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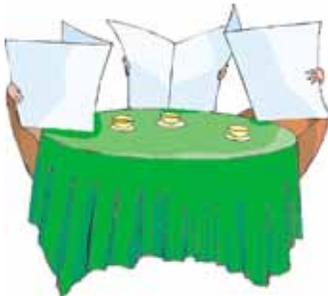
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Volunteerism, Stagnation, and Renewal - Part III

Steps to Renew Our Volunteerism, Create a Sense of Belonging, and What a Volunteer Needs to Succeed

It is our spirit and vitality that creates the sense of community and neighborhood within Kala Point. All of us that live here contribute to



making Kala Point our “home”. Of course, part of that is because we are in close proximity to each other, allowing us to have close friends with whom we enjoy many activities.

Another part of Kala Point, however, is the volunteerism, which is necessary so that it can run smoothly. The health of our governance and community spirit are strongly linked.

If only we could figure out a way for people to enjoy “working” together as much as they have fun socializing together! How do we achieve a renewed excitement about volunteering?

Here are a few ideas to encourage new volunteers:

- ◆ **Be open to new ideas.** Respond to ideas and suggestions rather than look at them as a nuisance or pest. One of the reasons identified in last month’s article that people do not volunteer is an indifferent attitude to new ideas.
- ◆ **Board needs to have a positive outlook.** We learn by example and attitudes trickle down to committees and finally residents.
- ◆ **Solicit advice and input** – if a member is constantly challenging decisions, encourage them to join the appropriate committee and participate in the process. Have them be part of the solution.

- ◆ **Appreciate those who do step up to the plate...** don’t look a gift horse in the mouth. Part of what makes a healthy neighborhood is learning to enjoy the different types of people and new ideas – be inclusive with equal participation from all members.

- ◆ **Increase and encourage open communication** with all members. This will help build trust.

- ◆ **Optimistic behavior is contagious!** Be enthusiastic about the community and all members. We are a diverse group with many great ideas.

- ◆ **Make an effort to include new participants** and make them feel welcome. How many times has someone attended a meeting and no one acknowledged or appreciated they attended? That is/was a future volunteer!

Here are a few ideas to encourage volunteers to stay:

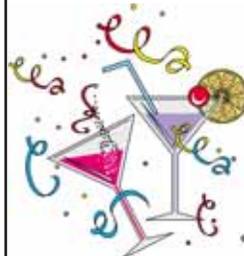
- ◆ **Provide a task that matches the volunteers’ interests and reasons for volunteering.** The reasons could be friendship, support, bonding and a feeling of belonging. Or it could be the importance of achievement. Know the volunteer and match them up for success!

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◆ **Provide specific tasks that are matched to a volunteer's ability.** That way they will enjoy what they do and have fun.

◆ **Provide flexibility for the task to be completed.** This could be when and where

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it is most convenient for the volunteer. This is an example where being open to new ideas is helpful.

◆ **Provide a good reason for doing the task.** One reason people don't volunteer is disorganization or red tape that can waste the volunteer's time.

◆ **Provide clear instructions and a reasonable deadline for completing the task.** If a volunteer has limited time, break the task down so that it will not take too much time. Let it be ok to volunteer part-time or participate in the areas that the volunteer is most interested. Remember, this is supposed to be fun. If it is not, people will tend to not stay.

◆ **Provide training.** Volunteers need to know what is expected and do not like to fail. Training can be as simple as verbal communication and support.

◆ **Provide a safe, comfortable, and friendly working environment.** One of the reasons why people don't volunteer is that not all volunteers are treated with respect. We need to welcome and encourage all types of members to participate and make them feel welcome

◆ **Have the volunteer keep track of their volunteer time.** Sometimes those easy or small jobs end up taking more time than we think!

◆ **Take the opportunity to provide feedback when the task is finished.** This will give the volunteer an opportunity to get recognition for their achievement as well as giving feedback on ways to possibly improve the process.

◆ **Show appreciation, recognition, and give rewards.** Celebrate the small things that volunteers do. Don't forget to say thank you! How easy is that?

◆ **Do not make committee meetings a forum for political views and do not create an arena for censorship of certain members.**

Signs of success:

What are the signs that volunteerism is renewed? The first indication is if the committee membership is growing.

Another sign is if functions, meetings, and committees include a mix of newcomers, experienced members and seasoned veterans.

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Another sign is if the Board of Directors varies from year to year to include a variety of members.

How does Kala Point measure up right now?

We need volunteers! And we need volunteers to enjoy what they do, embrace new members, embrace new ideas, and have fun! This condition called "Stagnation" happens slowly over time.

Building community spirit is more than informing residents about board action and improvements. It's asking their opinions and developing a process so that they will enjoy their time volunteering which will then spur further community involvement and a sense of belonging.

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Port Townsend Real Estate



Independent Broker/Owner, Annie Mullin has recently started her own Real Estate business as SOUND INVESTMENTS (yes, pun intended).

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Ann has 18 years experience as a licensed real estate professional. She is a previous Kala Point resident who moved to Cape George Colony shortly after marrying her husband Michael Mullin who had been a licensed contractor for 30 years.

Preferring not to “go corporate” she won’t give you the hard sell pressure that some larger corporate offices expect from their agents and brokers to reach certain quotas. In fact, she prefers to think of herself as a “house yenta”. She enjoys matching people up with their dream homes, weighing the criteria of both until reaching a comfortable balance. She has extensive experience in building and remodeling which helps deepen her understanding and vision of a home, with all it’s potential and yes, sometimes pitfalls.

If you’re thinking of buying or selling real estate in the Port Townsend area, or know someone who is, please give her a call at 344-4343 for a free consultation or Comparative Market Analysis (CMA) for your home.

RECYCLING AT KALA POINT: Green, Clear, or Brown Glass



Did you know that Kala Point has recycle bins for glass? Just beyond the Administration Office are large recycling bins where Kala Point members can bring various items for recycle. This not only helps the environment but also helps us save money on our garbage bill! We are very fortunate with it being so close to home. Now, rather than having to go to Kitsap or Clallam County recycle centers to recycle green glass, we don’t even have to leave our neighborhood.

No need to sort your glass. Kala Point’s one recycling bin accepts any color of glass: clear, brown or green. Skookum employees at Jefferson County’s recycling center hand sort the glass by color then they are trucked to Fibers International, Tacoma. There automated optical sensors color sort broken glass.

Most of the glass is reprocessed in Washington into airline wine bottles for St. Michelle. A small amount of glass is shipped to California for Galleo’s sparkling wines.

Per Skookum’s operation manager, glass revenue to the county is around \$17 per ton. Glass, unlike plastics and metals, is 100% recyclable. For new glass the furnace is 1750° vs. 1600° using recycled glass. Thus we can conserve energy and reduce emissions with recycled glass.

Glass items to not recycle into Kala Point’s bins: ceramic or Pyrex cookware, coffee cups, or foreign objects such as metals. These items create a temperature imbalance in the glass recycling furnace creating imperfect glass.

This article is reprinted from last year due to the many requests and questions we have received regarding recycling. Submitted by Patsy Mathys.

HOA Task Force Proposal Seeks to Make it Easier to Change Contract

A Proposed New Law Could Negatively Affect Your Contract With KPOA

A measure to modify the Washington Homeowners Act to make CC&Rs easier to change for those HOA's with more restrictive requirements (greater than 75% "super majority" requirements) has been introduced by a member of the Governors Task Force.

Lawyer Steve Rovig, representing associations and developers, has introduced the proposal for consideration by the Task Force, which is preparing legislative proposals for consideration by the 2008 legislative session.

Rovig's proposal would permit HOA's currently blocked from unilaterally changing the deed restrictions between the HOA and individual members by

large "super majority" requirements, to go to Superior Court (using member funds) and have those protections to arbitrary land contract changes removed.

Unlike at KPOA, many HOA governing documents require 100% agreement among owners before there can be changes in CC&Rs. It is this 100% agreement requirement that protects owners from perpetual re-writing (without their specific agreement) of their land purchase agreement conditions in the future.

A growing body of legal precedent has reinforced this concept, protecting owners original agreement, but this new measure by Rovig

is intended to override those legal cases with specific legislation allowing HOA's to unilaterally change that protective condition.

A frequent criticism of HOA governance is that purchasers, when buying property within an HOA, frequently do not fully understand that documents they are signing supportive of a property purchase actually place their property under the governance and control of others. Often there are later disclosed agendas far beyond the original deed restrictions agreed at the time of purchase.

The CC&R language enabling future ability to change the contract without consent of the original signer is typically in very small print, buried within voluminous documents never fully reviewed. Buyers believe they are merely agreeing to a specific set of conditions, rather than an opportunity for the conditions to be entirely different in the future, without their consent.

Lacking a full understanding of the documents offered at the time of closing, new property purchasers within HOA's often discover only later that what was characterized as a set of seemingly advantageous restrictions on property use is actually an agreement to allow those disclosed deed restrictions to be replaced, modified or greatly expanded without the individual agreement of the purchaser.

These future changes can be imposed on the buyer by the association convincing some percentage of all owners to support changing the deed restrictions for all members, despite original agreements at the time of purchase.

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History of Teaching Math

We discovered that we had a mathematician son at his age of 4; and at 6 was in the 3rd grade where he immediately found an error in the math text book. The teacher couldn't be convinced that this 6 year old was ahead of her. The high school



Math teacher, Russ Forrester, came to the 3rd grade to help the teacher see the text book error. That is why this story appeals to me. Incidentally our

Mathematician has a Cal Tech Ph.D. ...and the teacher kept teaching (?) Math to 3rd graders!

Submitted by Mabel Campbell

Teaching Math in 1950: A logger sells a truckload of lumber for \$100.

His cost of production 4/5 of the price.

What is his profit?

Teaching Math in 1960: A logger sells a truckload of lumber for \$100.

His cost of production is 4/5 of the price, or \$80.

What is his profit?

Teaching Math in 1970: A logger exchanges a set "L" of lumber for a set "M" of money.

The cardinality of set "M" is 100. Each element is worth one dollar. Make 100 dots representing the elements of the set "M."

The set "C", the cost of production contains 20 fewer points than set "M."

Represent the set "C" as a subset of set "M" and answer the following question: What is the cardinality of the set "P" of profits?

Teaching Math in 1980: A logger sells a truckload of lumber for \$100.

His cost of production is \$80 & his profit is \$20.

Your assignment: Underline the number 20.

Teaching Math in 1990: By cutting down beautiful forest trees, the logger makes \$20. What do you think of this way of making a living?

Topic for class participation after answering the question: How did the forest birds and squirrels feel as the logger cut down the trees? There are no wrong answers.

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How does Arthur Andersen determine that his profit margin is \$60?

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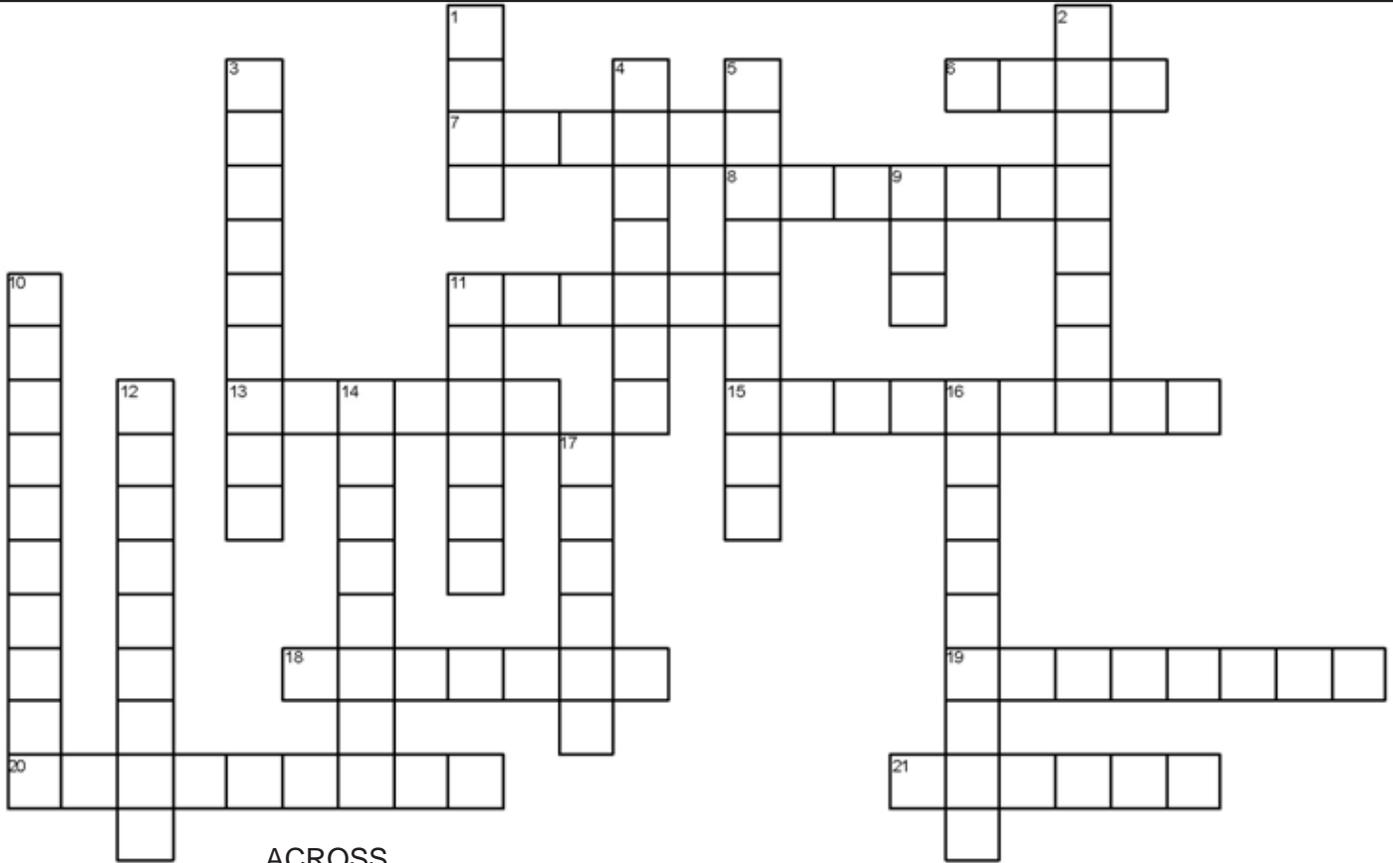
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Kala Point Crossword Puzzle (Hint: Look in previous month's issue)



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- 6 _____ offers driver safety classes that can save you money on your car insurance
- 7 _____ dancing is good exercise and fun
- 8 Galatea Cafe & Tapas Bar _____ its horizons
- 11 Movie Makers is a writers' group that makes video moves from start to _____
- 13 Bring the entire _____ for a Fun N Game night at the Clubhouse
- 15 There are many reasons to _____ and many reasons to not _____ at Kala Point
- 18 The Port Ludlow Garden Club had a lecture on the Do's and Don'ts of _____
- 19 _____ of the resolution essentially gave the Board carte blanche to promulgate rules & regulations for all property, common and private, within the community
- 20 The book for the March 11th discussion is Cannery Row by John _____
- 21 Looking Back in the Headlines gave an example of using _____ pressure to discriminate in Kala Point

DOWN

- 1 Renaissance Auto Design is "The Best In The _____"

- 2 Psychologists explain that social _____ is very powerful and it takes vigilance and self-awareness to not buckle under its pressure
- 3 Kala Point members can advertise in the Neighbor-toNeighbor _____ ad section
- 4 It is not the passing years that is a problem,- it is a passive lifestyle
- 5 Port Townsend Orchestra's winter concert was an all _____ program
- 9 _____ LaRae Mullin is a Broker/Realtor in Port Townsend
- 10 You remain _____ 2 to 4 days after original exposure to the virus
- 11 A lube, oil, & filter is only \$16.95 for most cars at Courtesy Ford
- 12 The special Valentine TGIF provided by the Cooks Club was _____
- 14 _____ Carpet One can help beautify Kala Point
- 16 Realtor Kevin Tuuri is "Your Home _____"
- 17 It is the Port Townsend _____ Science Center's 25th anniversary

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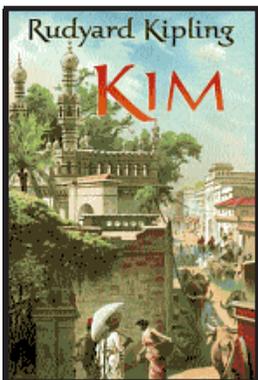
Classic Book Club

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



For March 11th we will be discussing **Cannery Row** by John Steinbeck.

For April 8th, **Kim** by Rudyard Kipling will be discussed. Author Rudyard Kipling set his final and most famous novel in India, where an Irish orphan becomes the disciple of a Tibetan monk while learning espionage tactics from the British secret service. A terrific choice for Kipling fans and lovers of exotic tales of adventure.



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



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If you are interested in participating or would like to express an opinion on a Kala Point issue, you are welcome to contact us. As always, we welcome all communications, and will happily print the writer's name, if desired.

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Potato Bake Fundraiser Saturday, March 10th



Mark your calendars for the famous **Potato Bake** that will be held at the Clubhouse on Saturday, March 10th at 5:30pm.

The event starts at 5:30pm with Social Hour from 5:30pm to 6:30pm and the Baked Potato feast is from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. These are Texas-sized baked potatoes with toppings of chili, cheese, salsa, butter, sour cream, and onion to choose from.

To balance out the meal, if your name ends with an A-L you need to bring a dessert. If your name ends with a M-Z, you need to bring a salad. Please bring your own service (plate, silverware, napkin, cup) and it is BYOB.

This fund-raiser for our **Fire District #6** helps fund critical items for these volunteers. Minimum donation is \$5.00 per person. All money goes to Jefferson Fire District. If you can't attend this event you can make a donation for this good cause.

Contact **Lorraine Fishel at 379-9300** if you have any questions or for reservations. Please call after 9am. This event will be a sell out! Make your reservations as soon as you can.

Things to Ponder about the Potato:

- ◆ It is not recommended that leftover potatoes be frozen because they tend to become watery upon reheating. The potato is 80% water; and when frozen, this water separates from the starch and nutrients causing the reheated potato dish to be watery.
- ◆ Potatoes are still alive when they are picked, that's reason why they should be stored in dark and dry place that is well ventilated to prevent them from greening. A cellar is ideal, but any place where they won't be exposed to excessive heat or light will help prevent spoiling.

- ◆ Green portions on the skin of the potato are also toxic. The green on the skin of a potato is the build-up of a chemical called Solanine. It is a natural reaction to the potato being exposed to too much light. Solanine produces a bitter taste and if eaten in large quantity can cause illness, this is unlikely, however, because of the bitter taste. If there is slight greening, cut away the green portions of the potato skin before cooking and eating.

- ◆ Potatoes are high in vitamin C and potassium. One medium potato has 45% of the vitamin C and 21% of the potassium our bodies need every day. Potatoes are also a good source of fiber! Just one serving of potatoes have 12% of the fiber we need every day. Potato skins contain fiber, potassium, iron, calcium, zinc, phosphorus and B vitamins. That's why it's best to eat potatoes with their skins!

- ◆ When potatoes turn black or gray when cooked it is an indication that the potatoes were stored at too cold of a temperature. To keep this from happening, store potatoes at a temperature between 45°F and 55°F. It is not recommended to store your potatoes in the refrigerator, but if you do, letting the potato warm gradually to room temperature before cooking can reduce the discoloration.

- ◆ When potatoes have a purple center and veins, it is ok to eat. This discoloration in the potato flesh is due to the potato being held at too cold of a temperature. You may notice that the potato has a sweeter flavor as the cold turns starches to sugars.

- ◆ When Peru was conquered by the Spain in the 1500's they became aware of the potato, and brought them back to Europe and then finally came to America in 1600's.

- ◆ Potatoes in the U.S. are harvested between August and October and are then shipped from storage through the spring. After three or four months in storage, potatoes can become more susceptible to greening or sprouting.

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Looking Back at Kala Point Headlines

Community Responder Group Being Considered

EPC (Emergency Preparedness Committee) was considering a Community Responder Group back in 2005. This group of volunteers would receive 8 hours of training at no cost, be 'on-call' occasionally to respond to a medical call (within the gate only) as dispatched by JeffCom 9-1-1, and be able to render aid to a neighbor *while the medic unit is enroute from the City or Fire District 6*. This effort was being considered because of the medical unit response time of 9-12 minutes.

STATUS: Did Not Get Adopted

This article was submitted to us by Daphne Kilburn when she was a member of EPC. Thank you Daphne for all your time and effort you spent trying to organize this.

Secret "Work Sessions" Audio CD Available From Community Forum

Attempts were made by the board to block member recording of the "work sessions" although this would have been illegal. CF obtained an audio CD available for members of the Jan. '06 and Feb. '06 work sessions. Members were unable to follow these important board deliberations within the "official" newsletter of the KPOA, or obtain "official" minutes from KPOA.

STATUS: Members Benefit

Audio recordings of KPOA Board Meetings aka "Work Sessions" are now available for members as part of KPOA records. Also, members are not routinely harrassed about making their own recording of the meeting.

Kala Point Reserve Study Needed!

Community Forum ran a series of detailed articles providing information to the membership on reasons we need a reserve study in early 2006. Then CFO Richter had assured members that there were adequate reserves. At the Feb. 2006 Board Meeting, the board needed to review replacing the roof of the KPOA Admin Building. This one item was \$6000 to \$7000 short which was one of many reasons for the concern about the reserve process at Kala Point.

Without an updated study no one knows how many other reserve items are underfunded. A good example of this is how we are now finding out how underfunded we are on our roads.

Mr. Juliano's article described the components and flow chart for conducting a reserve study and that an accounting of the reserves must be provided to all members. State law and the governing documents are clear about disclosure to the members.

STATUS: Members Benefit

This article was submitted to us by Pete Juliano. Thank you Pete for doing all the research to help us learn about the importance of getting a reserve study done. It is important that KPOA members are kept informed on such important issues. And in this particular case, the issue affected our pocketbook in a big way!



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"-May the heat of controversy melt the ice of apathy-"

Walking Club Meets Monday Mornings at 9am



The Walking Club meets on Monday mornings at 9am. Come when you can and the walk sounds right for you. You can depend on the support system of the group to help motivate each of us to get out and get walking.

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Everyone is welcome to join in and we encourage you to bring a friend! Come join us and explore new destinations as well as some of our old favorites. Emails are sent out each week announcing where the next walk will be. For more information contact Michael at 385-2041 or mctaylor@infionline.net.

Port Ludlow Garden Club Everything Goes To Pots!



The Port Ludlow Garden Club is "potting" again. On Wednesday, March 14, the bus will leave the Bay Club promptly at 8:00 a.m. Our first stop will be **Bam Bam Pots** in Tacoma, where Kathryn Bamford will give a brief presentation on Potting for Year 'round Color. Then we are on our own to search through their new 9,000-square foot indoor pot displays, plus another 15,000-square foot outdoor display area. They are the largest pot outlet in the NW. Kathryn promises a coupon or discount, and help to load.

For lunch it is on to Indochine, a wonderful pan-Asian restaurant. Finally, we will stop at **Jungle Fever Exotics** where we can find unusual plants to fill our new pots. We plan to be back in Port Ludlow by 5:30 p.m. The reduced price for members is \$28 and \$33 for non-members. Lunch is not included in the cost. You can reserve your place by sending your check, made out to PLGC, to Port Ludlow Garden Club, PO Box 65235, Port Ludlow, WA 98365. Questions? Call Eline Lybarger at 437-7701.

On April 11th will be the LaConner Daffodil Festival Tour. We may very well have an early Spring and the tulips will probably be out as well. The Tulip Festival runs from April 1st to April 30th. There are usually an overlap where the daffodils and tulips are both blooming at their peak. This will be a spectacular trip. More than a million people visit this area during "bloom time". Remember to dress appropriately with sensible shoes and perhaps an umbrella. Mark your calendar for this fun event coming up!



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Coast Guard Auxiliary

by Kevin Ryan

Have you considered joining our group but postponed it for the indefinite future? As with all organizations, our membership changes regularly: people move in and people move out.



For reasons elaborated below, now would be a good time to commit to join the Auxiliary.

Most of our service to the public is concentrated in the spring and summer when weather is good and boating season is in full

swing. Our on-the-water patrols and courtesy vessel safety checks coincide with the season when there is a lot of boat use. On the other hand, our member training courses and exercises occur primarily in the late fall and winter.

Flotilla 41 is currently welcoming 11 new members bringing our membership to above 60 for the first time. An influx of new members necessitates initiation of a fresh round of training programs in order to have them qualified for various activities by next year's boating season. Joining before the end of the year will put you in step to take advantage of the courses and exercises which will be offered during the coming off season from January through April.

Membership in the Coast Guard Auxiliary is open to individuals over age 17. People with boats, airplanes or ham radio equipment are particularly needed. However, a simple interest in boating or the teaching and promotion of boating safety suffices.

We welcome guests at the monthly flotilla meetings, usually held on the fourth Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., at the Port Ludlow Fire Station. There will be no regular meeting in December.

For more information, call Kevin Ryan at 437-7996.

Jefferson County HomeLibrary Service

The Jefferson County HomeLibrary service delivers library materials to patrons who are unable to come to the library due to age, disability, or illness. This is a free service. We have visited over 32 patrons in the past few years, but the average number of people we visit every month is 15. HomeLibrary patrons come and go.

Some move out of our service area, some have recovered from surgery or illness and some very sadly are deceased. We want to get the word out that we are seeking more qualified HomeLibrary patrons.

Most HomeLibrary patrons were once regular library users and we welcome a continuing relationship with them. We pride ourselves on offering highly personalized service. A number of our patrons need assistance because of failing eyesight. We

bring these individuals books-ontape and books-on-CD. Some need HomeLibrary service because they are on oxygen or are not mobile. One patron is able to come to the library to choose her



own books, using the walker we have available, but she is unable to carry them to her car or into her house. Some patrons request their own materials at home through the library's online computer database, but most rely on staff to choose their materials for them. Some read 20 to 30 books a month and some read two or three.

Whatever the needs are, we make monthly visits to each patron on Wednesdays to deliver handpicked materials.

If you know of anyone who lives in Jefferson County, outside Port Townsend's city limits, who would like to take advantage of this free service, please call the library at 385-6544 or visit our web site at www.jclibrary.info.

POETRY CORNER

House by the Side of the Road



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: Samual 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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Come Square Dance at the Clubhouse every Wednesday night at 6:30pm starting April 4th. It's easy- If you can walk, you can square dance!

Men should wear long-sleeved shirts and it's fine for women to wear pants. Wear "slick shoes" so that you can move easily on the dance floor.

If we have enough couples we can hire a Professional Caller after we get organized. Cost will be about \$3.00 a person to pay for a caller.

Come and enjoy a fun, relaxing evening. You will get some good exercise with low impact and joint-friendly workouts.

Families and singles are welcome. Don't have a partner? We'll try to match you up with someone. Two woman can dance together too!

If you have any questions or for more information call: Fran & Norm Shelton, 385-1651.

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At The
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Saturday
March 31st
5:30-9pm

BRING:

- **Appetizer**
- **Favorite Drink**
- **White Elephant Gift for Prizes!**

■ **5:30pm-6:30pm**
Social Hour & Appetizers

■ **6:30pm - Bingo**

■ **Wear Green and**
Get Extra Playing Card!

Contact Fun'nGames: Carol 385-6428

GAME NIGHT

Come Play Bingo at the Clubhouse



On Saturday, March 31st at 5:30pm Kala Point's FunNGames group will host **BINGO at the Clubhouse**. Socializing and appetizers are from 5:30-6:30pm and Bingo starts at 6:30pm with play until 9:00pm sharp. **Bring an appetizer, your favorite drink and a White Elephant gift.**

Prizes for the Bingo winners will be the White Elephant gifts that each player will bring - gag or nice - it doesn't matter.

White Elephant Rules: Everyone who brings a White Elephant will be eligible to play Bingo. No need to wrap them but if you do, it will be a "mystery" prize.

For each game, a winner can choose a **White Elephant OR** if they see a gift they like that someone else chose - they can take that one. A specific gift can only be chosen twice then it is no longer eligible. Bring something wacky or nice - the more of each - the more fun it is!



Wear something green and you will get an extra playing board.

BINGO supplies are provided by FunNGames, except for your favorite troll doll! All you have to do is bring your good luck and of course your appetizer and favorite drink.

For questions or more information call Carol Fischbach at 385-6428.

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