



Gig Harbor *Welcome Club* Newsletter September-October 2011

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President's Corner with Joyce Fischlin:

Hello Everyone:

Hard to believe, but fall is just around the corner. I finally went to Coeur d' Alene to find some heat and sun, but after a week in the high 80's and low 90's, I was happy to return and appreciate our 70-degree weather! Don't know about you, but fall is my favorite time of year. I like settling down and returning to my routine. And, I love the weather – crisp, yet sunny.

So let's talk business. In the last newsletter, I told you about redesigning our Club website. A contractor was selected, work began, and our Website Chair, Joan Rubinstein, demonstrated the proposed home page at our August Board meeting. Very impressive! The complete draft will be ready for Board comments in September, and we expect our new website to be up and running shortly thereafter.

In December we will once again donate to a local charity. In the past we have donated to the Gig Harbor Museum, Gig Harbor Kayak Team, FISH, and Key Peninsula Food Bank, to name a few. A couple of ideas that came up at the Board meeting were Food Back Pack 4-Kids Program and Toys for Tots. Board members will come to the September meeting prepared to suggest additional options, and then a decision will be made. How about you? Do you know of a charity or program that deserves our donation this year? Please call or email me prior to September 20.

On September 30, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm, we plan to host another new members' cocktail hour at the Spinnaker Ridge Clubhouse. Anyone willing to donate some time to this event should call either Gunda or me.

Activity Coordinators – This is a reminder to check the Club applications that you have on hand to determine if you have the most recent version – the one that lists membership dues at \$20 and \$35. These new applications are available on the Club website; however, if you do not have computer access, call Diana Bernard, Membership Chair, and she will send you a supply of forms.

Activity Coordinators – Within the next week or two you will receive a list of Club members who did not renew their memberships. If you have any questions or concerns about any of the names on the list, please feel free to call the Club Treasurer (Dottie Pringle), Directory Chair (Joan Rubinstein), or me.

We have some thank yous to hand out. First, to Dave Folsom, who stepped forward on a temporary basis to coordinate the Computer Activity Group when it was necessary for Ron Sleeper to pull back from his many commitments (he was volunteering in five different areas for the Club). Then, when Dave needed to step back (he also coordinates Men's Golf), Myron Anderson stepped forward and assisted in finding a new leader (Myron also coordinates the Travel Group and has been in charge of the Club Directory for many years). And finally, a very

qualified Victor Menchaca emerged and agreed to take over the group. So, our year of uncertainty has a good ending, and we thank all of you for your efforts and your willingness to be so involved with Club activities.

Additional thank yous are due to Karen Anderson and Kathy Antonson, who are stepping back as Theatre Group coordinators, and to Rita Sabins and Carlota Moody, who are replacing them. Through the years, Karen has served in many capacities – Treasurer, Vice President, President, Past President, Coordinator for Theatre Group and Needle Arts. Kathy, along with Theatre Group, served on the 2010-2011 nomination committee. In addition to coordinating the Theatre Group, Rita will continue to coordinate Book Discussion II, and Carlota will continue to coordinate Explorers. What would we do without these people who are so willing to volunteer their time? The answer is simple: We wouldn't have a Club! They, along with our many other coordinators, are greatly appreciated!

Finally, a reminder: If you have anything that you consider newsworthy, please let us know, and we will add your article to the newsletter. No ads for services, please; but news is welcomed.

So, with that, I bid you adieu! I look forward to seeing you at the September General Meeting and luncheon at Canterwood.

Joyce Fischlin



Message from the Vice President – Gunda Meissner

General Meetings

Is Summer already over? Though I think it really never happened. Despite the cool temperature we had a great time at our Annual July Picnic. Over 60 of our members enjoyed good food, good company, and great games. The 'catered' food was outstanding and even the rain couldn't dampen our high spirits!

Many thanks to our Picnic Committee - Alice Anderson, Kathy Antonson, Irene Bittrick, Bill & Karen Evans, Roselyn and Jack Knowlden, Bob LaFraugh, Candice McCray, Carlota Moody, Rita Sabins and Jerry & Caroline Smith, who generously donated time and effort to make the picnic a success! A special 'thank you' goes to Jack and Roselyn Knowlden, who purchased and prepared most of the food items, the beer, the wine, as well as bringing tables and chairs. Thanks also to all others who helped with setting up and cleaning up. It couldn't happen without you!



Scenes from our July Picnic at Sea Cliff



Great food! Great friends! Great weather? 2 out of 3 ain't bad!



September General Meeting - September 7, 2011 11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The September General Meeting will be a luncheon, held at the **Canterwood Country Club**



Our guest speaker will be Steve Wickline of the Food Backpacks 4 Kids program, which is put on by Peninsula Communities of Faith. In America, it is difficult to grasp that anyone, let alone a child, can actually go through the day hungry. However, hungry kids are our reality. And that reality is disruptive in the classroom, making that environment less successful for everyone. **Food Backpacks 4 Kids** has made a difference.

If you want, you can donate items for these backpacks: e.g. canned chicken/tuna fish, chicken/tuna fish helpers, peanut butter, powdered milk packets, snack size raisins/fruit cups, apples, oranges, instant oatmeal, crackers, spaghetti O's, granola/protein bars, fruit snacks, backpacks; other kids-stuff: toothpaste/brushes crayons, markers, coloring books. Bring any donations to our Sept. meeting.

Oktoberfest – October 5, 2011 – 1:00 p.m.



Again, Betty and Dave Ringlee have graciously offered their place and surrounding gardens for our **2nd Annual Oktoberfest**. Thanks, Betty and Dave!!! We ask that you each bring a chair; we will provide tables and some chairs, but not nearly enough for all to sit. Our menu, of course, is truly Oktoberfest - we will have Bratwurst and Weisswurst (white veal sausage), Sauerkraut and German potato salad, provided by our Master Potato Salad Makers, Joyce Fischlin and Nancy Christopher! (Give them a call if you want to help peeling potatoes!!)

We will have beer on tap, wine and sodas. And, by popular demand, we will do another 'Strudel' bake-off!! (If you don't have a recipe, let me know, and I will send one.) Selected members will be the judges and will award prizes for the most original, most delicious, most whatever...

Betty and Dave's address:

**10214 36th St NW, Gig Harbor, 98335
265-0965, and e-mail: dringlee@harbornet.com.**

November General Meeting - November 2nd, 2011

Our November meeting will be at Harbor Place at Cottesmore and we will leave the luncheon menu up to Chef Joe Baugous to "wow" us again.



Our speaker is going to be Bill Lemke, of the NW Furniture Bank. The NW Furniture Bank is a group of over 300 volunteers that think it is wrong for anyone in Pierce County to be without furniture and have decided to do something about it. The NW Furniture Bank (NWFB) works with 90 partner agencies to provide their clients furniture to help them on their path to self-sufficiency. The ability to purchase new or gently used beds, tables, chairs and household furnishings for a nominal \$50 processing fee gives low income people a sense of dignity and stability during a time of a major life transition.



Monthly General Meetings - Schedule -				
When	Where	What	Cost/ per Person	Mail check prior to
<u>September 7, 2011</u> 11:30 a.m.	Canterwood Country Club Canterwood Blvd Gig Harbor	Luncheon Pasta Buffet	\$20.00	August 29
<u>October 5, 2011</u> 1:00 p.m.	Betty & David Ringlee's Place 10214 36 th St Gig Harbor	Oktoberfest	\$15.00	September 29
<u>November 2, 2011</u> 11:30 a.m.	Harbor Place at Cottesmore	Luncheon	\$11.00	October 27



Sunshine – Lois Reed (851-6696)

If you know of anyone who is ill, is in the hospital, has had a death in the family, etc., please call Lois Reed so she can offer our encouragement/support with a card or call.

Member News Notes

- Long time member, Kaye Cobb, passed away on July 22nd. Kaye was active with several groups including Bunco I and served as Coordinator for Lunch Bunch. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Lindy and Dave Cubberley.
- Jerry Smith has a new email address: gs6706@gmail.com.



ACTIVITY GROUPS:

Please see the calendars for host and hostess designations and meeting times each month.

Blade and Spade Nancy Christopher (265-2863)

Blade and Spade usually meets the 4th Tuesday of each month, approximately 10 times each year for lectures and field trips within our state (weather permitting). If you are interested in joining our garden group, please call me. We would love to have you join us !!! The only requirement for membership is that you assist in planning and organizing a monthly activity every one to two years.

On September 27th, 2011, we'll brunch on Fox Island @ the home of Carolyn Whitson and plan the 2011/2012 gardening year. Please come prepared to share your ideas regarding future events. Based on decisions made that day, the October 25th get together will be finalized. A combination November/December meeting will conclude the calendar year.

Bocce Group Harris Atkins (858-6270)

Let's play Bocce! Calling all Bocce players or "want-to-be's". We've been having good turnouts with spirited games! If you would like to be on the contact list, send me an e-mail (harrisa@centurytel.net) or give me a call at the above phone number. Our play dates for September will be the 2nd, 16th, and 30th. We'll play at Donkey Creek park unless the City has an event scheduled. Play dates for October will be set when we see how soon Fall comes.

Book Club 1 Mary Atkins (858-6270) and Nancy Pool (851-7138)

Book Club 1 meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 1:00pm in member's homes. The September 15th meeting will be held at Rita Sabins' home. The book will be "The Moon and Sixpence" by Somerset Maugham. The October 20th meeting will be at Charlotte Cooper's home. The book will be "Day After Night" by Anita Diamant..

Book Club 2 Rita Sabins (853-6884) (rrintacoma@gmail.com)

We meet the 2nd Thursday of the month at 1:00 pm. We usually meet for 2 hours. Most times we have snacks and drinks. I give a 1 week "heads up" email with directions to the presenter's home. We always RSVP or REGRETS to our hostess.

Our September 8th meeting will be hosted by Linda Holsten. We are reading "The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down" by Anne Fadiman, a story about a Hmong child, her American doctors, and the collision of two cultures. The October 13th meeting will be hosted by Mary Marques. The book will be "Freedom" by Jonathan Franzen. Please call or email if you have any questions, Rita Sabins



BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS

We are looking for books to share for our BOOK EXCHANGE TABLE at the next Welcome Club General Meeting in September. Please bring your summer "reads" to share and take home some great books for fall reading.

Bridge Group 1 Edward and Nancy Scheid (853-6843)

All levels of bridge are invited to play at Harbor Place at Cottesmore, located at 1016 29th St. NW, in the 2nd floor card room. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 1pm and end at approximately 3:30pm. Upcoming dates are September 21 and October 19. Give us a call!

Bunco 1 Shirley Wohlman (851-4063) Bunco 2 Jo Henry (549-7333)

Bunco players: Anyone interested in joining for social fun please call Shirley Wohlman (851-4063) for Bunco 1 and Jo Henry (549-7333) for Bunco 2. Each group needs twelve permanent members plus a floating list of subs. No prior knowledge of the game is required. We meet once a month in members' homes using 3 tables of 4 players. We start at 12:30pm and usually end by 3:15pm. The hostess serves dessert, water, and coffee. Bunco is a fast, easy, fun game. We each put \$3.50 into a "pot" that gets divided up for various winners. Come join us!

Anyone interested in joining for social fun please call Jo Henry (549-7333) for Bunco 2. This group meets the 4th Thursday of the month.

Casino Shirley Wohlman (851-4063)

Casino Goers: We normally meet the 3rd Saturday of the odd numbered month and carpool to the casino. Please call Shirley if you'd like to join us.

Cocktailers David Ringlee (265-0965)



The dates are set for the fourth Saturday of the month at 6 pm; September 24th, October 22nd, and November 26th. Contact Dave or Betty at 265-0965 or dringlee@harbornet.com to join anytime. Everyone is welcome and alcoholic and non-alcoholic libations are provided by the Hosts. The Best part is the food...My Oh My! Welcome Clubbers put on a spread of appetizers and desserts that is fabulous every time! Remember that Cocktailer Parties are an excellent way to introduce prospective members to the Club, so bring new friends and have a great time. Our thanks to Gunda and Uwe Meissner for hosting the entire group on September 24th. P.S. We support responsible drinking, designated drivers and the health and safety of all our Members!

Computer Club Vic Menchaca (851-2985)

We will meet on Thursday, September 8 from 2:00 to 3:30 pm at the Gig Harbor Library. The October meeting date has not been finalized. Please call 253 851-2985 or email v_menchaca@hotmail.com if you would like to join us.

Dog Walking Irene Kelton (857-2485) (kelton.irene532@gmail.com)

Hello, All – Would anyone be interested in walking dogs together? All dogs welcome, big or little. We would go to local parks around the area, and if interested, downtown walks sometimes. How about Friday afternoons around 1:30pm to ? (approximately 1 to 1 ½ hr. walks). You could do more or less walking as you like. If you are interested, please call (253 857-2485) or e-mail at: kelton.irene532@gmail.com. Hope to hear from you!"



Friday Night Out Mel Wohlman (851-4063)

"Friday Night Out" is a Welcome Club activity for couples that meets the first Friday of each month to enjoy cocktails, light hors d'oeuvres, and dinner. To keep the group small it is limited to ten couples. If more than ten couples want to participate, a waiting list will be established. Each month the activity will be hosted by one of the couples. (Check the calendars for dates & hosts.) The hosts will serve their choice of cocktails and other beverages and light hors d'oeuvres. Hosts will also coordinate dinner arrangements and other activities, such as games or discussions. Contact Mel to be included in the next get-together.

Genealogy Group Harris Atkins (858-6270)

We meet on the **4th Friday** of the month from 2:30pm to 4:00pm at the Peninsula Branch of the Pierce County Library in Gig Harbor. Discussion topics will be sent out by reminder e-mail before the meeting.

We are a small, informal group and our objective is to explore family history research techniques and tools, and to share experiences and discuss problems in our research. With an increasing number of research sites and interest groups available on the internet and with a Family History Center just across the bridge, this is a great time to begin (or resume) your search for the "secrets" in your family closet. The only qualifications are an interest in family history and a willingness to contribute to the discussions. You can come every month or only when we are discussing a topic in which you are interested. Experience in genealogy is not required.

Not ready to join the group? Several members have offered to work one-on-one with individuals to help get them started. We have access to several on-line databases and will be glad to check them for "missing ancestors" and/or develop a strategy for further research.

If you think you might be interested in joining or individual help, let me know at harrisa@centurytel.net, or 858-6270 and I'll add you to the contact list.

Hiking Group Gunda Meissner (265-0884)

We took our last hike in June. Then, because of summer vacations and visiting grandchildren, I have not been able to schedule a hike. But school is beginning soon – the children will leave this week. And I will be able to schedule our next hike soon.

If you want to join the Hiking Group, shoot me an e-mail (gundameissner@yahoo.com) or call me at home (253) 265-0884



Kayaking Club Dave Kemp (851-2205)

We are planning some outings for September. Call Dave for dates and details.



Let's Do Dinner John & Marcia Nolan (857- 5324)

This is a new WC group and we are looking for new members! The group will meet on the 3rd Saturday of each month for dinner at group members' homes. There will be one host home for each group of 8. The host will decide on the main course, and will call other participants to provide the balance of the menu. People will be rotated through the groups of eight as directed by the coordinator. A progressive dinner may be scheduled for the holiday season. Please call Marcia Nolan if interested in participating. Hosts still needed for our September 17 and October 15 dinners.

Lunch Bunch Susan Smith (858-5253) and Thelma Haaseth (853-6769)

Lunch Bunch meets the 2nd Thursday of each month. If you would like to join our group or if you need transportation, please call Thelma or Susan. Each member is required to call the hostess to indicate that she will be attending the lunch or will not be available to attend. You must call no later than the Monday prior to the luncheon if you wish to attend. If you have already indicated on the sign-up sheet that you will be attending the following month's luncheon, you will not need to call the hostess. *If you are not on the sign-up sheet, **you must call the hostess or you will not be included in the next lunch.***

Our next luncheon will be Thursday, Sept. 8, at 11:30 at Massimo's Italian Restaurant on 40th and Bridgeport in Tacoma. Hostess is Susan Smith. Please call Susan if you would like to be included. The October 13th lunch venue has yet to be determined.

Mah Jongg Group Jean Beneville (851-2125)

Mah Jongg players meet upstairs at the Peninsula Retirement Center in Gig Harbor on the 2nd and 3rd Tuesday of the month, 10:30am. We're looking for more players and are very willing to teach anyone who would like to learn the game. We each bring a sack lunch for the luncheon break. Please call Jean Beneville if you would like to join us. (Last updated-June 15, 2011)

Men's Breakfast Group Bill Evans (265-0049)

Each member volunteers to take a month to plan the event. We normally meet on the 2nd Saturday. We usually have some kind of brief program, but always enjoy our congenial company. Programs for September and October have not been finalized. Call Bill for more info or if you would like to be put on the notification list.

Men's Golf Dave Folsom (549-0085)

Join us for a friendly round of golf on Mondays as long as the weather allows. New members can call me for dates and times.



Men's Recreation Group Bob LaFraugh (858-8790)

This group goes on tours of various places of interest and lunches together on the 3rd Thursday of the month. If anyone wishes to join us, contact Bob to get on the mailing list. (Last updated-June 15, 2011)

Needle Arts Sharon Panchot (858-2091)

The Needle Arts group meets on the first Thursday of the month at 10:30 am, usually at member's homes, but occasionally we go on "field trips" to nearby yarn shops. Anyone who enjoys working with any kind of needle - crochet, knitting, counted cross-stitch, embroidery, quilting, hand-sewing, etc. - is most welcome to join us. On Thursday, September 1st, Jo Henry (549-7333) will be our hostess, and on Thursday, October 6th, we will be at Nancy Christopher's home (265-2863). Please be sure to call the hostess a few days before the meeting if you are planning to come.

Pinochle Group #1 Charlotte Cooper (858-1003)

Because of the busy summer activities of our members, we have decided to take the summer months of July and August off. Call me regarding our "game plans" for the fall and to be included in the fun. (Last updated 6-15-11)

Pinochle Group #2 Bev Stevens (853-6232) (stevens1732@comcast.net)

The Pinochle Group #2 was meeting at Peninsula Retirement Center on the 3rd Monday of the month. THIS HAS CHANGED!! We will now be playing pinochle on the **THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 5:00 PM at HARBOR PLACE AT COTTESMORE, 1016 29th ST. GIG HARBOR.** My number is 853-6232 if anyone is interested in playing pinochle. We need new members on the sub list until we have an opening for a regular player. (Last updated 6-15-11)

Stamp Collecting Charles MacCrone (853-5551) (maccrone@yahoo.com)

If you are interested in stamps, their history, and stamp collecting, please contact me at 853-5551 or at maccrone@yahoo.com. Chuck

Tennis Nancy Christopher (265-2863)

Before Labor Day, those of you who have expressed an interest in forming a tennis activity will be contacted. We will subsequently meet @ City Park on Vernhardson St. sometime during the week of September 12. Please call or email me if you have questions and/or suggestions or wish to join us. **MORE PLAYERS NEEDED!**



**Theatre Group Rita Sabins (853-6884) or rrintacoma@gmail.com
Carlota Moody (303-0365) or cmoodytwo@comcast.net**

We're off and running!! Welcome back and a special welcome to new members! Our distribution list has been updated; however, if you would still like to be added, please notify Rita. Our theatre group attends Sunday matinees in the nearby community theaters. Tickets are purchased ahead of time at a "senior" group rate. For those who wish, dinner follows each play. It's a great way to meet new friends and have a most enjoyable Sunday afternoon. For carpooling, we meet at the "park and ride" near the old Stroh's on Kimball. For more information, please call either Rita or Carlota.

Our 2011-2012 season Kick-off will be "**Something Wicked This Way Comes**" at the Lakewood Playhouse..

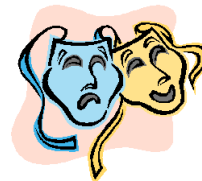
Mark your calendars for **Sunday, October 9th for the 2 PM performance.**

(When the carnival comes to town, two young boys encounter the ominous Mr. Dark, the Illustrated man. With his collection of freaks and oddities, it is not long before the forces of darkness are manifesting themselves. To save their family and friends, it takes all the wit and hope of the two boys and a father who understands more than anyone else that "something wicked this way comes.")

For tickets, send a check for \$17 written to Rita Sabins at 11612 SE Black Rd, Olalla, WA 98359 **by Friday, Sept. 2nd.** We will be carpooling from the Park and Ride on Kimball. Carlota will contact you regarding time to meet the carpool and reservations for dinner following the play.

Sunday, December 4 - Peter Pan at the Tacoma Musical Playhouse on 6th Avenue. (Curtain - 2pm) Enjoy a new musical adaptation of this delightful and imaginative story. *Please note the early deadline for tickets. (All plays sell out quickly at TMP) For tickets, make your check for \$23.50 out to Rita Sabins and **mail so Rita receives it by October 9th.** Plans for carpooling and dinner will be announced later.

Coming in January! Sunday, January 29th, 3 pm at Paradise Theatre in Gig Harbor
"One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest". Watch for more information
 in the November-December newsletter.



Travel Club Myron Anderson (853-6267)

Next meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 13, at the home of Karen and Myron Anderson. October 11th meeting will be at Karen and Bill Evans. We normally meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. The group is open to singles and couples. A three night trip to Hood River is planned for Sept 20-23.

Possible events in the planning process:



A Sunday brunch at Crystal Mountain.
 Spanaway Park Christmas Fantasy lights with dinner afterwards.
 Christmas in Leavenworth Dec. 4-5.
 Winter in Yellowstone Jan 15-20 2012 .
 Cape Disappointment Lighthouse Feb 2012

Please call Myron if any of this interests you, or if you would like to be put on our mailing list.

Walking Group Howard Mondress (851-7195)

The Walking Group has decided to branch out! On the first Tuesday of each month we'll be doing an "out of area" walk. These are open to everyone. We anticipate outings such as zoo trips, walks at Swann Lake, and the Chambers Golf Area; we'll also probably visit Point Defiance in Tacoma. We'll start at 10am. These field trips are in addition to our regular 2nd and 4th Friday walks (these also start at 10am.) Please call me or e-mail me (mondress@comcast.net) to tell me of your interest. (Last updated June 15, 2011)

Happy Birthday Wishes to everyone celebrating a fall birthday!

Best wishes to all of our WC members who will be celebrating birthdays in September and October 2011.



September 2011		October 2011	
Adele DiBella	9/3	Dave Folsom	10/2
Charlotte Cooper	9/4	Judy Gampper	10/4
Lynn Doty	9/4	Leonard Hale	10/6
Diana Bernard	9/7	Lindy Cubberley	10/7
Caroline Smith	9/8	Charlotte Kern	10/13
Carl Niedermeier	9/10	Warren Giss	10/15
Thelma Haaseth	9/11	Dolores J. Argabright	10/19
Marlies Van Cise	9/13	Nancy Daskaloff	10/20
Karen L. Goyette	9/15	David Ringlee	10/20
Mary Marques	9/15	Nancy Scheid	10/21
Bill Evans	9/17	Hazel Wilding	10/23
Jed de Mers	9/17	Kathie Wheeler	10/27
Joann Hale	9/17	Marjorie B. Anderson	10/23
Joan Ray	9/18		
Joan Schira	9/20		
June Meacham	9/21		
Irene Kelton	9/22		
Sue Evans	9/26		



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