Landmarks Commission.

The Landmarks Commission, the Pierce County Advisory Board for Historic Preservation, held a special hearing and interested residents submitted testimony to them, reiterating again the 1909 plat that clearly shows the historic validity of the grid of Home. Statements were made to the

Commission that that grid be held inviolate forever. There was agreement by the Commission and their recommendation was that the community of Home be aware of this plat and what is involved in these vacation petitions. Citizens should be informed when applying for vacations because the County Council can approve or deny the petition and the money the petitioner has paid to Public works will not be returned.

Let us know your thoughts. Nancy Lind, 884-3347.



**In The Critter Corner****"You Gotta Love That Smile"**

February is national pet dental health month, and as such, I feel it appropriate to discuss dental disease. Most pet owners pay little attention to their pets' teeth until the pets' mouth odor begins to invade their space. We as pet owners can't be faulted for this, as our pets can't directly tell us that their teeth and gums hurt. So, how can you tell? Watch for these warning signs: Bad breath, reddened gums, drooling, lots of tartar buildup, reluctance to eat hard food, and chewing on only one side of the mouth.

Dogs and cats, just like us, build up plaque, a white and filmy substance above and below the gum line. This plaque consists of food debris, saliva and bacteria. When plaque accumulates on the gum line it causes irritation that can lead to gingivitis (inflammation or redness of the gums). As this plaque and tartar accumulate, an insidious progression of gum recession and bone resorption can occur, which when untreated, not only perpetuates the bad breath, but can lead to pain, tooth loss, and in some cases, to diseases that affect other organs in the body.

Fortunately, there is hope for your pet. You and your veterinarian can work as a team to help the progression of this problem. First, the veterinarian or his veterinary technician must thoroughly clean and polish the teeth to remove the plaque and tartar. This procedure requires anesthetizing your pet. If needed, procedures such as extractions (pulling teeth), root canals, capping and crowning may also be necessary. Some of these more advanced techniques require the attention of a dental specialist or someone who has acquired additional training.

A "teeth cleaning" or what we call in veterinary medicine, a prophylaxis, is much like what you would experience

at the dentist. The major difference is that dogs and cats have more tartar accumulation because they inherently develop it faster than we humans and because they don't usually brush their teeth daily. This tartar is effectively removed using an ultrasonic scaler which operates like a larger and more powerful version of the various "Water Pics" available to people. After removal of all the tartar, the teeth are polished with a special paste that seals any small grooves present in the enamel. Finally, to delay reformation of bacteria, plaque and tartar, fluoride is applied to the teeth surfaces.

If your pets teeth are cleaned regularly (about one to two times per year) before tartar accumulation or shortly thereafter, your pet may never lose its teeth. There are some dogs and cats however, that not only need regular cleaning by a veterinarian or veterinary technician, but also weekly to daily brushing between visits to effectively control tartar and subsequent periodontal disease. Most pets can be taught to accept teeth brushing. How easily this can be accomplished obviously depends on the personality or demeanor of the pet. Some dogs and cats can be approached with toothbrush and toothpaste in hand and have their teeth thoroughly brushed as you would brush your own teeth. With other pets, it may be necessary to introduce the veterinary tooth paste by letting your pet lick it off of your fingers once a day for about 2-4 days. Then, proceed to gently rub her teeth as she attempts to lick the toothpaste from your finger about once a day for another 2 - 4 days. Next, introduce the tooth brush (special veterinary variety or small child's soft bristle brush) by allowing your pet to lick the tooth paste off of it as you hold it up to her mouth. Once your pet gets used to the sight of the tooth brush, you can start brushing. If your pet can't get used to a tooth brush but will allow you to put your finger in his mouth, you might try applying paste with special "finger brushes" or some gauze wrapped around your finger.

With regular cleaning and home dental care, your pet can enjoy the use of his teeth for the rest of his life. Let's work as a team to ensure this!

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**THE LAW COLUMN**

by Michael Misner

OK, so you have finally mustered the courage to discuss a very pressing problem with an attorney. Knowing that it might be expensive, you held off until the last possible minute hoping that things would sort themselves out. That didn't happen and now you're stuck between a rock and a hard place.

The appointment is made and on the day of the meeting you are ushered into an office with the hope that the person in front of you can provide some answers to a number of nagging questions.

The attorney reviews your situation and promises to handle things for you. After the payment of a retainer, you leave the office and for the first time in months, you can see a ray of sunlight in your life.

Weeks pass and there is no word from your attorney as to how your problem was solved. After countless phone calls to the attorney's office, you are told that to solve your problem, certain legal steps had to be taken by a certain date and that your attorney failed to do so. Because of that failure, you are now worse off than you were before you walked into the attorney's office.

Now what are you supposed to do?

Welcome to the world of legal malpractice. While the majority of attorneys never have a malpractice claim ever filed against them, this area of the law is growing as clients who were poorly served seek legal reme-

dies from attorneys who have not done well by them.

Having sued a number of attorneys in the past for malpractice, I have concluded that there are a number of lawyers who have no business in the profession. It doesn't mean that the profession is corrupt, rather, it has led me to believe that the attorneys that I have sued would have eventually been sued had they been a business owner, a doctor or a carpenter. They were people who either were inherently dishonest or lazy.

Clients who have been poorly served by an attorney should not let that bad experience keep them from seeking new legal advice as to their new circumstances. A recent client of mine was very poorly served by a law firm in King County. After thoroughly reviewing their very complicated case, I filed suit on their behalf. With the assistance of a professor of law from the UPS Law School as my key witness, we settled the case against the lawyers for \$190,000.

Attorneys who have negligently handled the affairs of their clients are liable to them for that negligence. A person should never shy away from consulting with an attorney if they feel that they have not been properly represented by their attorneys. If attorneys mess up, they are just as liable as doctors, accountants and any other professional who fails to meet the standard of care of their particular profession.

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## A View From Home

by Marty Marcus

As the new year dawns, I guess many of us in Home are wondering if this winter is going to be anything like the one last year. Being without electricity for ten days does present some interesting challenges. It's not easy to think about the problem of global warming when you're shivering in front of the fireplace. Cooking on a propane campstove is a bother, but at least it's not life-threatening. Trying to keep our animals warm, however, was a wholly different ball game. Most of them can't survive temperatures down in the low forties.

Since we normally use a 12 volt system to heat their enclosures, it was relatively easy to set up a battery back-up system to take over in the event of a power outage. The problem is that when the temperature drops way down and stays there, as it did a year ago, battery output drops from 12 volts to 2 volts. Trying to recharge the batteries from the engine in the motorhome didn't work very well because we couldn't keep the batteries

warm. After five days we finally gave up, cleared the last of the fallen trees blocking our driveway (an electric chainsaw isn't very useful during a power outage), loaded all our animals (plus thirteen we were "snake-sitting" for a friend) into the motorhome and made it to the RV park in Gig Harbor where we stayed for five days.

Having been forewarned about power outages even before we moved to Home from California, one of the first things we did was to have both

phone and power lines placed underground from the power company pole to the house. That didn't help us last winter because the lines went down along McEwan Road. 20/20 hindsight leads me to believe we would have made a wiser decision if we had installed a gasoline-powered generator, which we have now done.

One of the many newsletters we get recently indicated that an additional state tax is being considered to help develop methods of producing electricity from renewable rather than from fossil-burning resources. That tax is estimated to cost the average Key Peninsula family about \$25 a year. Without going into the merits of that particular proposal, what seems to me to be a greater need here on the Key Peninsula is some way of financing the outage-proofing of our existing system. A quick and simple calculation shows that we could pay a \$25 a year fee (tax or rate increase) for more than a hundred years for what it cost us to install a back-up generator. And we wouldn't have to worry about it running out of gas in the middle of the night.

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## Red Cross Real Heroes Awards



Photos by Hugh McMillan



Among six Pierce County Sheriff's Department deputies receiving the American Red Cross Real Heroes Law Enforcement award on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Convention Center of the Tacoma Sheraton Hotel were Michael Noel, Daren Witt, Cory Shears, Gerald Thibodeaux, Gerald Bomkamp and, on the far right in this photo, Greg Stonack of the Purdy Detachment.

Receiving the award for the fire service are, 1. to r., Key Peninsula Fire Chief Gary Franz, Captain Tracy Lyon, and firefighter/EMT Bill Sawaya. John Long of Group Health Cooperative, the sponsoring agency, is at the podium describing the reason for the award.

complete with on-the-scene KING TV coverage of the perilous event.

Both awards were in recognition of truly heroic, highly professional maritime rescue work on March 30<sup>th</sup> off Cutts Island and into the area of the Wauna-Purdy Spit. The near tragedy, under the incident command of the Key Peninsula Fire Department's Sea Rescue Team, involved Pierce County Sheriff Department maritime rescue team personnel, a Coast Guard helicopter, Puget Sound Sea Rescue Team's Key Peninsula detachment, and KING TV's helicopter which provided lighting for the night time, choppy sea rescue.



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**February 7:** Building Your Own House on the Web.

**February 14:** Building a Business on the Web.

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Pre-school story times for ages three to five will be held each Friday at 10:30 A.M., January 31<sup>st</sup> through March 28<sup>th</sup>. Registration at the library or by telephone, 884-2242, will begin January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## Sewing Classes

**SEWING CLASSES:** Beginner to Advanced: Serger, alterations, and transforming old clothes with new designs. Starts January 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and March 8<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 1998, from 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. at the Key Center Library.

Sponsored by Pierce County Extension. Please call (253) 884-3703 for further information.

## Business Moved

Northwest Psychological Services, Inc. is pleased to announce that it has moved from its former location of nearly nine years to new offices at 5801 Soundview Drive, Suite 205, in Gig Harbor. NWPS offers mental health services including counseling and psychological testing to adults, adolescents and children. Groups are also offered for emotional management, eating disorders, step-parenting, depression, trauma recovery, and other concerns.

## 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 taking the class may receive an Auto Insurance Discount. Hours are always 8:30AM to 12:30 PM. Reservations are required. Call 857-4815.

**Gig Harbor:** Jan 21 & 22, Both days 8:30AM to 12:30PM. Pierce County Fire District 5, Station 5-2 2217 Pt. Fosdick Drive. Call 857-4815.

**Gig Harbor, SAT:** Jan 24 & 31, Both days 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM both days. Pierce County Library, Pt Fosdick drive Call 857-4815 for Required Reservations.

**Lakebay/Home:** Feb. 18 & 19, 8:30AM to 12:30PM both days. Pierce County Fire District 16 Home Station. Call 857-4815 for required reservations.

We also have classes scheduled the third Wednesday and Thursday of each month at one of the Fire Stations in Gig Harbor. Hours are 8:30 to 12:30 both days. Call 857-4815 for reservations.

## Retired And Senior Volunteer Program

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, sponsored by The American Red Cross, has the following volunteer opportunities: Receptionist for the Children's Art Museum in Tacoma; Administrative Assistant for Tyler Square, a program of the Tacoma Rescue Mission; docents and gardeners for Lake Wold Gardens; Art After School Mentors for the Tacoma Art Museum; and Research and Advocacy Assistant for Columbia Legal Services. Call 474-1700 for more information.

## Tax Tips



by K. Marvin Keizur CTP

We are going to continue to emphasize using a professional tax preparer for your income tax for 1997. There have been changes in the tax laws that are too good to miss out on. Have you heard about the different IRA's available January 1<sup>st</sup>? Also, don't miss out on the bigger spousal IRA contributions passed in 1996 for your 1997 return. Be aware that you can withdraw monies from your IRA to pay medical expenses exceeding 7.5% of your adjust gross income, also if unemployed you can use IRA funds to pay your health insurance premiums. Don't forget to use a full time tax preparer, that is one whose office is open year round.

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## Habitat Is The Key To Restoring Wild Salmon

From beginning to end, a wild salmon's life is determined by the quality and quantity of its habitat. More than any other factor, habitat determines whether a wild salmon will successfully grow to adulthood and reproduce.

Yes, other factors come into play during a salmon's life history. A fish may be harvested before it returns to spawn. Salmon released from hatcheries may out-compete wild fish for food or rearing habitat.

But without adequate, quality spawning and rearing habitat, there is no hope for wild salmon.

We can, and have, significantly reduced harvests to protect wild fish. Still, their populations decline. We can, and have, changed hatchery practices to minimize impacts to wild fish. Still, their populations decline.

We could stop all fishing, now and forever, and some wild salmon runs would still become extinct. Why? Because wild salmon spawning and rearing habitat continues to disappear. It's being paved over. It's being degraded by water pollution. It's disappearing from the demands for water and space from the millions who live in this region now and the thousands who move here each month. But this is nothing new. It's been happening for a long time.

Instead of tackling the real problem, though, we continue to seek quick fixes and easy answers.

Harvest reductions and changes in hatchery practices are part of the

overall solution to restoring wild salmon runs. But without a comprehensive effort to address habitat loss and degradation, we are doomed to failure.

It's easy to point a finger at fisherman as the cause of the problem for declining salmon stocks. We know when, where and how many salmon they are harvesting. But there are other ways to take salmon. Habitat loss and degradation from urbanization, agricultural practices and other activities "take" salmon just as effectively as a hook or net. A dead fish is a dead fish.

If we throw up our hands and walk away from the biggest part of the problem -- habitat loss and degradation -- we will never be successful in our efforts to restore wild salmon stocks.

If we are serious about saving wild salmon, we must get serious about protecting and restoring their habitat. We need to insist that the solutions we propose are biologically sound. We must make it easier for everyone to do the right thing for salmon, perhaps through providing tax credits and developing land trusts. And we must be tougher on those who would destroy or damage the salmon's home.

That doesn't mean that we must make a choice between wild salmon and a healthy economy in this state. It just means that if we want both, we must choose more wisely and carefully than we have so far.

## Angel Guild Notes

At the last meeting of the Angel Guild a representative from the WIC Program spoke to the members. She stressed how WIC has utilized the help provided by the Guild. We have helped 247 people through this program. The Guild has been supporting the WIC Program since 1992 by paying their rent at the Civic Center. The people helped are at or below the poverty level, and one family is known to be homeless on the Peninsula. Anyone who is desperate can go to the Community House and get food and aid. The Angel Guild provides funds for a vouchers to be used at the Guild store in Key Center for any goods we have. We hope any family in our area who needs help will come in. That's what the Angels are here for! We donated \$1000 for holiday baskets this year.

December 22<sup>nd</sup> was designated to be our holiday celebration. Members brought cookies to share and we spent some time getting to know each other. Anyone in this area is welcome to

join the Angels. It's a lot of fun to sort the donations or work in the store. You'll see a lot of your friends. It is still amazing how many goods come and go from this tiny store! All proceeds go to local needs. It is a wonderful endeavor. The men and women who give of their time are to be commended. Barbara Hanna is one of those tireless workers. She deserves much gratitude from the whole community. Molly Holmes, the current president is also to be congratulated on a very fine job.

Every week there is something on sale at the store. You must stop by and check it out. We had a few days off over the holidays to refurbish and many thanks go to Bonnie Stinson as the facilitator of the whole store.

In March we will be celebrating our 20<sup>th</sup> year. Plans are in progress to have refreshments and specials in the store.

We are hoping for new members to come and help. Many people go south for the winter so we always need help.

## Tacoma-Pierce County Visitor and Convention Bureau

### Calendar of Events Inclusion Policy

The Tacoma-Pierce County Visitor & Convention Bureau is a non-profit organization working to help enhance economic development in the Tacoma-Pierce County area through booking conventions and encouraging increased visitation to the city from international and domestic travelers and tour groups.

The Bureau produces a monthly calendar of events, and will list those events that attract visitors to come to the Tacoma-Pierce County area for recreation and business related reasons.

The following criteria is used in selecting the events to be listed:

- The event must be open to the public. Priority will be given to popular events based on the number of visitor requests and the history of the event.
- The event must have a broad appeal, and be capable of receiving up to 100 guests.

• Non-tourism events such as meetings, conventions, auditions, dinners, school classes, clinics and camps will not be included.

• All information sent to the bureau for publication must be received two months before the month in which the event occurs. (ie. All May events need to be received by March 1, 1997) All event information must include a contact name (for in-house use) and phone number for publication.

• Space on the calendar is limited. Preference will be given to events sponsored by Bureau members that meet the required criteria. All other events meeting the criteria will be listed as space allows.

Event information should be sent to:

Calendar of Events  
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## It's Time To Come Back To TOPS

by Mary Nelson

HURRAH! Marj James is officially a KOPS (Keep Off Pounds Sensibly). She is the first member of the morning Lakebay TOPS group to reach and maintain her goal. Several members are nearly there, and we all have KOPS as our goal. Thank you Marj for sticking with it and setting such a great example for the rest of us!

Virginia Avery was our TOP looser for November and Gloria Kimberly came in second. Keep up the good work Virginia and Gloria!

"The highlight for the past month has been our make-over instruction," says Lila Garrison, our group's sec-

retary. "I especially appreciated the make-up hints." We are looking forward to a full program next month including a FORGIVENESS DAY and an OPEN HOUSE. We would love to have you join us.

All you have to do is to drop in to the Community House, just past the new bridge south of Home, and visit with the TOPS group that meets there at 9:00 AM every Tuesday morning. We have something for you. Ideas and strategies for eating sensibly are shared every meeting.

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