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## Deed Restrictions Election: Closest Results in Recent Memory Still Low (But Improving) Member Participation Some Outcomes Within Window of 23 Invalidated Ballots

While the KPOA "Old Guard's" ability to force through virtually any governing documents change they sponsor is clearly waning in recent years, it remained just strong enough in the December special election to squeak by the bulk of their re-voted measures failed by the membership last July. Old Guard success, as always, relied on several key factors including one-sided gross misrepresentation of facts before the election (single-sided publicity paid for with member assessments), careful election timing to leverage lack of participation by a very large block of members, 100% turnout by their supporters, and perseverance to sway voters, re-voting the same matters until they get them passed. Ballots invalidated or disallowed in this election were sufficient to change several outcomes; it was that close. Official results, as reported to the board by the elections committee, can be found in the table on page 2.

With skyrocketing assessments now assured well into the future and newly disclosed massive under funded reserves, member confidence in financial leadership is eroding. Sixty-three members voted against the 2007 budget, as opposed to only nineteen who voted against the 2006 budget. As December elections go at KPOA, this year there was greater participation with more issues on the ballot and the first use of vote by mail; 378 ballots were cast

on the budget, for example, as opposed to only 221 budget voters the year before. **So the voices for change are getting louder and stronger on all fronts. This election is a perfect example of how every vote is important!**

An independent detailed analysis of the voting record materials revealed that ballots invalidated on technicalities could have changed the outcome on several issues. Members mailing in ballots using the "incorrect" envelope, one of two envelopes mailed with the combined ballots and assessment billings mailing, had their ballots invalidated, and not counted at all. In the office mailing, one envelope (with no return address) was intended to be used to mail back assessment payments. The second envelope (with the members printed name and return address) was the only acceptable ballot-mailing method. Thus, members selecting the incorrect return envelope lost their vote if it was mailed without the return address, but were allowed to correct the problem if they brought the ballot to the office in that envelope.



*In all, at least 23 ballots were disallowed; 12 as received too late, 11 invalidated because they were sent in the wrong envelope, and (at least) 4 turned away during the meeting. Also, an undetermined number of ballots received at the office by hand delivery in the improper envelopes, were allowed by staff intervention. In combination, these anomalies could have swayed the election results.*

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**Deed Restrictions Election**

**Members hand carrying ballots to the office in the wrong envelope, however, had their ballots counted** because voter information was handwritten on the envelope by office staff. At least one member was even allowed to fax in his ballot, although that method was not identified as allowable in the election rules. Other members, with at least six votes, were turned away from the ballot box during the meeting because the board voted to “close the ballot box” a few minutes into the meeting, overruling Elections Committee Chair Mike Holden. Those arriving after that closure were not allowed to deposit ballots. This occurred despite printed instructions in the mailing stating that ballots could be cast at the meeting (with no mention of the early lockout). The Elections Committee Chair was

going to accept the ballots while the meeting was in session but was overridden by the boards decision. There were also numerous other ballots disallowed because they arrived late to the office, after the Noon Deadline.

**How does a well-organized minority maintain control?** The well-oiled old guard political machine turns out at 100% for elections, while 221 eligible voting units either did not participate at all, or had their ballots disallowed on technicalities; resulting in tiny but legally sufficient outcomes imposing new deed restrictions on all lot owners through the concerted efforts of a highly organized minority backed by many on the current board, nominated, appointed and anointed by that political machine. The grip is loosening, however, as more and more members become informed, and get active.

**Official Voting Results:**

<b>PASSED</b>	<b>A. 2007 Budget Resolution</b>			<i>The budget passes UNLESS 50% of the vote is against it.</i>
	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	
	318	63	0	
<b>PASSED</b>	<b>B. Update Late and Lien Fees</b>			<b>48 more votes were needed to Fail</b> <i>(at least 23 ballots were invalidated)</i>
	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	
	285	95	1	
<b>FAILED</b>	<b>C. Assessment Payment Frequency</b>			<b>9 more votes were needed to Pass</b> <i>(at least 23 ballots were invalidated)</i>
	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	
	251	130	0	
<b>PASSED</b>	<b>D. Rules and Regulations Definition</b>			<b>13 more votes were needed to Fail</b> <i>(at least 23 ballots were invalidated)</i>
	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	
	261	118	2	
<b>FAILED</b>	<b>E. Regulate Political Signs and US Flag</b>			<b>11 more votes were needed to Pass</b> <i>(at least 23 ballots were invalidated)</i>
	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	
	249	130	2	
<b>PASSED</b>	<b>F. Parking Restrictions</b>			<b>31 more votes were needed to Fail</b> <i>(at least 23 ballots were invalidated)</i>
	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	
	273	106	2	

*Resolutions B through F needed 66.667% to pass*

## **Membership Has Its Benefits...Doesn't It?**

### **But is it worth forfeiting diversity and living with discrimination?**

**When we say that we live in a gated community** we probably have other words that come to mind that describe what that means to us. The word "gated community" can also double for "exclusive", "private", or even "discriminatory."

**One would probably feel ok** about the first two (exclusive & private) but what about the word "discriminatory?" What does that have to do with Homeowners' Associations?

**Back in the early 1900's, Homeowners' Associations evolved** as a response to black migration from the South. To stem the growing tide of black newcomers, property owners' associations organized together to anti-competitively exclude blacks from housing markets. In depth research has been done about the social affects Homeowners' Associations has had on our society, mainly discrimination.

**One does not think about the implication** that "exclusive" or "private" can also mean giving up "tolerance" and "diversity". Have you ever really looked at if we truly foster diversity and tolerance in Kala Point?

**What many have found, living here over time,** is that if you don't follow the political line of the "old guard", and are vocal with your opposition, you run the risk of being shunned, your reputation smeared, excluded from social functions or vilified publicly and privately. These exclusionary tactics effectively block independent thinkers from committee and board positions. This limits fresh perspectives and new ideas. It also creates the need for alternate publications.

**HOAs began facilitating racial** and later age (working people and children) discrimination. These social discrimination tactics remain alive and well in dysfunctional associations across the country, unfortunately including Kala Point. Social discrimination, in a Homeowners' Association, means limited member participation

opportunities in social AND governing functions. A New Jersey legal case, now on appeal to the N.J. Supreme Court, successfully sought equality of participation for all HOA members, despite political alignment or positions. That case is now frequently cited in other state courts.

**Normally, you would debate with your friends** about what to do about illegal border crossings, or the Iraq war. But it is not uncommon instead to talk about HOA governance. Some of you living here many be familiar with seeing how some people blatantly violate the rules without consequence, while others are aggressively pursued for the same offense. A perfect example of this is the imposition of a \$15,000 fine on an owner for cutting trees on his own lot, while extensive admitted illegal cutting on the bluff common property resulted in no more than a "rules reminder" letter.

**Though people can argue that we have the freedom to choose whether we live in an HOA,** it is a concern that this type of social discrimination can pressure a neighbor to feel that they would have to move out or "check out". It is certainly no wonder why KPOA reports having great difficulty finding volunteers, and why just 63% even participated in the recent election.

**We need to look at what we are so desperately trying to hold on to,** facilitating and encouraging "social discrimination" which creates barriers to developing healthy neighborhood relationships & life-styles. We need to look at how to nurture relationships with everyone in the neighborhood, how to truly be inclusive and tolerant with each other. When Kala Point can become healthier "socially" we may find that more people want to participate on a social level and a governance level.

**But to do that, we need to each look inside ourselves** at how we can individually make a contribution to eliminating this ugly "social discrimination" that has embedded itself so strongly here in Kala Point. The first step needs to be admission of the present climate.

*Next month: How social pressure works in an HOA.*

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## **Governors HOA Task Force Progress: Key Legislative Recommendations Evolving**



**Six months into an eighteen-month effort**, The Governors task force on Homeowner Association Law has met nearly a dozen times since it launch this past summer to craft statutory reforms (64.38 RCW) for consideration by the 2008 legislature. The group, consisting

mainly of lawyers, but also including several non-lawyers representing individual homeowners as well as board and developer interests, is currently working on proposals in several key areas.

**Following task force discussion and debate over the next nine months**, specific recommendations are due to be delivered to the Governor in September 2007, for consideration by the legislature in 2008. Current discussion topics include:

- ◆ **Mandatory seller and HOA detailed disclosures on-demand** to better inform prospective buyers. This proposal would mandate a strong and formal disclosure environment to assure that prospective purchasers of property covered under terms of an HOA were fully informed before purchasing about deed restrictions, finances, all rules and regulation, fines and the history of fines imposed, and other conditions of each HOA, in advance of purchase. Prospective buyers could compel information from sellers, and sellers

could compel disclosure of information from HOA boards and management, to satisfy those inquiries.

- ◆ **Mandatory HOA-primer pamphlet** for prospective buyers, to be provided to all prospective home buyers when a property is within governance of an HOA. The pamphlet is similarly required in numerous other states.
- ◆ **Real Estate Form 17** formal written seller disclosures; expanding the requirements of existing seller's disclosure forms to include specific elements about applicable HOA control, finances, rules, litigation, etc.
- ◆ **Regulating internal enforcement** procedures against owners; responsive to rising complaints that HOA boards, even when acting capriciously or even illegally, currently have significant authority to write their own rules and procedures, answering to no one. This proposal would establish certain due process requirements.
- ◆ **Mandatory dispute mediation**, replacing lawsuits as the sole owner recourse to contest or appeal a board position or action. Under this model, also in use in many other states today, members and boards would be required to seek out-of-court third party dispute resolution before litigating.

**The proceedings of the task force are open to the public**, including by conference call arrangement. There is a also a discussion group at Yahoo, which includes current and historical information. Go to: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HOAACommittee/>

**Interested persons may comment to the committee** about proposal drafts by joining the discussion group at the link noted above. The two proposals currently open for formal public comment are on disclosure requirements and internal enforcement due process.

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## Volunteerism, Stagnation, and Renewal

**“The smooth functioning of the Kala Point community is largely dependent upon the volunteer efforts of its residents who staff standing and ad hoc committees.” - *The Purpose from The***

***Proposed APP for Committee Membership***

Volunteerism is an important issue for Kala Point. So much so, developing Volunteerism is one of the board goals this year. The whole issue sounds simple, right? But once you look a little deeper you realize that maybe there is more than meets the eye.

After so many decades, why is volunteerism a problem? Do you know there is an Ad-Hoc Committee that is developing a policy to deal with Committee Membership? Why are the committees saying that they are so short handed?

**It's natural for long-time members to have a strong sense of ownership in their community. They've devoted many hours in the early days of establishing Kala Point.**

If they are short handed, why are people turned down when they do volunteer? If they are short handed, why did the board actually vote someone off a committee last year?

**The amount of volunteerism in Kala Point might be an indication of the health of our governance** and

community. It might be an indication of where leadership has taken us in the past. One contributing factor might be a condition called “Stagnation” which happens slowly over time.

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Unfortunately, the closeness and familiarity these long-time members share can sometimes, over time, cause stagnation. Newcomers may feel unwelcome. Members outside the inner circle lose interest, feeling their ideas will not be accepted.

When stagnation occurs and a committee fails to function to serve the membership as it should, the community is deprived of the support, education and advocacy they need.

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Socializing with friends is fine as long as a point is made at meetings and events to make an effort to include new participants and make them feel welcome.

### **Signs that stagnation has occurred:**

- ◆ The same people serve on the board and committees year after year.
- ◆ If one of the board or committee members become ill or leave town for more than a day or two, you have no back-up, and important operations grind to a halt
- ◆ Committee membership numbers are low, static or declining.
- ◆ Newcomers come one-time to meetings or functions and leave early and never come back again.
- ◆ Meetings are poorly attended.

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With volunteerism at an all time low, it is important to look at reasons why people volunteer and why people don't volunteer. Next month we will look at these issues, what the incentives are for volunteering, and how to renew our volunteerism at Kala Point.

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## Beginning Computer Class



Starting Wed., January 24, 2007 there will be a **Beginning Computer Class** which will be held for five consecutive Wednesdays from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Jan 24, Jan 31, Feb 7, Feb 14 & Feb 21) at the Bay Club in Port Ludlow.

**Everyone is welcome** but registrations is required. Price is \$30 and includes the Text described below.

**This Course moves you from Beginner to Basic User** by teaching only the fundamentals that are necessary to go from little or no knowledge of computer operating to enable further practice in the movements of basic Windows 98/XP, basic Letter Writing, basic Email and basic Internet Browsing.

**Since you are assumed to be a true beginner**, the course concentrates on just the necessary material that a beginner can reasonably absorb in 15 class hours spread over a five week period. Home study and practice is expected thereby achieving success through repetition, text usage and keyword memory techniques.

**This course is suitable for anyone** who has a new computer, who is contemplating the purchase of a computer or who desires a refresher on the fundamentals of operating a computer.

**There are 5 formal 2 & 1/2 hour classes** plus 5 informal Q&A sessions which are conducted utilizing key chapters in the provided text *Teach Yourself Windows Visually* (Marin Graphics). This text also provides supplemental information for later home study enabling the participant to expand and learn more.

Ample time is provided for questions which are strongly encouraged. Additionally, hardware purchase guidelines are discussed plus an optional Q & A post class review session is offered.

**How To Get There:** The Bay Club is about 15 miles from Kala Point. To get there turn left from Prospect and drive 1 mile. Turn left on Irondale Road and drive 1.8 miles and turn left at the 4-way stop onto Oak Bay Road (or Hwy 116). Drive about 10 miles and you will come to a top sign. Turn left and you'll be on Paradise Bay Rd. Go .4 mile and turn left onto Spinakker Place. Drive a short distance and you will see the parking lot.

**For more information & registration**, please call Bernie Kestler 437-5102.

### Overview of first 5 out of 14 chapters in text:

**Chapter One:** Windows basics, start up, shut down, understanding the concept of desktop/laptop computers, use of the mouse/keyboard/disks. manipulation of the windows, locating programs and other get started items.

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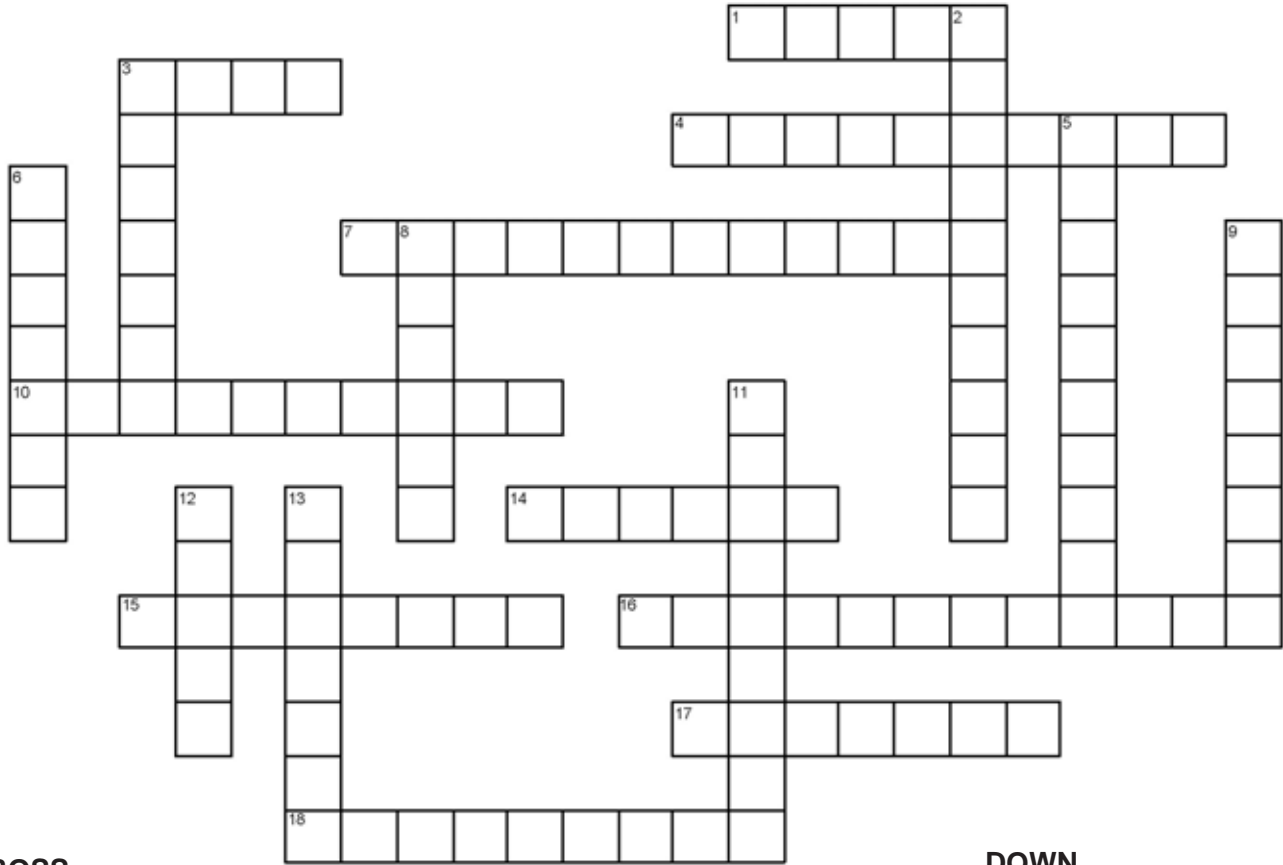
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- 1 Call \_\_\_\_\_ Investments for your real estate questions
- 3 This last December was the first time that the membership used Vote-By-\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 The emphasis in procedure development should always be to promote \_\_\_\_\_, fair & equitable governance.
- 7 The resolutions that the membership voted on in December were all deed \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 Anyone is welcome to join in \_\_\_\_\_ of any selection that is of interest to them
- 14 Upper \_\_\_\_\_ Valley is one of the largest wintering bald eagle populations in the continental US
- 15 Courtesy Ford offers peace of mind with a 100K mile 2-year \_\_\_\_\_ for certified vehicles
- 16 \_\_\_\_\_ bring important qualities to their grandchild's world
- 17 Who was quoted in the December Words of Wisdom?
- 18 \_\_\_\_\_ Forum is committed to reporting the news of the community

**DOWN**

- 2 Under-educated, under-informed board members who stumble into their roles often don't realize the \_\_\_\_\_ consequences of the actions until it's too late
- 3 The aerobic walking group meets every \_\_\_\_\_ at 9am
- 5 Movie Makers is a group where no \_\_\_\_\_ is necessary
- 6 The Port Ludlow Garden Club holds an annual \_\_\_\_\_ tea
- 8 Lady Wind Gypsy is the place to go for small \_\_\_\_\_ repair
- 9 \_\_\_\_\_ Book Club meets every 2nd Sunday of each month
- 11 A deed restriction is any clause, condition, covenant, agreement or limitation of use imposed upon your \_\_\_\_\_ owned lot
- 12 Once a \_\_\_\_\_ is dull it usually can be re-sharpened
- 13 \_\_\_\_\_ group walks are held every Monday morning at 9am

Be the first to send in with the correct answers to: KIN, P.O. Box 816, Port Hadlock, WA 98339  
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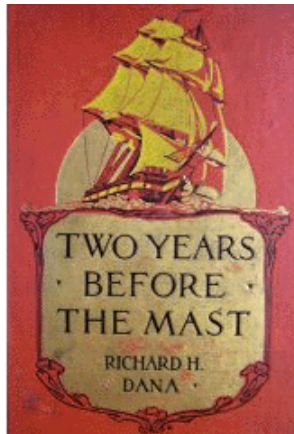
## Classic Book Club

**Classics Book Group meets at 2pm** at the Library in Port Hadlock every 2nd Sunday of each month.

For January 14th we will be discussing *Pygmalion* by George Bernard Shaw.

For February 11th, *Two Years Before The Mast* by Richard Dana will be discussed. It is a story about an awe-inspiring oceanic route from Boston, around Cape Horn, to the California coast, *Two Years Before the Mast* is both a riveting story of adventure and the most eloquent, insightful account we have of life at sea in the early nineteenth century.

**Richard Henry Dana** is only nineteen when he abandons the patrician world of Boston and Harvard for an arduous voyage among real sailors, amid genuine danger. The result is an astonishing read, with vivid



descriptions of storms, whales, and the ship's mad captain, terrible hardship and magical beauty, and fascinating historical detail.

You are welcome to come join in discussion of any selection that is of interest to you.

## Port Ludlow Garden Club Seeds of Change Workshop

On Wed. Jan. 10, at 11:00 AM the Port Ludlow Garden Club will have a lecture "Growing Plants From Seed".

Have you ever wondered about the secrets of getting a head start in Spring by starting your own plants and vegetables by seed? This informative lecture will clear up some of those mysteries and offer a question & answer period. So bring your questions and your own brown bag lunch.

This is also the time to renew your membership for only \$12 and if you are not a member yet you can sign up too! Membership benefits include reduced prices on field trips, the Holiday Tea, plant exchange and many informative lectures. If you can't make it to the meeting, send your \$12 check to PLGC, PO Box 65235, Port Ludlow, WA 98365.



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## Newcomers TGIF Party

**Calling All  
Kala Pointers:  
Come Meet  
Your New  
Neighbors!**

**Friday**

**Jan. 26, 5:30 pm**

Every couple of months, there is a special event held at the clubhouse called the **Newcomers TGIF Party** where we can meet our new neighbors that have recently moved into Kala Point.

**It is a fun celebration to meet new people** and sometimes new friends that have been living here, as well as visiting with old friends too.

### **Here is what you do:**

**“Old Timers”** bring enough Hors d’oeuvres for 8 people, and a beverage of your choice.

**“Newcomers”** don’t need to bring anything at all! This is their special day. They just have to come and enjoy the delightful appetizers and non-alcoholic beverages are provided! If you would like an alcoholic beverage, you will need to bring that with you.

**Newcomers should know who they are.** This is because they should have received an invitation so that they will have a name badge ready for them when they arrive at the clubhouse. If for some reason you are a newcomer and have not received an invitation or have not been welcomed by a representative of the Social Plus Committee please call Judy Kennedy at 385-0611.

**Everyone in Kala Point is invited to come!** This is a good time to not only meet new neighbors but a chance to see your old friends, have some great appetizers and a good time.

**You don’t want to miss this one.** Let’s bring Kala Point together with this fun event!

## **A Special Valentine TGIF: Appetizers Provided By The “COOKS Club”**



**Friday, Feb. 9th  
5:30 At The Clubhouse**

Back in April 2003 there was a men-only club created called **“COOKS” or Culinary Order Of Kitchen Studs.** This “by invitation only” club has 11 regular members and 5 alternates and are described as “Gourmet Chefs” in the April 2006 Kala Pointer.

**On Friday, February 9th these gourmet chefs will be providing the appetizers** for a special Valentine TGIF held at the clubhouse from 5:30pm - 7:30pm.

**Everyone in Kala Point is invited!** There will be absolutely delicious food and loads of fun. **You will need to bring your own beverage, glass, and plate.**

**What are some other ideas for getting to know your neighbors?** How about: block parties, attending community functions, friends going shopping, playing cards and games, walking together, and celebrating birthdays. These relationships are beneficial not only to have fun but when we are in need.



**Remember the recent storms.** We all probably have stories of someone that needed help in some way. By developing these relationships, we can be there for each other, not just for fun but also in time of need. This is key to creating a caring neighborhood.

**But for this day, February 9th, come have some fun,** enjoy great food and have a good time visiting and getting to know your neighbors.



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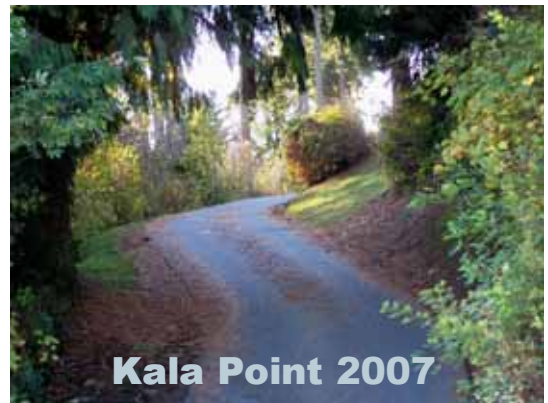
**How to get there:** The Convention Center is located on 7th & Pike. Drive to the Bainbridge Ferry, park, and walk on the ferry. Catch Seattle Transit Route 66 right outside the Ferry Terminal. The bus can drop you off at 3rd & Pike (ask the driver), then walk 4 blocks east to 7th. To get back to the ferry catch Route 66 on west side of 5th just north of Pike and go to the Ferry terminal.

**This is all in the "Free Zone"** so you don't pay for bus fare (and no parking in Seattle)!

## Kala Point Picture Calendars

**Have a blank spot on your wall you don't know what to do with?**

Still available for only \$10 is a calendar with some of your favorite pictures of Kala Point! All pictures were taken from within Kala Point. You can see the gorgeous pictures of Kala Point for each month in last month's issue or go to [www.ttpnewsletter.com](http://www.ttpnewsletter.com), open the Nov. 2006 issue to the last page.



Order Form

**If you live in Kala Point** you can select to have your calendars hand delivered and left at your front door. This will save you the shipping cost. Just check the box to authorize this special delivery:  *I live in Kala Point. Please hand deliver my order and leave at my front door.*

Number of calendars ordered: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10 ea (1-4)  
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\$8 ea (10-15)

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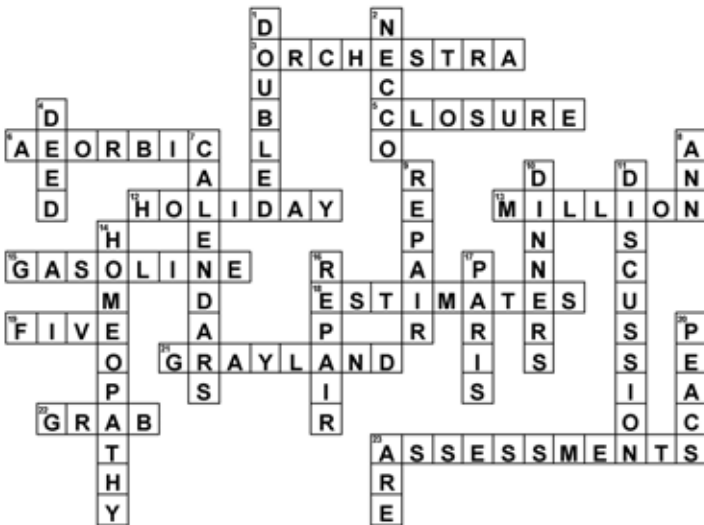
## SU-DO-KU

Instructions: Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9.

Level of Difficulty - Medium.

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Kala Krossword Puzzle: Dec.'s Solution



SU-DO-KU Puzzle: December's Solution

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4	3	9	7	6	2	1	5	8
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## JUST FOR LAUGHS

**You May Be from the Pacific Northwest if...**



- ◆ The top of your head is bald, yet you still have a pony tail.
- ◆ You are amazed by accurate weather forecasts.

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## Walking Club Meets Monday Mornings at 9am



### Make Your New Year's Resolution To: Get Out & Regularly Walk

The Walking Club meets on Monday mornings at 9am. It is flexible enough that it is not a problem if you can't go on a particular walk and flexible enough that you participate when the schedule works for you. You can depend on the support system of the group to help motivate each of us to get out and get walking.

Anyone is welcome to join us and you do not have to be a Kala Point resident. If you have a friend you would like to bring along, the more the merrier. It is for anyone: co-ed, singles, and couples.

It is **WALKING** not running. And when the weather is better, maybe an easy hike. As walkers get in touch, we can adjust the time, location, and frequency of walks.

Bring your ideas and favorite spots. We love new ideas! Various local trails will be used and maps provided when available. If you want to exercise, learn new trails and get acquainted with the beautiful area where we live come join us! Come for the camaraderie and exercise! Remember, 10, 000 steps a day!

Bring water, good walking shoes, and a walking stick if you have one. With the wetter weather some of the inclines can be slick. And bring your dog for a nice walk too!

Come join us and explore new destinations as well as some of our old favorites. For more information call Michael at 385-2041 or email [mctaylor@infionline.net](mailto:mctaylor@infionline.net).

### The Benefits Of Walking For Health And Fitness:

It's not the passing years that's a problem- it's a passive lifestyle. By their 50's more than 40% of males and 80% of females are sedentary. They spend too much time sitting. A sedentary lifestyle is now considered so bad for you that the American Heart Association lists it as a major 'risk factor' on par with high blood cholesterol and cigarette smoking. Begin a habit that could change your life.

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## Water Street Brewery's 2nd Annual Strange Brewfest

Water Street Brewing is having its **Second Annual Strange Brewfest**. They will be sampling beers from 22 NW breweries under the big top tent. **This even is complete with music. There will be games, food and many other surprises.** Tickets available at the door upon entry. Hours are 1pm-10pm on Sat. Jan. 28th and 1pm-8pm on Sun. Jan. 29th.

**For more information** call Nina Law at 379-6438. or email [info@waterstreetbrewing.com](mailto:info@waterstreetbrewing.com).

## Don't Diet, Live It January 12 - April 27

### You Can Do It!...Lose Weight, With Support

**The Monroe Street Medical Clinic** in Port Townsend is putting on a 16 week proven successful intensive support, educational and motivation group. Starting January 13th on Thursdays from 6:30-8:30, the classes will be held at the clinic at 242 Monroe St. The cost is \$27 weekly which includes a book and manual. *Monthly or weekly payment plans available.*

**This group addresses weight management** from the non-diet approach. Instead they look at how you can find out what you need emotionally and nutritionally. Realistic tips on how to succeed are included. Students write their own Live-it approach to a new way of viewing, eating and cooking food. It is life changing, fun and very supportive.

**It is based upon the Don't Diet Live It Workbook** and Nutritional/informational manual designed by the instructor. The sponser is Solutions Integrated Weight Management.

#### Reviews from Don't Diet Live It alumni:

"Thank you for helping me to lose weight and feel better about myself"

"I no longer feel guilty every time I eat"

"I now truly know there is much more to life than eating"

"I've learned who I am"

"I've learned how to truly enjoy food without letting it take over my life"

***If you've been looking for the means to make the changes you've been wanting to for a long, long time, this class is for you. What have you got to lose?***

Please email [janett@cablespeed.com](mailto:janett@cablespeed.com) or call 360-379-8134 to reserve your space or for more information.



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## Swing Your Partner Around And Around!

**Exercise, Have Fun, and Relax**

Of all forms of exercise, dancing is the most fun, the most relaxing, and the most likely to prevent premature ossification. This medicine requires no visits to a doctor, no drugs, and very little money. Exercise by dancing also raises the level of the body's pain killers- endorphins. For long time exercisers, dancing emphasizes smooth moves, with low impact and joint-friendly workouts. It doesn't feel like work, but it gets the heart rate up and it's fun. A 150-pound person can burn up to 400 calories an hour by square dancing.

***Fifteen Squares (120 dancers) in Jefferson County say, "It's cool to be square."***

As a folk dance of America, square dancing has existed in this country for more than two centuries. It has roots in the minuets and waltzes of Europe in the 1700's. Many of the early dances, the contras, quadrilles, squares and rounds are still alive.

The contemporary form of American Square Dancing is built along different lines. Each dancer learns a number of basic movements. The Caller will use the movements in a succession of patterns and the dancer simply follows these commands, moving to the beat of the music.

Today, square dancers may go to any town, state, or country and dance because all the calls are the same and all are given in English. Experienced dancers insist--"it's easy", "If you can walk, you can square dance".

Traditions are part of the fun in square dancing, but some are changing. Men still wear jeans, a long-sleeved shirt and boots. Some ladies wear the petticoat-poufed skirts, but others wear a western or long skirt and dancing shoes. Attending a dance costs \$3.00 a person. Participants do not drink alcohol before a dance. Families and singles are welcome.

Active Clubs on the Olympic and Kitsap peninsulas are located in Gardiner, Sequim, Forks, Silverdale, Gorst, and Gig Harbor. The first class is FREE, so come for the fun and exercise.

How about dancing here, in Kala Point? In the 1980's, we danced in the Clubhouse! Check out the back page and see how to join in on the fun!

If you are interested in dancing and don't have a partner, send in the slip on the back page anyway. We'll try to match you up with someone. Two woman can dance together too! For more Information call: Fran and Norm Shelton, 385-1651.

**SQUARE DANCING  
AT KALA POINT?  
YEE HAW!**



**More Information  
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# COMMUNITY FORUM



## Would You Like To SQUARE DANCE At The Clubhouse?



**Would you like to exercise, have fun, enjoy the music, and learn to dance?** In the 1980's, we danced in the Clubhouse. During our 38 years, we have square danced on wood, cement grass, vinyl, asphalt and carpet floors.

**How about dancing here, in Kala Point?** We need 12 or 16 couples so we can hire a Professional Caller after we get organized, but we can start with less.

**Fill out the form below** and return to Fran Shelton at 270 Pinecrest Dr. or call 385-1651. Let's see if we can start Square Dancing at the clubhouse in January!

**Here is how to get started:**

- ◆ Must love exercise & music.
- ◆ Couples only (two people, any size or shape)
- ◆ Willing to have a good time once or twice a week until you learn 60 calls.
- ◆ Will get a printed instruction book, so if couple misses a lesson or two, they can learn what they missed and resume.
- ◆ Able to use your mind and feet at the same time. It's called DANCING.
- ◆ Wear "slick" shoes. Men wear long-sleeved shirts. Involves about 2 hours exercise.
- ◆ Willing to act and feel like they are 30 to 60 years young. (We don't ask)

Names \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Can you come twice a week? yes no Can you come once a week? yes no

What hours of the day is best for you? \_\_\_\_\_

What days of the week is best for you? \_\_\_\_\_

Any questions? \_\_\_\_\_

Any comments? \_\_\_\_\_

Don't have a partner? Send in slip anyway. We'll try to match you up!

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# Fabulous Fifties Night

## At The Clubhouse

Saturday, Jan. 20th 5pm-9pm

### Here's What's Goin' On:

This is your chance to wear your fashion favorites from the **FABULOUS FIFTIES!** So slick back your hair, break out your saddle shoes, peddle-pushers, chiffon scarves, leather jacket, and t-shirts and join us at the clubhouse.

Think back and remember some of those old dances and how to do them. Have fun trying out those dance crazes like the Jitterbug, The Twist, or The Stroll. Or, maybe you'd like to try the Hand Jive!

There will be contests too! One will be the longest hula-hoop twirl! Also, the best his & hers 50's Outfit and Twist dance contest.

The **Kala Point Fun'nGames Group** is hosting this fun event. If you have any questions call Don & So Sae Meister at 379-1880 or Carol Fischbach at 385-6428.

Bring an appetizer &/or your favorite drink. Come and enjoy the 50's Music, get your picture taken with Elvis or Marilyn, and have a blast. Dancing and dress-up is optional. So... get on the horn and tell your friends what's buzzin' cuzzin. Dig it?

### Flashback to the Fifties:

It was the simplest of times, but maybe the best of times, too. The big war was over and America was bursting with optimism and excitement about the future. Shaking off the cobwebs of the past, we embraced an exciting future.

Cars sprouted fins, Elvis gyrated his way into our psyche, the radio gave way to television and Beaver became our buddy. Mom stayed at home, dad went to work and a generation now known as the baby boomers was born.

New products rolled off assembly lines where only a few short years before tanks and airplanes and ammunition were the order of the day. Electric appliances made mom's life easier, allowing time for a new form of entertainment ...

the soap opera ... As the World Turns and the Edge of Night. Tupperware made its debut and leftovers became part of our lives forever. Barbie was born and we had our hula hoops and Daniel Boone was our hero.



At the picture show, there was James Dean, Marilyn Monroe and the Three Stooges (or some hid in the trunk of dad's '55 Chevy to sneak into the drive in). We slurped Coca Cola floats at the drugstore soda fountain and agitated the gravel and laid rubber as we tried to impress that cute carhop down at the Dairy Queen. And just like Clark Kent, we used a telephone booth when we needed to call home.

We had our slang, but "Cool" was truly our word. Kookie Burns taught us the language of 77 Sunset Strip ... coolsville, deadsville, squaresville, weirdsville.

There were several dances that were "it" anywhere a band could play a tune. Those Doo-Wop classics, mixed with a little Elvis and, of course, Buddy Holly.

The fashion of the decade included poodle skirts, bobby socks, and leather jackets with the collar turned up. What about that prom attire with a satin dress, tiara and banner as Prom Queen? Or remember that polyester jacket, a white dickey and a bow tie along with a pair of Buddy Holly glasses as Prom King?



Those were the **FABULOUS FIFTIES!**

■ **Everyone in Kala Point is invited!**

■ **Come join the fun.**

See Poster on reverse side for Event Details

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# ***Fabulous Fifties Night***

**Saturday,  
Jan 20th  
5-9pm**

**At the Clubhouse**

**Bring an  
Appetizer &/or  
Favorite Drink**



- **Enjoy 50's Music.**
- **Get your picture taken with Elvis or Marilyn.**
- **Dancing/Dress-up optional.**

## **CONTESTS!**

- **Best 50's Outfit- His and Hers**
- **Twist Dance Contest**
- **Longest Hula Hoop Spin**

**Contact Fun'nGames:**

**Carol-385-6428 or Don & So Sae-379-1880**