



March 2018

Haller Lake Community Club

Splashes

12579 Dennsmore Ave N
Seattle, WA 98133

Note from the President

I do love the community spirit in this neighborhood! It was fun and satisfying working with you folks picking up trash on Feb. 10; I look forward to doing it again! The HLCC web site has a list of those who helped out.

It's school choice time, and I'd like to use my bully pulpit to argue for choosing your neighborhood school. Communities are built around schools: most of your kids friends will be classmates, and a surprising number of your friends will be parents of their classmates. It is very convenient (and environmentally friendly) to have those friends be within walking distance.

Are you going to get involved in your child's school? I hope you do; I got a lot out of it when my kids were little. When you give your time and money, you not only enrich your child's experience, but also that of all the other kids in their school. Do you want that to benefit only kids who already have all the advantages, or would you like to see some of that supporting kids who need a few breaks?

Finally, in making your school choice, look at the staff. Principals Floe (of Ingraham) and Fautleroy (of Northgate) have put together amazingly competent and dedicated staffs; ask anybody who's got kids who went or are going to those schools!

Ethan Bradford

Northgate Elementary School Liason

We have some very good news regarding 2nd grade science and gardening. A parent of one of the students has raised \$1600 earmarked for our garden on Go Fund Me. This means we can rebuild the four raised beds and replace the shed that were damaged by a few students. In order to offset this, I'll be taking 2nd graders to each classroom to give a talk on our garden project and proper behavior near the garden and shed.

Randy Harkness

Ripples from Around the Lake



As I write this today, we have snow and cold temps. Just the other day, we had sun and relatively warm temps. My husband mowed our lawn as did Susan Derge and probably a few others. Many of us were more than ready for it to be spring. Now we all must be patient.

It is good to hear that Jo Dawson is feeling better each day. I called her and she told me how hard this was on her since for most of her 90 years, she has been able to move at a much faster pace. She has now figured out that there might be something to this aging. She realizes that she needs to take it a little slower as she recovers or she will set herself back again. She has a wonderful family and friends who are all very supportive. Jo loves the club and her absence from it has been painful. We are all looking forward to her return and her ever wise counsel.

Greg Dz also missed our last board meeting and told me that he had had a "horrifying" flu experience and so was not able to attend. Our sympathies go to Greg. I have heard this from other people about this latest flu strain. We wish Greg well. He said he had the flu vaccine but it did not work. I wish you all good health. I think more people, like Greg, have to stay home when they are sick, instead of thinking they have to be somewhere and then they end up infecting others.

Marcia Kline's Mom is visiting from Canada. Regrettably she got sick while here so extended her trip a little to fully recover. She came to help celebrate her great granddaughter's first birthday. You might have noticed Chloe crawling at the club Christmas party with her proud grandparents, Rob and Marcia, watching over her with much joy as were her parents, Jeremy and Lauren, and her Aunt Alison.

Patricia Wolfram told me that her daughter, Antigone, is very excited about her new research position in immunology at Children's Hospital. She recently helped her brother, Ben, put in a new wood floor in her Mom's sunroom. Peter is also very handy around the house putting in new doorknobs and locks. Patricia is another one who got the flu with an ear infection. She

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works for Seattle Schools. Patricia was very happy that the school bus drivers settled their strike. Shawn's young grandson, Leo, tells Patricia they both go to the same school! Pretty cute!

Congrats to neighbor, Dylan Knouse, who is playing on the Ingraham high school freshmen basketball team AND on the varsity. I asked him about the varsity and he said humbly that he was doing that sometimes since they were trying to build up the team for the long term. That is a very big deal that he is on the varsity as a freshman. I can vouch for how many hours he practices on his home hoop! His younger sister, Chloe, is out there with him sometimes too! Her brother agreed she is a good player.

I love walking around the lake. When my trip takes longer than normal, that means I have run into people to talk with on my journey. It is fun to be a part of a community where so many know each other. We can all set our clocks by Shawn MacPherson's walks. I saw Kara and Bassim Dowidar right before they were taking off for a skiing trip with their family for winter break. I saw Ryan and Demetra Dennis two days in a row! Of course Ethan Bradford can be seen walking barefoot to and from the curling club and beyond. Speaking of curling, one friend of mine, Amy Hall, who used to live in the neighborhood, signed up both of her children to take curling lessons. They did this since their family enjoyed watching curling so much during the Olympics.

I hope many of you have bought some cookies from girl scouts for their annual sale. I bought some from Maya, a first grader, who is selling for the first time this year. I originally met Maya's parents, Sheryl and Jeremy Grater, when they were walking the lake waiting for Maya to be ready to be born at Northwest. They had two dogs then, like we did. Now they have two new to them rescue dogs. We still have our beagle but our lab died as did their two dogs. Kellie and Jeff Newton and their daughter, Zoe, have a relatively new dog who was resettled at their home. She is a wonderful companion to Zoe. Dogs and kids are special together.

Our sincere condolences go to Patricia Stordeur on the loss of her father. She said she learned a lot from him on what it means to be a good citizen and he also sparked her interest in social justice issues as well. He must have been very proud of you, Patricia. You are a great addition to our board. Patricia got the club involved in a second very successful neighborhood cleanup event.

We are going to be electing new board members soon. If any of you are interested in serving, please let us know. Rob Laing, Randy Harkness, Jason Broad and I will be on the nominating committee. We need one or two more, so if you would like to join us, let us know.

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Hope to see you at our March meeting on the 1st, where a volunteer coordinator from Mary's Place will be our featured speaker. I also hope you plan to attend the game night on March 17th and the Egg Hunt at North Acres Park on Saturday, March 31st. Thanks to Sheryl Grater for again heading up this wonderful event. Please watch for egg stuffing times and gather fillings to donate for the eggs too. We are hoping to host another Silent Movie Night in May with Chef Paul Richardson preparing spaghetti meals for purchase. Sharon Stearnes will be the organist. She did a great job at our Christmas Potluck. Thank you. Marita

Send news to marita.niemann@comcast.net

Puget Sound Theatre Organ Society

The Organ club had a very fun Sunday afternoon. All kinds of great tunes from the silent movie era to present day were played and ended up with a funny, short silent movie. The organist played all the appropriate sound effects for all the action in the movie. And all this on our club's very own Mighty Wurlitzer! I hope they invite us to another event!

Doris Harkness

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