

Farewell to Brian. Welcome to Scott.

An expectation for Brian's replacement

By Pete Juliano

As of June 2, 2005, Scott Edwards will step into some large shoes as the new General Manager (GM) of Kala Point. Brian's tenure spanning some twenty-one years provided him the opportunity to be involved with the many policies and procedures we have today. Edwards will now have a large catch up task and not much time. He has a formidable undertaking ahead of him as he tries to learn the job and respond to the Board, all the while simultaneously being on the front lines with KPOA members.

Brian had a very unusual employment situation as his official supervisor changed literally every year and his unofficial supervisors numbered in the hundreds. Many decisions were deferred to him simply because of his tenure and the revolving door nature of the leadership. He may have not been correct in every pronouncement, but because "Brian said so —it became gospel".

However, with this new GM, we as members need to shape the answers based on upgraded

Governing Documents and upgraded Policies and Procedures that reflect today's environment & the mature nature of Kala Point. Now is the time to have it done by a new book written by the members.

KPOA members have two tasks ahead of them. First, give the new General Manager an opportunity to do his job. Let's not characterize any actions taken by Edwards with the statement "well, Brian didn't do it that way." No two individuals are clones. There are many roads leading to Rome, and they all end up there.

First, members must give him the time and opportunity to make his mark. Secondly, let's be more involved in understanding what is being done to provide him feedback. Scott will be handicapped with a knowledge gap. While there may be tape recordings of "how Brian did his job," those are no substitutes for learning the intricacies of the Governing and Applicable Documents and their application.

This road to Rome will be rocky for the new GM and for us. KPOA members can smooth out that transition by welcoming this individual and more importantly by being involved! While Scott will receive his marching orders from the Board President, his supervisor, he should firmly believe that KPOA members are his employers.

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Editor, Community Forum:

Do you know what your KPOA Board is doing? Well, I have been watching, and I am very concerned.

There is an orchestrated effort going on by a few pro tree people to get rid of the Tree Committee chairman and take over the committee to promote their own narrow agenda.

This agenda includes stopping the cutting of trees for any reason. They want the chairman removed because they believe he is too “Pro View.”

The individuals behind this effort are so Pro Tree regarding trees that most people would consider them irrational. These individuals have been criticizing the chairman for months. In recent weeks they have stepped up their attacks, slandering the chairman at Board meetings, even to the point of calling him “a liar.” There are no data to support such attacks.

It is hard to understand why the Board allows this behavior. What is harder to understand is why this board is so quick to embrace the agenda of a small group who are so far over the edge. They rant and rave in an effort to remove the chairman.

I guess it is all right to be over the edge for trees, but to be pro view is not acceptable.

If anyone in the community has a concern over

his future ability to remove a tree or limb from his property or maintain his view, he should let the board know. It might help.

From a worried and concerned homeowner.

Editorial staff note: This community member wished to be anonymous.

New Web site for Kala Point community!

A new website the Kala Point Voice (www.kpvoice.info) was activated by a group of Concerned Citizens whose objective is to provide a supplemental information resource to KPOA members.

The goal is fair and balanced input about the upcoming election, the key issues, as well as demystifying the Proxy.

The Concerned Citizens want to remain anonymous so that the focus is all about the information and not the individuals.

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Board Briefs May Board Meeting Highlights

By Pete Juliano

Belmont's Replacement: The position advertisement had 43 respondents, which were narrowed to four candidates. None of the finalists have previous Homeowners' Association experience but President Snyder indicated they are otherwise qualified to perform the job. The salary structure has been set comparable to what the Jefferson County Director of Public Works would earn. Final selection, in Board executive session, is anticipated by June 2.

Since there may not be a long General Manager (GM) turnover period, President Snyder and member Ken Shumate will conduct recorded debriefing sessions with Brian to document job procedures. Employment terms: six-month probationary period and if satisfactory will be extended through a three-year contract.

Issue: KPOA members have an opportunity to elect the Board and approve resolutions but have been bypassed on the GM selection. A member asked whether the membership would be involved in the final selection process. A similar question was raised at April's Board meeting. President Snyder's response was "no". However a major part of the GM job is membership interface.

One must question why a "desk procedures manual," documenting job procedures, on a job as important as the GM's does not already exist. Let's hope this will be in a requirement of the new GM.

Lagoon Footbridge: Per Brian Belmont, WDFW desires a 15-foot longer bridge than what we approved in 2004. The \$15,000 budgeted bridge will now cost \$20,000. Director Gooding made a motion to fund the additional cost (\$5,000) out of reserves. The project was authorized.

Issue: Was the Board really empowered to "spend down the reserve" (Director Gooding quote) which is already about \$108,000 under-reserved? Director Gooding in making the motion to approve the funding stated this was an amenity and should be authorized. Spending reserves to accomplish this without member approval is not financially prudent.

During April's Board meeting, President Snyder stated that a special membership meeting would be held since this project is greatly over budget. Why was this Board approved, eliminating membership approval? Note that state law requires a membership vote for budget proposals that change assessment obligations. There is a probability that the state law was violated

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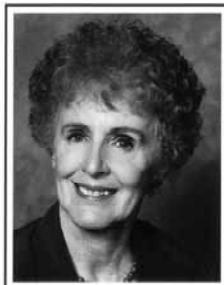
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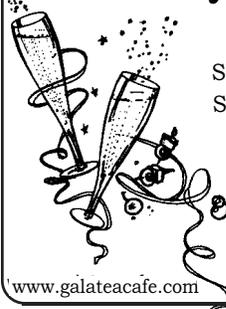
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Member Comments: A member read a statement regarding the Vegetation Policy, the tree committee situation, the current high level of concern about trees and that a moratorium should be placed on any tree actions until such a policy is published.

Issue: The trees/views saga continues. A moratorium would be disastrous and confrontational. Unfortunately, the revised Vegetation Policy is at least 2+ months before implementation.

Tree Committee: Board Liaison, Tony Costa, introduced a new process for trees on common grounds. Basically, the Tree Committee would review and approve a request which then would be published in the Kala Pointer and posted on the bulletin boards. Member concerns would be directed to the Board.

The Board realized they would become a surrogate Tree Committee, thus requested a different process. The revised APP XII was withdrawn, as it did not contain this new process revision. Director Gooding proposed a tree action moratorium. His proposal was not approved. Director Mayhall stated that the Tree Committee had to deal with this situation and coordinate with the Architectural Committee for consistent policies. Director Costa was assigned this task.

Issue: Trees and views remain a contentious issue. Director Mayhall made a valid point suggesting consistent action. The core problem is that the Tree Committee APP XXII and the Vegetation Policy APP II-23 need overhauling and consistency. The Tree Committee needs procedures on committee membership qualifications and determination criteria.

A really critical issue is if the Vegetation Policy is taken out of the AAP II-23 and moved into a governing document involving private property. Any action that involves private property deserves member knowledge and participation.

A Tribute To Judie Lewis

By Richard Canaan

We would like to thank Judie Lewis for being a good friend and for making such a positive contribution to our community. She gave her heart to this community. She has always exhibited great honesty; she is a person of integrity and high moral principle.

The newsletter *To The Point* was founded by Judie because of her belief in the truth and her refusal to compromise her ethics. She has never been hypocritical and did not compromise her principles nor change her conduct even in the face of threats. Judie endured abuse and insults as well as the wrath which was heaped on her and never reacted in a mean spirited manner.

If Judie had not founded the newsletter many of the issues that are now being discussed and positive changes that seem to be happening would not be occurring.

There is much to be admired in Judie's personal life. The devotion to her family is truly remarkable. In recent years, Judie's mother's health has deteriorated, but Judie has always been there, and her mother is moving with Judie to New Orleans. Judie moved to New Orleans in April to help her daughter and her daughter's family. Twice a year, although fraught with difficulty, Judie visits her son and his family living and working in China.

Few of us realized how Judie helped those less fortunate than her. We were not aware of the contributions she has made to the poor and the help and encouragement she has given to those who were interested in journalism or advertising.

None of us truly realized the full extent of Judie's effort and the time she expended on the newsletter. There is much time, effort, and work required to get out the newsletter. How Judie was able to publish the newsletter with minimal help is beyond imagination.

We would like Judie to know how much we miss her and and let her know she cannot be replaced.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Board Candidate Responses: Questions/Answers

We are very fortunate this year to have six board candidates for three open positions (terms expire for current board members David Gooding, Barbara MacLean & Bill Mayhall). The board candidates are Margaret Boyle, Sylvia Bowman, Dave Evans, Hank Krist, Don Meister and Kathy Shumate.

Community Forum staff invited the 2005 board director candidates to answer questions submitted by Kala Point residents. We thank each candidate for contemplating and responding to these questions.

The following answers are unedited. To aide in comparing the responses, please evaluate: 1) does the candidate grasp the issue, 2) was the question directly answered and 3) how succinct was the answer?



Q1. *Where have you used Roberts’ Rules of Order?*

Sylvia B: I value Roberts’ Rules because they focus a meeting on business and move it right along. They make it easy for a secretary to prepare full minutes, including motions, discussions, and final actions. We follow Roberts’ Rules in trustee meetings at the Jefferson County Library.

Margaret B: I have not had the experience of using Roberts Rules of Order in a meeting but I do regard them as being a useful tool for facilitating a productive and orderly process.

Dave E: Robert’s Rules of Order have been used in most of the meetings in which I have been an active participant. This goes back to chairing a model United Nations. Numerous service clubs to which I have belonged have employed them. Without exception the use of these rules has proven helpful in maintaining a schedule to move the meeting along in a positive fashion, providing opportunity for all to speak, and maintaining proper decorum and civility.

Hank K: I have limited experience with Roberts’ Rules, but I believe that board members should read, understand and follow them in the conducting of meetings. This would, hopefully, assure fair, open and time efficient meetings.

Don M: We are implementing Roberts’ Rules of Order in the Tree Committee. At this time it will be a benefit in maintaining orderly meetings.

Kathy S: I have used Robert’s Rules of Order in board meetings of nonprofit organizations. It provides a solid framework within which to conduct such meetings. The results were excellent.

Q2. *What are the two most important values that pertain to you as an individual. Give two examples of how these values have helped you make a difficult decision.*

Sylvia B: My most basic values are not something I talk about, though they would sustain my energy and dedication in doing an honest job on the KPOA board.

Margaret B: There was a time early in my career as a psychiatric nurse when I had to make a decision as to what kind of nurse I would be. I worked in a large mental health unit where many of the patients had histories of assaultive behavior so it was important to find a way to maintain a calm, safe environment. I observed staff who ruled the unit with an iron fist and I observed others who had a more tolerant and flexible attitude. It didn’t take long to learn to value flexibility and tolerance. Nurses who were rigid and intolerant got hurt.

Working as a nurse also taught me to value the importance of facing up to one’s mistakes. Once when I was in charge, I became aware of a medication error made by a co-worker. At the time it did not seem like a big deal because the error involved an over-the-counter antacid so we did not go through the proper procedure for reporting to the physician. Both my co-worker and I were called in to see our head nurse. The choices open

to me were to try to minimize the error and blame the other nurse or to admit that I'd made a mistake. In the end, I was glad that I made the decision to say, "A medication error is a medication error. No excuses." I was not reprimanded and I felt really good about myself. It was a lesson I never forgot.

Dave E: Throughout my business career I have relied heavily on my core values of fairness and honesty. I believe strongly in supporting the values of the entire community. I have tried to take the positions of all sides into account when making a decision or taking an action. I treat others as I would hope to be treated. I do not live as a hypocrite and do not appreciate this in others.

Hank K: . It's difficult for me to choose my two most important values. If I had to choose what I believe describes my personality and values, I would say honesty, openness and a sense of fair play. I am skeptical, politically incorrect and extremely independent. I believe in maximizing personal freedom, but responsibility comes with that freedom.

Don M: Standing up for what I believe is right. As an example, I supported integration in the fifties, when it was not a popular thing to do, especially living in Missouri.

Perseverance is another value that has sustained me in many of life's challenges. I can be counted on to stay in for the long haul.

Kathy S: As a board member, the two most important principles I will use are: 1) an engineering approach for solving most (though not all) problems and 2) open communication and written documentation of the conclusions reached. To amplify the engineering approach, I believe the first action should be "Is this a real problem?" The second action should be a cost trade-off of the various solutions. Note, cost does not exclusively mean money. Cost is often effort/time. I have used these principles numerous times as a professional and as a volunteer, as well as within my personal life.

One recent example of these principles is as follows. I was recently diagnosed with a frozen shoulder of my dominant arm. The doctor described the condition and the three treatment alternatives. I took notes on the conversation. One treatment was to do nothing, as the condition tends to correct itself in 12 to 18 months. The second treatment was to go through intense (and painful) physical therapy for 6 to 12 weeks. The third treatment was to go under general anesthesia and let him "beat up on my shoulder" followed with one week of intense physical therapy. I first asked myself if this is a problem. The answer was yes. I could not live with it for one year. Next I went to physical therapy for one week to better understand what the 6 to 12 weeks would be like. After one week, I opted for the anesthesia and beating.

I communicated, documented, asked if it was a problem, gathered data to make a cost trade-off (in this case level of effort and pain), and reached a conclusion.

Q3. *Would you be interested authoring or co-authoring a "code of conduct" statement for the board and standing committees of KPOA.*

Sylvia B: No, I won't try to write a "Code of Conduct." People as old as Kala Pointers already know that they should be neighborly in a small community and should exemplify fairness and compliance with the governing documents if they are board members. But no "Code of Conduct" can deter misbehavior from bullies or cliques.

Margaret B: At the present time, because of other obligations, I could not commit to working on a code of conduct but I believe it is an idea that is worth exploring. However, while I support opening up this discussion, I am not in favor of any measures which stifle free speech or ones that are intended to teach manners.

Dave E: I do not believe such a code is necessary. All members should be treated with respect, and meetings should be run to avoid conflict. This

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would do away with the need for such a code. What is necessary is all members adhering to the basic polite structure that has been lost in too many parts of our lives, both in KP and in society at large. Conversation needs to be used in lieu of anonymous letters, innuendo, incorrect reporting, and litigation.

Hank K: If Roberts' Rules is not sufficient, then we should create a "Code of Conduct." It's unfortunate that we ever find it necessary to discuss this.

Don M: I am interested in participating in a code of conduct and believe it is a good idea.

Kathy S: No. We are, ultimately, a community of neighbors. I believe that civility and neighborly attitudes can and will prevail. I do not believe we need additional regulations, particularly for something such as being kind to your neighbors. However, if a code of conduct is developed, I would implement it as directed.

Q4. Will you be able to put aside your personal prejudices/agendas and abide by our governing documents? Please explain.

Sylvia B: I always have abided by the governing documents, as a board member and as a homeowner. Why not? They don't oppress us.

Margaret B: I will make a good faith effort to do so.

Dave E: YES! The fiduciary responsibility to the membership is paramount and is a requirement I can and will meet.

Hank K: I have no doubt that I can put aside my personal prejudices/agendas and abide by our governing documents. If I did stray from the rules, I should be called on that.

Don M: .I am becoming familiar with the governing documents, and will have no trouble abiding by them.

Kathy S: Yes.

Q5. Give an example of how you would discourage litigation involving KPOA.

Sylvia B: To discourage litigation, "It's better to know some of the questions than all of the answers," as Thurber noted. So I'd listen carefully to members' questions and suggestions. Then, if a member threatens legal action, I'd ask him or her to join the board in framing a query to our lawyer – with agreement to accept the lawyer's view or professional mediation. No litigation. [Note that under our corporate structure, the KPOA lawyer represents the whole membership – not just the board.]

Margaret B: The best way to discourage litigation is by encouraging everyone to obey the law. If all laws are obeyed and the rationale for a Board decision is clearly communicated even disappointed parties will have no basis for a lawsuit. I also believe that in some cases litigation can be avoided by encouraging aggrieved parties to participate in negotiation and mediation. Those people who feel their rights are being violated should be respected and listened to and they need to be offered options, short of going to court, for resolution.

Dave E: All decisions must be based in the hierarchy of the Governing Documents. Findings should be stated and decisions voted on and approved or disapproved in compliance with these core documents. If the Governing Documents do not reflect the wishes of the community, they should be amended through the defined mechanism.

Personal choice is not an option of the Board of Directors or of committees. Governing as prescribed in the Governing Documents is paramount.

Hank K: . I would hope to discourage litigation by encouraging the board to make sure that our CC&R's and various rules and regulations conform to all federal, state, and local laws. In addition, I would like to see the formation of an inde-

pendent, legal advisory panel to review the actions of the board and to report any conflict with existing laws, CC&R's and other rules and regulations. Also, I would try to simplify and eliminate some of the rules and regulations. I believe that the myriad of rules and regulations we have invite litigation.

Don M: I would avoid decisions and actions that are considered questionable. If any problems arose, I would advise arbitration.

Kathy S: We are a country built on diversification. We are a community that is experiencing growth and diversification. Respect is key – of diversification, contradictory opinions, communication, etc. However, civility is paramount in expressing those diverse opinions, as we are a community of neighbors. I believe we must encourage civil communication. Beyond that, and following the law and governing documents, I do not have a specific plan to avoid litigation.

Q6. Describe your abilities to accept change and or promote new ideas as the community continues to evolve.

Sylvia B: I can accept adaptations to change. For example, we must change our rules to give pedestrians right of way over autos if KPOA gets a big increase in children.

Margaret B: Change is inevitable and necessary for growth. Accepting change in an ongoing process for me.

Dave E: I believe in change, like to ask questions, and attempt to think outside the box. My success in business has been based in so doing. I like to bring varying opinions together and let the debate continue. I state strong opinions, but I have been and will continue to be willing to listen to others when they have a reasoned and well thought out idea. If it is warranted, I have and will continue to happily change my opinion.

Hank K: I am new to Kala Point and am not burdened with the idea that the present way of doing

things is always the best way. Change is not synonymous with progress, but I believe that we should constantly examine what we're doing to see if we can improve.

Don M: I believe openness to change and new ideas is essential for a community to grow and thrive.

Kathy S: Have you ever had software stagnate? Microsoft is constantly coming up with new versions and updates. I am a professional software engineer. Change is "constant" in software. My training and personality deal well with change. An example is the Kala Point database that I implemented in 1999; it has changed nearly continuously since its creation. Having said that, I do firmly believe in having an existing plan. That is, make a plan, implement the plan, and change the plan if and when necessary. Do not, however, avoid making a plan. Otherwise no one knows what direction to take and we have chaos.

Q7. How important is it to you to have trust and credibility with the broader membership when you become a director? How will you go about doing that?

Sylvia B: Trust is not performance-based today in Kala Point. It is largely based on clique membership. This is a community-wrecking situation, as Brian said in his resignation letter. But I know there are enough people of good will to mend this rip in general trust. I would encourage and facilitate members' bringing together disparate groups to air their frustrations and find common ground — remembering the words of Justice Hand (1952): "The mutual confidence upon which all else depends can be maintained only by an open mind and a brave reliance upon free discussion."

Margaret B: Having trust and credibility in this community is important to me whether or not I am elected to the Board. I believe that the best way for me to build trust is by being honest and open-minded and by treating people fairly. I will try to

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build credibility by being knowledgeable about the issues in Kala Point as well as the governing documents and by showing a continuing interest through volunteerism.

Dave E: This is vital. I want to talk to all in the community. A quarterly meeting period for each Board member to meet one-on-one with members would provide a continued opportunity for members to judge one's credibility and trustworthiness. I expect and want to be questioned if I govern in a manner different than that on which I have run for election.

Hank K: . If I don't have the trust of the residents, then I'm not doing my job for them. The board exists to serve the residents, and I can do that best by being open and accessible to all. Whatever opinion I have on an issue should be subordinated to what the residents want.

Don M: A Board Member should be a servant of the community. Trust and credibility is a must, if you are to serve in a meaningful way. You earn trust by serving in an open and responsible manner.

Kathy S: It is very important to me. I will be open and honest with the actions I take and the reasons for those actions. I think I am approachable. I will listen to (though not always agree with) differing opinions. I think I am a skilled communicator and will be able to express why I do not agree with an opinion. I also firmly believe communication is not just speaking, but listening. I may, and surely will, have my opinion changed on occasion by listening to the membership.

Q8. Board candidates have obligations to KPOA Governing Documents and fiduciary duties to members under State Law RCW 64.38. Which of the two is more important to you and why?

Sylvia B: Though RCW 64.38 has precedence over our governing docs, both are essential for administering KPOA, so I don't hold one more important than the other.

Margaret B: Both state law and the KPOA governing documents clearly set forth the responsibilities of association boards and their directors. I believe it is important to remember the hierarchy. State law is the higher power and that is where we must look first.

Dave E: Board candidates have obligations to KPOA Governing Documents and fiduciary duties to members under State Law RCW 64.38. Which of the two is more important to you and why?

This is not an either/or question. The Washington State Statutes must be obeyed as well as the Governing Documents. If the Governing Documents do not conform to the statute, they should be adjusted. If the Documents do not state the will of KP members, they should be changed through the prescribed process. We must work both legally and neighborly within the framework in which we live for the benefit of all.

Hank K: I believe fiduciary duties to residents under state law RCW 64.38 takes precedent over any KPOA governing documents. Every KPOA rules and regulation should be examined to assure that it is in compliance with state laws.

Don M: .KPOA governing documents can not violate state laws, so state laws come first.

Kathy S: Neither. I do not see a conflict between these two obligations. I believe both can and should be addressed equally by the directors. In fact, I believe these two obligations complement and support each other.

Q9. Do you think that the membership should hold directors accountable for their actions? Do you welcome that accountability?

Sylvia B: The membership should hold directors accountable for their actions, not only as they sit in meetings but also as they act in the commu-

nity. A board member must represent what is best in Kala Point.

Margaret B: Yes and yes.

Dave E: YES. If one abides by the law and the Governing Documents, observes and meets his fiduciary duty, and speaks the truth as he sees it, there should be no hesitancy in one's willingness to serve. A board member should welcome the responsibility that comes with such service.

Hank K: Board directors should be held accountable for their actions because they were elected to represent the residents and not to operate independently of the residents' wishes. I welcome being held accountable.

Don M: You are elected by the community with an obligation to serve and represent the homeowners. No Board Member should have a problem being held accountable for his actions.

Kathy S: I firmly believe that the actions of the directors and committees should be recorded. This provides historical, accurate records of what actions took place. I will make the best decisions I can given my knowledge of Kala Point, governing documents, finances, right to use property, etc. I firmly believe the membership has the right to understand the decisions and the reasons for the decisions. I will welcome feedback from the membership on my actions.

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Nancy's business career began in an unusual way shortly after moving to this area in 1994. It began when she and her husband Bill purchased a new electric meter panel for their new home on Mats Mats Bay. They bought the panel at the old Carley's hardware store in Port Townsend. When they arrived to pick up their purchase, nobody in the store could ring up the sale, because the store had just purchased a new computer point-of-sale computer system and had no idea how to use it! Nancy went behind the front counter and rang up her sale; only to be told by the owner of the store to report for work the next day at 8 AM!

Nancy quickly learned the hardware business, and worked at Carley's for three years until the store owner decided to retire and close the store. She then worked at Carl's Building Supply as retail manager for the next three years before being offered a position at the Benjamin Moore Paint dealer in Port Townsend. She presently is the store

manager and has become known throughout the County as "The Paint Lady."

Between owning one store and managing a second store, she and her husband Bill still find time to devote to their two spoiled cats, as well as fishing and boating.

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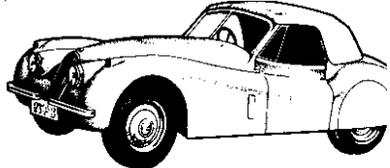


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House by the Side of the Road

Submitted by Barbara Martel



THERE are hermit souls that live withdrawn
In the place of their self-content;
There are souls like stars, that dwell apart,
In a fellowless firmament;
There are pioneer souls that blaze the paths
Where highways never ran-
But let me live by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.

Let me live in a house by the side of the road
Where the race of men go by-
The men who are good & the men who are bad,
As good and as bad as I.
I would not sit in the scorner's seat
Nor hurl the cynic's ban-
Let me live in a house by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.

I see from my house by the side of the road
By the side of the highway of life,
The men who press with the ardor of hope,
The men who are faint with the strife,
But I turn not away from their smiles and tears,
Both parts of an infinite plan-
Let me live in a house by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.

I know there are brook-gladdened meadows ahead,
And mountains of wearisome height;
That the road passes on through the long afternoon
And stretches away to the night.

And still I rejoice when the travelers rejoice
And weep with the strangers that moan,
Nor live in my house by the side of the road
Like a man who dwells alone.

Let me live in my house by the side of the road,
Where the race of men go by-
They are good, they are bad, they are weak,
they are strong,
Wise, foolish - so am I.
Then why should I sit in the scorner's seat,
Or hurl the cynic's ban?
Let me live in my house by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.

Author & Poet: Samuel Walter Foss (1858 - 1911)
A poet, journalist, and humorist, Sam Walter Foss is best known for his inspirational poem, The House By the Side of the Road. Sam was born into a rural New England farm family June 19, 1858. He graduated from [Brown University](#) in 1882. As owner and editor of the [Lynn, Massachusetts Saturday Union](#) newspaper, Mr. Foss produced a humor column once a week. He became skilled at cranking out popular homespun verse and his poetry was soon being published across the country. In 1891 Sam moved to Boston where he wrote first for the [Yankee Blade](#) and later the [Boston Globe](#).

The photo is a picture of an original painting by Gary Peterson, a local artist at the Stepping Stones Gallery in Port Townsend, WA. It typifies the poem.

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Port Townsend Community Orchestra

Submitted by:

Karl Bach, President, Board of Directors
Port Townsend Community Orchestra

Carol Swarbrick Dries Featured Artist "Pops" Concert June 5

Carol Swarbrick Dries will be the featured soloist in the first "Pops" concert presented by the Port Townsend Orchestra at Fort Worden Commons on Sunday afternoon, June 5, at 3:00 p.m. This is a fund-raising event for the orchestra. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at either Quimper Sound or Crossroads Music in Port Townsend. The program will include music by Offenbach, Sousa, Kern, Strauss, Sondheim, Jobim, Dvorak and "The Red Hat Polka" by local composer Karl Bach. More information about the orchestra can be found on the orchestra's website: www.olympus.net/community/ptorchestra.

Ms. Dries' theatrical career has been primarily performing on stage. Her credits include: *Side-by-Side by Sondheim*; *42nd Street*; *Whoopie* (the revival of the old Eddie Cantor show); and the 1994 revival of *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes*. Her stock, regional and tour credits read like a list of roles every mature musical theatre actress would like to play: "Mama Rose" in *Gypsy*; "Auntie Mame" in *Mame*; "Dolly Levi" in *Hello Dolly!*; "Phyllis" in Sondheim's *Follies*, "Reno Sweeney" in *Anything Goes*; "Ado Annie" in *Oklahoma*; "Donina" in *a Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*; "Babe" in *Pajama Game*, as well as many others.

On television, Carol has guest starred on *Murder, She Wrote* (three times); *The Jeffersons*; *Life Goes On*; *Night Court*; *Two Guys and A Girl*, as well as having had recurring roles on *General Hospital* and *The Bold and the Beautiful*. Her film credits include *Big Business*, starring Bette Midler and Lili Tomlin; *Norma Jean and Marilyn*, starring Mira Sorvino and Ashley Judd; *Man Trouble*, starring Jack Nicholson; and *Big Day*, starring Julianna Margulies and Dixie Carter.

Ms. Dries and her husband, Jim, moved to

Sequim in September of 2003. Upon arriving she was delighted to find that *Side-by-Side by Sondheim* was scheduled for performances at Olympic Theatre Arts in Sequim. She immediately telephoned to find out if she could assist. I well remember the first rehearsal she attended," says Musical Director Dewey Ehling, "I think we all felt a little intimidated, but within a few minutes we were comfortable with her presence and she made such a difference. She was kind, considerate and giving – always striving to give the actors and singers the benefit of her vast experience, without belittling, embarrassing or telling them how to play a scene." She has directed for Santa Barbara Civic Light Opera, at her alma mater (Morningside High School) in Inglewood, California, and Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Los Angeles.

Currently Ms. Dries is in Los Angeles appearing as Cinderella's Stepmother in Sondheim's *Into the Woods*. Carol and Jim are enjoying the community and the many activities on the Olympic Peninsula. For more information, visit her website at www.carolswarbrickdries.com.

-Community Forum wishes to thank Mr. Bach for this informative article.

Classic Book Club

The Classic Book Club meets the first Sunday of each month at the Jefferson County Library in Port Hadlock. The book of the month for June 5th is *Death Comes to the Archbishop* by Willa Cather. The next meeting is the first Saturday of August because the library will be closed on Sundays during the summer.

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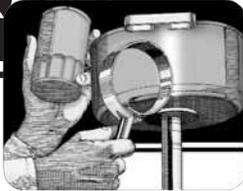
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