

Community Forum's **Second Survey**

Hi, I'm taking a survey



The Membership Has A Lot To Say!

By Lou Martel

This article presents part of the results from the second *Community Forum* (CF) survey. The results of the first survey were reported in the September 2005 issue of CF.

The questions in the survey were:

1. Would you like to see Robert's Rules of Order be adopted by the board as the official method of conducting KPOA meetings?
2. Do you think Kala Point is ready for an emergency?
3. What is your overall satisfaction with the current board?
4. What would you like to see on the KPOA web site?
5. What goals would you like to see the board work on the next year?

There were over 100 member replies to the survey. That kind of response is encouraging. The number of responses add to breadth, quality, and credibility of member input information.

The results of the survey are in two forms: 1) numeric and 2) written comment. The numeric results, replies to questions 1, 2, and 3, are reported in this issue. The written comments, replies to questions 4 and 5, will be reported in the next issue of CF. The member written comments

are broad and valuable. More time will be given to better organize, present, and evaluate the replies to questions 4, and 5 to facilitate and maximize meaningful communication to the membership.

The numerical results for questions 1, 2, & 3 are:

Question 1. Adopting Roberts Rules:

Number Yes: 72
Number No: 20

Question 2. Is KP ready for emergencies:

Number Yes: 22
Number No: 41

Question 3. Satisfaction with current board.

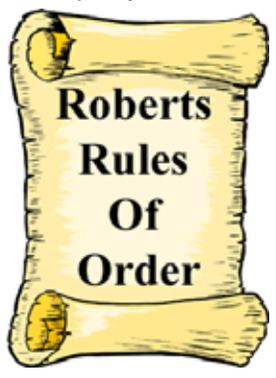
Ranking from 1(lowest) to 5 (highest)

Ranking	# of Respondents
1	10
2	22
3	37
4	13
5	17

Comment On Survey Results:

1. Adopting Roberts Rules: 78% of the respondents favored adopting Roberts Rules. It is clear that respondents see the need and value of using them in the conduct of Board meetings.

One respondent went beyond a simple yes or no answer and made an interesting and pertinent written comment. The answer given was: "Yes and No. I would like to see them be the official method with the proviso that their use could be discontinued at any meeting in favor of an informal setting upon motion from the board or the floor and vote by all those



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attending. The reason is the Robert’s rules are good for resolving issues, but they can easily be used by those who know them well to manipulate and control the meeting. It takes years to learn the ins-and-outs of Robert’s rules; KPOA members cannot be expected to make this huge effort.” (Point well made.)

2. KP readiness for emergencies: 65% of respondents did not think that KP was ready for emergencies.

The same respondent who added written comment above also added pertinent written comment to this question. The reply was: “No. But who is? Not even homeland security after the expenditure of billions of dollars! It is important to identify a few specific scenarios rather than emergency in general.” (Another point well made.)

3. Satisfaction with board: Respondent replies to this question are fairly evenly spread over all five rankings. There is mixed opinion with regard to satisfaction with the current Board.

Community Forum staff encourages constructive member critique of the methods and usefulness of surveys employed by *Community Forum* as a way of improving information exchange among the membership. The information exchange can make Kala Point a better place to live, especially if it is considered by the board and factored into governance.



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Member Pete Juliano has declared his candidacy for one of the 2006 open board seats. He has set up a website where KPOA members can learn more about Pete, his candidacy and his views on the issues facing Kala Point. He also has included several of his favorite recipes. Yum! Check out www.pastapete.com!

We encourage you to submit web sites encompassing Kala Point news, events and common interests for your neighbors to enjoy!





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Kala Point Resident Realtor Of The Year!

The Jefferson County Association of Realtors named Mabel Campbell GRI the 2005 REALTOR OF THE YEAR at their annual

gala at the Port Ludlow Beach Club. The plaque reads "For Generous Contribution of Time and Talent to the Community and the Realtor Association.

The association has a membership of 159 real estate agent members and 18 affiliates. For consideration of this award, ethics, contribution to the association, community service and living up to the ideals set forth for real estate agents, are the criteria. She also received recognition for chairing the Grievance Committee that resolves complaints and disagreements, a position held for the past two years to which she has again been appointed for 2006. This is the second time Mabel has been Realtor of the Year and is a past president of the association.

David Hammond, also of Coldwell Banker, Forrest Aldrich, Inc., received the Leadership Award. He is the 2005 president. \$ 1,600 was raised for the food bank.

See the Port Townsend Leader for a more indepth article in the coming issue. Congratulations, Mabel! Mabel is a long time resident of Kala Point and a great neighbor!

If you are interested in submitting an article concerning your professional accomplishments please share them with your neighbors and email contact @ttpnewsletter.com or mail to KIN, P.O. Box 816, Port Hadlock, WA 98339.



THE RIDDLE BOX

Where in Kala Point is "Frog Bog"?

The answer:

Off of Baycliff Drive

Just an example of the many treasures found in Kala Point!

By Cindy Holden,

We who live on Baycliff Drive are proud to point out that Frog Bog exists on the north end of Baycliff Drive between 465 and 501. Frog Bog can be viewed because it is easily seen on one of the many trails here in Kala Point. Next time you're planning a walking outing make sure you allow time to walk past the Frog Bog. Frog Bog is private property, so be sure to just look and enjoy!



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Board Briefs - Dec. Meeting Highlights



By Don Meister

Member Comments: Meeting Conduct: The first task of our new president, Dave Evans was his enforcement of meeting decorum guidelines during member comments. He disallowed two members from making personal attacks.

However, during member comments Susan Garthwaite described the physical assault to her during the November 23rd board meeting. President Evans abruptly stopped her commentary stating that 3 minutes had expired even though she had spoken less than 2 minutes.

Ray Kemery started making allegations concerning a particular committee member, stating the member's name. Director Shumate stopped his commentary, stating that it was inappropriate.

Issues: Thanks to both President Evans and Director Shumate for stopping personal attacks and controlling decorum. Our board needs to follow the decorum guidelines impartially. Previously members have been verbally attacked and slandered at board meetings. Unfortunately, the board did not stop it and at times participated. Special kudos to Director Shumate who has been an exemplary director of integrity, attention to detail, impartiality and time commitment.

Conversely, President Evans stopped the

official recording of the meeting to avoid recording a member comment. Susan Garthwaite was told her time was up as she was reading her letter to the board saying, *"If these apologies are not given, please consider removing the offenders from committee membership and refuse nominations to KPOA positions. Otherwise the board's inaction speaks volumes to the membership by condoning this hateful, angry and now violent behavior."* Let's hope that this is not a new informal policy by President Evans to selectively disallow certain member comments. Note, in recent years, although there were efforts to foster open communication there were time restrictions during member comments, but some leeway was allowed.

Official Minutes, Record Keeping and Recordings: Board Secretary, Director Margaret Boyle commented about Sue Evans keeping minutes and providing these to her (Boyle) so that she could prepare the official minutes. She stated that anyone could volunteer to take the minutes since it was not assigned exclusively to Sue Evans.

Issues: Comments were made about the propriety of a president's spouse keeping minutes. For anyone who is concerned, here is your chance to volunteer assistance.

When President Evans turned off the recorder during member comments, a gap was created in the official recording. Since Director Boyle stated that her official records relied on the notes taken by S. Evans and the recordings, there is no proper documentation of the meeting in its entirety.

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Working Sessions: President Evans stated that there will be board “working sessions” each Wednesday before the regular board meeting. He made a specific point that there will be no minutes, no recording and no voting.

Issues: A working session is an official meeting as long as there are five board members present. By statute and governing documents, minutes must be kept and recorded of ALL KPOA MEETINGS, however labeled or characterized. State law requires all meetings of the Board of Directors to be open for observation by all owners of record. Let’s hope our board follows all statutory mandate.

Though not required, it would be prudent for our secretary to electronically record each working session to assure accurate minutes. Case in point: Director Evans previously claimed that the Bluffs Committee did not officially exist based on the original minutes (see November Community Forum article). The minutes were corrected and the claim dropped after reviewing the electronic recording.

Note: members legally cannot be restricted from recording any KPOA meeting.

Installment Payments: Member Lou Martel submitted a letter to the Board regarding payment of annual assessments in installments. Renate Wheeler read her reply for Board vote approval. Mr. Evans, the Board President, had the following comment: “Renate I have one concern about approving it (Renate’s reply) today. I have the advantage of having read Mr. Martel’s letter and I

think it raises enough issues about the CC&Rs tying a chain together going back to 1978 and the various restatements and changes that have been made, I think that before the Board votes on it, perhaps people would like to see the original letter (Presumably the original 1978 CC&Rs). I think there are different issues that are raised here that everybody should be aware of before voting on it.”

Issues: The letter from Mr. Martel gave quotes from all KPOA CC&R’s relative to payment of assessments in installments. The original 1978 version stated: “Assessments shall be deemed to be charges levied by the Association on an annual basis, although collected by the month, quarterly, or semi-annually, against every lot, condominium unit or unit share within the properties, etc.” The issue raised in the letter by Martel is that the CC&R’s are a mutually binding contract between KPOA and all members. Each party to the contract has legal obligations to abide by it. The Board, acting on behalf of the Association, has a mandate to enforce explicit provisions of the CC&R’s.

Another issue is the process whereby each Director votes on a member letter that raises legal questions on KPOA CC&R’s. Apparently not all Directors had read the member letter, or the explicit quote in the CC&R’s referred to in the member letter. Each Director, and the Board as a whole, has legal responsibilities and fiduciary duties to the office they hold and to the membership.

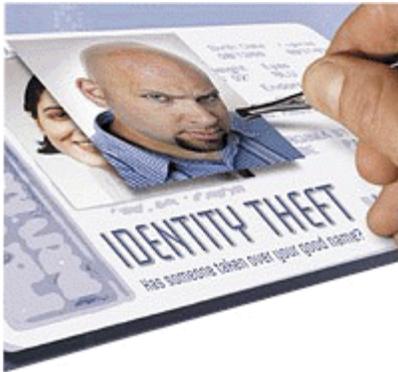


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Your Identity Was Stolen!

By Pete Juliano



The day after returning from a trip to the Big Apple, I began by opening a week's worth of mail. The first letter from my former employer, The Boeing Company, advised me that my identity (name and social security

number) was among some 161,000 names that were on a laptop computer that was missing. Basically the letter stated: 1) that a laptop containing a my name and SSN was missing from Boeing control, 2) it was presumed to be compromised, 3) that I was at personal risk and 4) it was now my problem to take the appropriate action.

Talk about hitting the panic button! I was given a number to call and after a trip through the automated menus, I actually spoke to a real person. The first thing he said was "well the good news is that all they got on you is your name and SSN. They didn't get your bank account information."

That person didn't understand that with just the SSN you are in business. That was not very

reassuring. Having been involved for many years in handling all levels of classified information; I can only assume a lack of adequate controls.

The FBI has stated that Identity Theft is the fastest growing crime in America. Thus I want to share with my fellow Kala Pointers what you should do if you find out that your Social Security Information has been compromised. It can happen to you!

First, contact any one of the three credit reporting organizations and notify them about the problem. The three are linked so that notifying one automatically alerts the others. They have a mechanism to place a 90-day watch on your credit so that any unusual purchases or credit applications will be flagged. You also can secure from them a free credit report to determine if some person has already begun to use the information.

You can either contact the credit bureaus via the Internet or by telephone. Here is the information.

Experian:	
www.experian.com	1-888-397-3742
EquiFax:	
www.equifax.com	1-800-525-6285
TransUnion:	
www.transunion.com	1-800-680-7289

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I instituted that process and the only place that wants to see my photo ID is the Bank. That hasn't worked too well.



Although I did this about a year ago, do not carry around your SS ID card in your wallet. If your wallet gets stolen, you will have to go through this same process.

It took me nearly two days to put all of the safeguards in place and that was time I could have spent doing more enjoyable tasks. I believed that information was absolutely safeguarded; but it was not.

That brings up another point about safety of information. Kala Point maintains a database on every member. Just what kind of data is kept and what are the safeguards? With the recent turnover in key personnel and the use of temporary admin employees (board members) has anyone thought about this?

The best defense is an offense. Order a credit report and check to be certain that everything is OK.

Author, Author

Headstart to Wealth

—Craig Wallin,
2006

By Mike Tobias

I have recently had the pleasure to meet another

author living here in Kala Point. Craig Wallin of Fairbreeze Drive has just published his fourth book. *Headstart to Wealth* was written to help our children and grandchildren create a secure financial future. One of Craig's previous books sold over fifty thousand copies, a very significant

accomplishment in the publishing business.

In *Headstart to Wealth* Crain emphasizes steps to build substantial wealth for our children or grandchildren by concentrating on regular saving, compound interest, and most importantly, by investing for high financial returns and safety. In fact, the book's principle virtue is the excellent introduction to investing which can easily be understood by high school students, precocious middle schoolers, and young adults just beginning their introduction to investing. The topics covered, in a brief manner, are: allowances, savings strategies, custodial accounts, Roth IRA's, Government Securities, Dollar Cost Averaging, Bonds, Stocks, Mutual Funds, ETF's, Asset Allocation, Real Estate, Commodities and how to open a Brokerage Account. Especially relevant to high school students is the information on college planning and strategy, saving for college, applying for financial aid, and student loans.

The excellent little book of thirty thousand words (154 pages) would make a valuable gift for any interested junior or senior in high school. More significantly, it could serve as the core text for use in any high school curriculum which devotes some course time to financial planning or personal investing. It also could be used in an elementary course offered through Adult Education.

If high schools don't prepare their students to go out into the complex world of money, they should. The days when new graduates could count on their employers for secure savings plans, stock plans, and pensions are just about over. Graduates need to begin work knowing much more than they knew in the past. This book would be a great help.

For a copy of *Headstart to Wealth* call Craig Wallin at 385-2573 or visit his web site www.headstarttowealth.com.





Classic Book Club

Classics Book Group meets on second Sundays, 2:00 p.m. at the Jefferson County Library in Hadlock. We are discussing Camus' novel *The Plague* on January 8. For February, the topic is Arthurian Legend with your choice to read Malory's *Morte d'Arthur*, T.E. White's *The Once and Future King*, or Tennyson's 'Idylls of the King.' Everyone is welcome to sit in and talk.



Port Ludlow Garden Club January Program

Crafts & Cards Seminar

Wednesday, January 11, the Port Ludlow Garden Club will meet in the Bay Club at 11:30 am for a craft and card seminar and lots of fun! Annual Dues are still only \$12.00 and can be sent to PLGC, PO Box 65235, Port Ludlow, WA. 98365.

55 ALIVE Drivers' Ed



Starting up again at the Tri-Area Community Center, it's 55 ALIVE on January 23 and 24, from 10 to 2:30 each day. This is an eye-opener to older drivers whose skills have gradually slipped below the best safety-level for drivers. You will learn adaptive techniques for peripheral vision loss; where to be doubly alert for traffic hazards; and lots more.

The class goes quickly (with a half-hour brown bag lunch time each day). You will get a deduction of about \$50 per person on your insurance. And you will feel safer out on the road. Call Tri-Area to sign up: 732-4822.



Personality Differences The Invisible Diversity

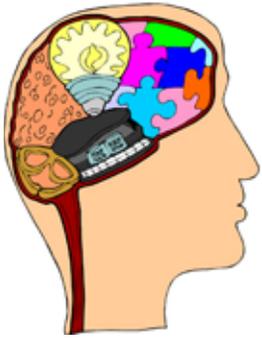
By Carol Fischbach

Kala Point, although short on cultural diversity, is a melting pot of personality styles. We usually hear about diversity within the framework of culture, gender, lifestyle choices or race. After working for many years in Corporate America where I participated in diversity training, I became intrigued with the idea that there is an "invisible" diversity that involves differences in personality or style. Most of the attention of diversity focuses on the outer realm of race or gender while little or no attention is given to the invisible inner realm of personality styles.

Steve Robbins (HBS, MBA 1991), who writes *The Leadership Workshop*, an interactive monthly column for the Harvard Business School says that "surface diversity is what we deal with when we wish to avoid problems. We teach people to value the person within. But it's the diversity within that brings great benefits. Inner diversity includes the Psych 101 stuff—different personality and work styles, brain dominance, etc. More subtly, it includes different thinking styles and different fundamental assumptions about the way the world works."¹ Thus the same issues of diversity that can adversely affect a community or work group with regard to race, gender, etc. can affect a group with regard to personality differences. If we include personality differences in the diversity bucket, then we must also assume that those with personalities or styles different from the norm can fall victim to discrimination and inadvertently we might find ourselves in the role of the perpetrator.

I think we had a good example of the negative aspects of personality difference discrimination at a recent board meeting where a few resident

members of Kala Point were involved in an unpleasant confrontation. The confrontation was recognized at the next board meeting when acting board president, Dave Evans, mentioned the incident. Although I was not present at either meeting, I'd like to put forth the theory that the basis of what initiated the confrontation may, in fact, be related to personality differences.



Although personalities are complex and multi-layered, one popular psychological theory for analyzing personality is the Five Factor Model (FFM). These five personality traits are as follows:

- **Extraversion** – this is based on the amount of social interaction needed by an individual. Extroverts need more social stimulation as opposed to introverts who need less stimulation and more alone time.
- **Agreeableness** – this is the way in which we react to conflict – by standing strong in our opinion, compromising, or giving in to others. Agreeable people tend to be optimistic and have a good opinion of others while disagreeable people tend to be motivated by self-interest and are suspicious of others.
- **Conscientiousness** – this measures levels of spontaneity and discipline. Spontaneous people act more on impulse while conscientious people tend to plan with purpose.
- **Emotional stability** – this is based on our reaction to stress and difficult situations. Some people have a tendency to react with negative feelings and interpret actions as threatening while others may have no reaction to the same situation and remain calm and stable, although this may not include positive emotions.
- **Openness to experience** – this is a cognitive style that measures creativity and openness to new experiences versus those with narrow interests who resist change.

Both nature and nurture affect how we measure ourselves on these scales and these ratings change with time. If you'd like to take a test and see how you score on this scale, you can do so at <http://www.outofservice.com/bigfive/>.

All of the above personalities are important to a group because they all bring different aspects of skills and creativity. The degree of difference is what makes a group vital and alive. If everyone were the same, the world would be a terribly boring place. But, ahhh, the diversity among us makes us question prevailing sentiment so that positive change is possible. Making opportunities out of diversity is a challenge and it is one that is worth facing.

It's also important to raise our awareness of the various types of personalities and consciously make an effort to change our behavior so as to establish an environment of inclusiveness where diversity can safely flourish. Discrimination of any kind undermines the effectiveness of a group or organization and Kala Point is no exception. Yes, there are people here who have different styles of relating to each other and to the community as a whole. That is neither good nor bad – it just is. Accepting that premise then leads us to a decision point – do we become the perpetrator and condemn someone for being different than ourselves – or do we become aware of the differences, identify them as such and use them as an opportunity to brainstorm and develop new perspectives.

When we choose to view differences as opportunities, we step closer to the idea of community. Can you imagine a board meeting where we honor the value of all contributions in a safe environment and work towards making Kala Point a better place to live? This is possible when we proactively make choices to erase the discrimination of the invisible diversity and open ourselves to the intrinsic value of differing perspectives. I suggest to you that Kala Point can be a better place if we make the invisible visible and celebrate our differences.

There are numerous sources of information for FFM – one of which is located at <http://www.personal.psu.edu/faculty/j/5/j5j/papers/EJP2000.pdf>.

¹ Robbins, Steve, *Working Knowledge*, May 17, 2004, <http://hbswk.hbs.edu/item.jhtml?id=4134&t=srobbins>

“When we choose to view differences as opportunities, we step closer to the idea of community.”



Port Townsend Orchestra

Feb. 25th Will Feature Soloist Roger Crook

Submitted by:

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

For the past ten seasons, the orchestra's conductor, Dewey Ehling, has led the all-volunteer ensemble, bringing programs of increasing variety and difficulty. For his eleventh season with the orchestra, Maestro Ehling has chosen a challenging program, including a "Mystery Theme" used in the media to be identified by the audience at each regular concert.

Three concerts are scheduled: February 25 & April 29, 2004 and June 4th, 2006.

For February, Roger Crook will be the featured soloist performing W.A. Mozart's Horn Concerto No. 3; other selections will be from the pens of Gioacchino Rossini and Franz Schubert, presenting his Symphony No. 4. Violinist Alan Rawson will be the soloist in April, playing the Violin Concerto in D by Peter Tchaikovsky. Other selections include music by Serge Prokofiev and Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov.

All of the regular season's concerts are held at Chimacum School Auditorium beginning at 7:30 p.m. These concerts are presented as a public service free of charge to our community. More information can be obtained at:

www.olympus.net/community/ptorchestra, or from Karl Bach, orchestra board president: 344-3658; E-mail: flam@cablespeed.com.

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Spruce Goose Cafe

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Astoria Travel Tips

By Patsy Mathys

Living in Port Townsend has many advantages, one of which is the variety of convenient vacation hotspots. Traveling now during the off-season can be less crowded and more economical.

My family recently visited picturesque Astoria, Oregon. After a mere three and a half hour drive we departed Washington and crossed the famous 4.1 mile Astoria-Megler Bridge into Oregon. This stately bridge is the longest continuous truss bridge in the world rising two hundred feet above the Columbia River. As a comparison our Hood Canal Bridge spans 1.5 miles and the Golden Gate Bridge spans 1.7 miles.

Viewed from the bridge, Astoria reminded me of a jigsaw puzzle. Brightly colored Victorian homes sprinkled the treed hillsides bordering this historic working riverfront. Fishing and pleasure boats dotted the river. A lighthouse, fishing piers, coast guard station and quaint brick historic shops all added to the charm.

Astoria Column is a 1926 architectural wonder fashioned after Rome's Trojan Column. Its exterior is a spiral pictorial frieze depicting Astoria's history including Captain Gray's 1792 discovery of the Columbia River, the establishment of American claims to the Northwest Territory and the Lewis & Clark expedition.

Climbing the 164 spiral staircase steps to the 125-foot observation platform is well worth the exercise. This 360° view of the Columbia and Young's Rivers, Mt. St. Helens' volcanic cone, the Pacific Ocean, valleys, Astoria's cityscape, pastoral farmland, forests and mountain ranges was breathtaking.

A new 5-mile pedestrian/bicyclist River Walk and the 1913 trolley car (fee \$1) are two easy ways to traverse the downtown art galleries, marine shops, antique stores and ethnic restaurants. The 24,000 square foot Columbia River Maritime Museum includes a reconstructed bridge of a U.S. Navy Destroyer. An abandoned gun battery, hiking and biking paths are at the Fort Stevens military reservation. Duncan Law

Seafood Center (www.seafoodschooll.org) offers seafood cooking classes.

Weather, well that was another story. The temperature was moderate. However, one needs



to be prepared for finicky rain. Literally, it may be sunny and dry, followed by a 10-minute shower, then back to sun, and then a light mist. This cycle may occur 3 or 4 times a day! The locals say this is typical weather so just be prepared for the change.

Many affordable room accommodations overlook the Columbia River and Washington's Willipa Hills. One could easily spend a week discovering Astoria. However, this trip could also be combined with Ocean Shores and Long Beach, Washington or Seaside and Portland, Oregon.

Looking For Volunteers

Community Forum is still looking for an editor. If you would enjoy volunteering either part time or full time please let us know. Remember, we are still evolving and going through a transition period. Member participation in this newsletter is desired and welcome!

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An Appeal To Good Will Sheriff's Report Overview



One former board member's continuing harassment of another member, this time at the board meeting on November 23rd, resulted in a disturbance. The outcome was the filing of allegations of criminal assault and a petition for an anti-harassment order from District Court against former board member Hugh (Sandy) MacNair. The complaint, filed by member

Susan Garthwaite, is now in the hands of the State Prosecutor's Office. An initial protective order court hearing in the matter on December 30 has been continued until January 13th.

A Sheriff's incident report, filed in this matter by Deputy Mark Apeland, relates how the disturbance began with member MacNair, during the meeting recess, loudly confronting Member Jay Garthwaite. MacNair blocked Mr. Garthwaite's

movement and shouted a demand for Garthwaite to disclose whether or not he was armed. After asking MacNair if he was a police officer (and would therefore be entitled to detain and interrogate persons regarding concealed weapons) Mr. Garthwaite declined engaging with MacNair and began

moving in an attempt to exit the clubhouse and avoid any further confrontation.

The Deputy Sheriff's report then related that MacNair turned and positioned himself to block Susan Garthwaite's movement as he continued to shout demands, pushing Susan twice, attempting to force replies to his shouted demands. Several other community members, including former officers, began shouting "get out" and "just leave" at the Garthwaites, waving their fists in threatening gestures. None of the board members made any attempt to stop the disturbance or restore order.

MacNair, when contacted by Deputy Apeland the next day, reportedly admitted to confronting the Garthwaites and grabbing Susan because she and Jay would not reply to MacNair's shouted demands. The Deputy reported that MacNair laughed when told by the officer that his admitted actions constituted assault and that blocking a person's free movements was an offense called unlawful imprisonment.

The officer also reported that MacNair's wife Winifred commented to her husband during the officer's interview; "I told you that you shouldn't have done that".

Member Jay Garthwaite, commenting on the incident, told *Community Forum* "MacNair has confronted, detained and demanded information from me and others on several occasions. He seems to think he has some special status as the community enforcer entitled to do this. Now it has escalated to MacNair pushing and shoving Susan, and we are not going to tolerate that. MacNair has no authority to behave in this manner, regardless of any KPOA politics, and he appears to plan to continue these practices unless prosecuted, enough is enough."

"The Deputy Sheriff's report then related that MacNair turned and positioned himself to block Susan Garthwaite's movement as he continued to shout demands, pushing Susan twice, attempting to force replies to his shouted demands."

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Legislative Reform To WA Homeowners' Association Law

By Lou Martel



A Senate Committee of the WA Legislature held a public hearing in Olympia in early December, 2005, on Concerns Related to Homeowners' Associations (HOA). The purpose was to determine whether any changes should be made to the original Homeowners' Association Law, RCW 64.38,

enacted in 1995. The stated need for that law was to deal with common complaints from members of HOA's, to protect individual members of HOA's, to assure that boards are accountable to the membership, and to assure that boards make decisions based on association interests. Topics addressed were: 1) the role and responsibility of boards, 2) the process of amending CC&R's and other governing documents, 3) racial and restrictive covenants, and 4) public concerns related to HOA's. It was a very informative two-hour meeting because participants were knowledgeable, they had diverse views, and it was effectively chaired.

Some significant observations were:

1. Seven bills were considered by legislative committees in 2005 to reform various aspects of HOAs.
2. One successful HOA dissolves the association every ten years and requires member vote to reinstate it with modifications to governing documents.
3. Many comments were made that there are too many lawsuits, and doing this to resolve HOA issues is often ineffective and too expensive.

4. There was repeated questioning by the chair on the advisability of having a legal requirement for arbitration/mediation as a preliminary step to a lawsuit.
5. The Senate committee is considering establishing a task force to fully investigate needed legislative reform to existing HOA law.

Preventing The Spread Of Germs

From The Washington State Dept. Of Health

Here are some simple tips that will help keep respiratory infections and many other contagious diseases from spreading, especially during the cough, cold and "flu" season.

Respiratory infections affect the nose, throat and lungs; they include influenza (the "flu"), colds, pertussis (whooping cough) and severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS). The germs (viruses and bacteria) that cause these infections are spread from person-to-person in droplets from the nose, throat and lungs of someone who is sick.

You can help stop the spread of these germs by practicing "respiratory etiquette" — good health manners: Cover your nose and mouth every time you sneeze, cough or blow your nose; put used



tissues in the trash; wash your hands well and often whenever you or someone you are close to is sick. If you have a fever, cough or rash, clinics and hospitals may give you a face mask

to wear in waiting areas and exam rooms, so be prepared.

INVESTING TODAY

By Hank Krist

A Summary of the Major Markets in 2005 and a Look at 2006



U.S. Stock Market:

The major stock indices were flat to slightly higher last year with the Dow Jones Industrial average (-.61%), S&P (+3%) and the NASDAQ (+1.37%).

Some sectors such as utilities, transports, gold mining and energy had double-digit gains. I believe that the stock market will be flat to down this year and would not be surprised if it were down dramatically. If any stock sectors do well, I would stay with gold miners, large drug companies such Pfizer (PFE) \$23.32 dividend 4.1% and Bristol-Myers Squibb (BMY) \$22.98 dividend 4.9% and utilities such as Tampa Electric (TE) \$17.18 dividend 4.4% and Consolidated Edison (ED) \$46.33 dividend 4.9%. I think that most energy stocks have had their run. For a long time, the large drug stocks were premier growth companies and were the institutional darlings. Several years ago, they fell out of favor, and now nobody wants to buy them. PFE and BMY sell at historically low P/E's and have high dividends. The utilities I mentioned also have high dividend yields compared to the overall market.

Interest Rates: Short term rates rose significantly last year, but long rates rose only slightly which confused the experts. During the last week of the year, the yield curve inverted, meaning that short rates were higher than long rates. One of the biggest questions for 2006 is the direction of rates. It is expected that the fed funds rate will be increased another ¼% in January, but after that it's anyone's guess. With long rates low, there are too many potential problems to warrant the buying of long-dated notes and bonds. I would recommend staying short-term i.e. 3 months to 2 years.

Gold: Precious metals did very well last year with gold reaching a 24 year high. With the large U.S. budget and trade deficits accompanied by out-of-control growth of the money supply, gold should continue to be an excellent investment/insurance and could appreciate far more than most people expect.

Residential Real Estate: I believe that the market has peaked and is on the decline. Inventory of unsold houses and condominiums is at a multi-year high and the number of months of unsold inventory to sales is rising rapidly. Year over year price gains are still in double-digits, but this is not unusual at the start of a decline. Initially, sellers keep their prices high, and as the buyers resist, unsold inventory grows. Eventually, the sellers have to lower their asking prices and the downward spiral will begin. Except in a few, selective areas, I expect housing will begin a multi-year decline in 2006. All types of housing will be affected, but high-rise condominiums in urban areas will be hit the worst. Real estate will probably be a terrible investment for the next several years.

Summary: I believe that 2006 will be a difficult year to make money in most traditional investments. The current business expansion has been created by excessive monetary growth and artificially low interest rates, and is already longer than the average post-war expansion. It's possible that we will have a recession this year especially due to the fact that no one expects one. The inverted yield curve (IYC) is a danger sign. Every recession since World War II has been preceded by an IYC, but not every IYC has been followed by a recession. 2006 could be a year in which we pay for our fiscal and monetary sins and experience a confluence of a number of bad markets. As the desk sergeant in "Hill Street Blues" said, "be careful out there."

I have no idea how many people read this monthly column so please let me know if you do. Also, if you have a suggestion for a future column, let me know that as well. My email address is hanksand@att.net.

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COMMUNITY FORUM

KPVoice Editorial

Many Questions for the New Year

by KPVoice

KPVOICE starts off the New Year with questions, many questions. One of those involves the criteria and approach the board will take in the selection of a director to replace Jack Anderson.

Is it a done deal and the boys in the backroom already picked one of their own? The second question involves the new organization form. Has the Board really thought this one through the wickets? The third question asks when will the Board start being a board and meeting their goals?



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Another year rolls around...Happy New Year!

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and you're getting older is when...

than you do...

Your back goes out more often
is the sun hitting your bifocals...

The twinkle in your eyes

until 9 o'clock...

You can only burn the midnight oil

the night before...

You feel like the morning after
and you didn't go anywhere

and your belt won't...

Your knees buckle

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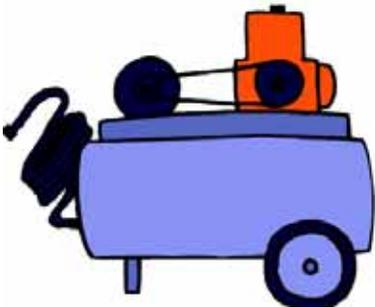


**Before A
Power Failure:
Make Sure Your
Generator Will
Start!**

By Bill Zingheim

Though we have been relatively lucky weather-wise this year, we may not be so lucky in the coming year. Those of us who are fortunate enough to have generator backup in case of power failure, may not be all that lucky if the generator won't start!

Non starts are becoming a serious problem. Since the Gulf Coast Storms hit and refinery and offshore oil well capacity was cut, the Federal Government removed all restrictions on gasoline formulation in order to boost production. The gasoline produced since then has shown drastically reduced shelf-life.



If an attempt is made to start a generator with broken down gasoline in the tank, it may start and run for a few seconds, and then die and refuse to fire again. This is due to the fact that the gasoline in the carburetor is in a confined space away from humidity, and remains somewhat stable. But if the gas sucked in from the tank is broken down,

and various additives have precipitated out in the form of a sludge, the jets immediately clog, and gasoline does not get through the carburetor. Worse yet, the break-down products attack all rubber and plastic parts in the fuel system and turn them into mush.

To repair this situation can be expensive, particularly if the rubber and plastic parts in the fuel system are damaged, not to mention the potential loss of not having a generator when it is needed.



The answer to the problem is to not keep pump gas stored in your generator! 100 Octane, leaded, non-alcohol gasoline is available. This gas is stable, and can be stored for months. You can safely store your generator with a small quantity of this gasoline in it. You also keep pump gas in a separate five gallon can which you date with a making pen. If you need the generator for several hours, pour the pump gas into it and use it. When you no longer need the generator, siphon out the pump gas and replace it with the 100 Octane. Run the generator for a few minutes to purge the pump gas from the fuel system. If you do not use the pump gas by the end of 30 days, you can always put that gas in your car and burn it! Then replace that gas with fresh pump gas and re-date the can.

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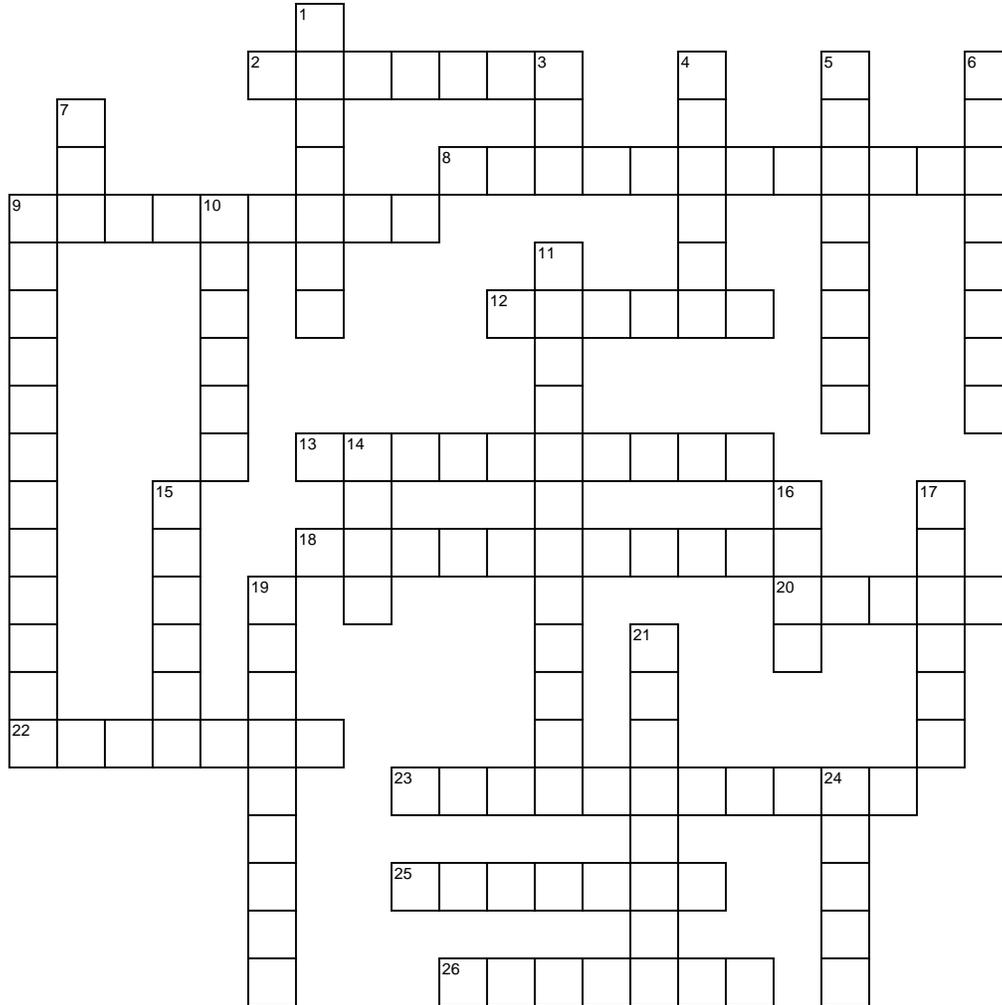


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2. Tongue Curling: 85% of the population can.
3. Belly Buttons: Approximately 10% of kids are "outies." Grown-ups are almost all "innies."

Kala Point Crossword Puzzle (Hint: Look in previous month's issue)



ACROSS

- 2 Long before the glorious "Swan Lake" there was _____
- 8 Thousands of samples & Expert Fit
- 9 Our _____ are the people we rely on because they are closest to us.
- 12 Uses one of the highest % of water in the home
- 13 We have these on our committees
- 18 "The Best In The West"
- 20 Tasty appetizers originating in Spain
- 22 Method of getting 12 bags

- of garbage down the driveway in a single pass.
- 23 Creates gardens of your dreams
- 25 Flu in 1918 that killed up to 40 million people.
- 26 City where year end clearance is on RV's

DOWN

- 1 State that banned Homeowner Association proxy voting
- 3 Gold exchange traded fund
- 4 KP members can influence its _____, an editorial
- 5 All your shipping needs

- and friendly service
- 6 Enforceable assessment obligations
- 7 Dept. of Ecology
- 9 A Newsletter to foster this
- 10 Changing _____ is often the most cost effective way of reducing water use
- 11 Has a 19 point inspection
- 14 The intent of the RCW 64.38 Executive Session law is to provide _____ communication to the members.
- 15 Flavor of the month
- 16 Seaport Landing welcomes them
- 17 Classic Book Club book of

- the month for January
- 19 School that needs volunteer tutors
- 21 Lack of oxygen
- 24 Market with organic fruits and vegetables

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Kala Point Committees

The Good, The Curious & The Indifferent

By Don Meister



Kala Point Committees serve an important role in the administration of our community. Volunteers help keep costs to a minimum while providing an opportunity for members to be involved. Committees also afford an opportunity to intermingle diverse views and opinions based on members' roots and varied backgrounds. It is similar to the United Nations which has differing customs and approaches but a common goal. That, in theory, is the **good** part as it has great potential to be of benefit with little cost.

At Kala Point there are 14 committees (including 2 Ad Hoc). Some committees are run in a fine manner while others are quite disorganized. One would like to think that the best and brightest are serving on the Finance Committee and that those on the Architectural Committee have the background and skill required. Typically where skill and background are absent the tendency is to err on a more expensive solution. This translates to more costs to members.

In the past the singular written reservation regarding committee participation involved whether an individual was a member in good standing with respect to payment of assessments. That policy follows the "you must pay to play" rule and it absolutely makes sense.

Typically, in order for a member to join a committee, they would attend a few meetings and make their intentions known to the committee. The committee would then vote to accept or reject that individual. That is a potential problem since, for the most part, there are no acceptance criteria except for the Architectural Committee, which does stipulate certain requirements so there is a basis of evaluation. Assuming a person is accepted by a committee, the Board Liaison pre-

sents the member name to the Board for approval as stipulated in the APP's. If a committee rejects a member for a reason other than assessment payment, he or she may appeal under APP-I. This may not be the most elegant process but it is the one in effect.

Note: only the board, not a committee, can appoint or remove a committee member.

This year the Committee membership process took an interesting turn in the road when other reasons were informally employed to reject or question a member's committee participation. One volunteer was rejected because of lawsuits against KPOA. Another member, who was accepted by the Elections committee, was rejected by the Board because of an article he authored about the 2005 election process and its outcomes. Yet another individual was accepted to join the Bluff Management Committee as long as he didn't sue the Board. The **curious** part is that these three members were in good standing with paid up assessments – yet they were rejected for apparently subjective criteria.

The **indifferent** part is the actual committee membership. Our KPOA committee roster (see KPOA phone book or website) reflects a closed, nondiverse committee structure. Some names show up on multiple committees. One member is on four committees.

The most interesting part is the article in the November Kala Pointer regarding the separation of the Nomination and Election committees. The article stated that the committees were separated so that old hands would not be managing nominations. Yet three members are on both committees and two of the three are the respective chairpersons. We as members of the community must not remain indifferent. Kala Point's vitality depends upon committee diversity and the involvement of new faces. If you have not been on a committee, consider volunteering your time to make Kala Point a better place to live.



Private Septic Field “Hot Potato” Continues Nobody Wants Responsibility; Do You?



Secret negotiations continue between The KPOA President (acting alone in private meetings outside of the board meeting forum) and representatives of Kala Terrace (KT) regarding KPOA members assuming legal ownership of the private septic fields serving many KT residents on KT Lots C & E, along with the commercial offices. Kala Terrace is a separate and distinct Planned Unit Development (PUD) within the Kala Point Owners Association boundary. KT owners of the 21 lots served want all KP owners, throughout the HOA, to accept ownership (and therefore legal responsibility) for the land utilized as sewage disposal fields (and septic reserve land area) serving KT lots 1-9 and 14-20, along with the nearby commercial unit (Lot 21).

The developer, through his Kala Point Utility Company, as a necessity to sell KT lots under terms of the septic permit from The County, established and maintained the drain field area, with individual lot owners constructing septic tanks that dis-



charge to drain fields constructed on lots C&E. According to filed documents, the developer's utility company charged a monthly septic field fee. Now that the developer has no more lots to sell he has reportedly “quitclaimed” (given over title) to the septic field lands to the individual lot owners whose septic tanks connect with the fields.

Apparently not wanting to assume continuing responsibility for their own septic fields themselves, nor form an association to do so, a group of KT owners alleges that the developer quitclaim is an unlawful (and non-binding) conveyance. Rather than battle the developer over the quitclaim action, however, they have petitioned KPOA to take over their personal septic fields by accepting title to lots C&E. These septic fields would then become (in common) the legal responsibility of all owners in the entire development.

Correspondence shows that a series of meetings, outside of the KPOA public meeting forum, has been held between representatives of KT (notably Member Don Marioni), The KPOA General Manager and Board President(s) over a period of many months, with no public member observation or awareness, and that a decision on this issue may be imminent.

It is unclear to *Community Forum* why all owners in the development should now assume legal responsibility for the septic fields of some owners, who purchased property with clearly communicated sewage disposal arrangements and obligations. This is particularly worrisome to some members since the State Department of Ecology has, particularly along Hood Canal, begun widely investigating the discharge of septic fields with avenues of drainage to The Puget Sound.

Properly maintained individual systems (one per lot) pose significantly less exposure to enforcement actions than do community systems, such as serves Kala Terrace. Owners are encouraged to write to the board on this issue, before it comes suddenly to a vote and we all become, by default and secret proceedings, the proud owners of a community sewage disposal system, which may present major ecological and financial risk.

