

HALLER LAKE COMMUNITY CLUB'S

90th Birthday Celebration

We are grateful to the founders of this club, those thirty-six charter members who first met on July 21, 1921. There were many unmet needs in this then rural area: a grade school, streets and street lights, a water system and a clubhouse for meetings and social events. By clearly defining their goals and much hard work they were able to attain them.



A building committee was appointed five months after the Haller Lake Improvement Club was organized. The chartered members raised the \$300 required for the down payment on the full purchase price of \$800 for the clubhouse site. Ground was broken on February 23, 1923. Mr. Callarman supplied the horses and slip scraper and the men voluntarily spent their Saturdays excavating for the basement of the clubhouse.

After having met in the F.J. Hahn home for 18 months, the club held its first meeting in its new location on June 1, 1923. With the completion of the building, the first important goal had been accomplished. The Ladies' Social club was organized in 1924 to bring fun, entertainment and culture to the community. Its members also assisted the men financially through bazaars, carnivals and dinners. In this way the clubhouse plumbing and real estate taxes were covered. In spite of temporary financial setbacks, the group continued to work toward its goals. In 1924 the Haller Lake School was completed at N. 135th and 1st Avenue NE. By 1925 the county commissioners had promised aid for the area. The late 1920s and early 1930s were rewarding years of in the life of the club.



Progress was temporarily halted during the Second World War years. The basement of the clubhouse became the local base hospital where cots, mattresses and essential first aid equipment were stored. It also became the center for activities for the Red Cross sewing and first-aid classes.

Dances were always an important part of the community life. While other clubs were falling apart financially, the club was able to operate its dances on a profit basis. Couples came from many other

parts of the city to dance on the hard rock maple floor. With the curtailment of tires and gasoline during the war years, the dances provided an important need for the residents of the immediate area.

Teenage dances also were held for many years. In the late 1960s, octogenarian "Ma" Callarman would help chaperone, oblivious to the loud music with her hearing aid off.

In 1948 the Haller Lake Cooperative Preschool was organized by Kathleen Rogers. For over twenty years it continued with teachers Kay Kauffman Mills, Barbara Durr and Doris Harkness for over thirteen years. This group of mothers did the Club Christmas Party for years, providing delicious refreshments and entertainment as well.

Scout troops have been sponsored by the club over the years as well as the Haller Lake Community Garden Club.

Long-term renters in the past have been the Masons and Eastern Star, various square, folks and ballroom dancing groups, fishing clubs, collectors' clubs and musical groups such as the American Theater Organ Society.

The clubhouse was used for thirty-three years by Donna Kvalheim Wallen's Northgate Dance Studio. Children were taught tap, ballet and acrobatics. This introduced many children to the clubhouse and their parents accompanying them often joined the club. Since 1995 the clubhouse is being rented mostly by the Creative Dance Center.

An outstanding accomplishment of the club's past has been the acquisition and development of Northacres Park. The land was acquired in the 1950s and many club members worked clearing and building play equipment, but it took the 1968 Forward Thrust Bond Issue to gain funding for major development of the twenty-plus acres. The club is still active in the park's improvement and has regular work parties organized by Carolyn Crockett to clear crucial areas of non-native growth. The wading pool was replaced with a spray park in 2011.



In 1965 the club waged an all-out battle when the City of Seattle attempted to erect a garbage transfer station at the corner of N. 128th and Stone Avenue North. The club had been influential in the closing of the county garbage dump at N. 125th and Stone Avenue North earlier and knew what an aggravation it could be. The protest was raised on the grounds that the property was zoned for manufacturing and that a garbage transfer station should be erected only in an industrial zone. Petitions were signed by 1500

persons and an attorney was hired and financed by an auction held at the clubhouse. Through the efforts of many and enthusiastic support of the entire neighborhood the case was won.

With the successful outcome of the garbage dispute, the club gained local prestige and new members. In November, 1965, the membership voted to take out a mortgage for \$9000 and embarked on a large renovation program for the building. Again labor for its completion was volunteered. After the "new look" was acquired, rentals came in as quickly as they could be scheduled.

Through the years the club has hosted candidates meetings where the members and community are invited to listen and question future elected officials of city, county and state governments.

The club has also been involved in various planning matters, such as the siting of Ingraham High School, the Broadview Branch Library, the Northend Household Hazardous Waste Transfer facility, and the placing of the local public art in our community to name a few. Our member Velva Maye has represented the club regarding Northgate developments.

The club also successfully opposed the placing of a Metro bus base at five different sites on or near Aurora Avenue North during the late 1970s.

Historically it has taken much time and effort to maintain the single-family residential area protecting it from encroachment for harmful conditions such as unnecessary traffic or air pollution through the efforts of members such as Sue Linnabary and Rick Barrett.

The club has also supported efforts to conserve and promote better quality of Haller Lake waters and have supported drainage projects in the area.

In 1995 the club voted to change the club's name from Haller Lake Improvement Club to Haller Lake Community Club. Many newcomers to the community had thought it was a lake improvement organization.

In the fall of 1997, Creative Dance requested that the clubhouse be made accessible according to Americans with Disabilities Act regulations, a proposal which the board swiftly approved. By 2001, an architectural firm had been consulted regarding its feasibility, which included installation of an elevator in the rear of the clubhouse and a unisex lavatory. The club applied for a grant from the city which covered about half of the expenses. The remainder was raised by the community.

In late 2002, the club pursued park levy funds for a street end park on the west side of Haller Lake. By 2005, the funding was approved, thanks to the efforts of Barbara Gross, Sybil Knudson, and others. By the summer of 2009, the park was serving as a hub for swimmers in the summer heat.

In late 2002, Costco proposed the construction of a warehouse store near the intersection of Aurora Avenue and N. 125th St., and concern over increased vehicular traffic in the area and the impact of the residents of Bella Bee Trailer Park mobilized the community. In March, 2004, Costco decided to shelve the idea, partly due to the community club's opposition.

In early 2003, the Seattle School District announced the sale of a maintenance facility at N. 137th and Meridian Ave. North which formerly housed the headquarters of the Shoreline School District and was later named to commemorate Seattle special education teacher Nellie Goodhue. The school district's proposal to sell the property to the Frank J. Martin Company, which sold hardware for commercial buildings, aroused community opposition since it appeared the property would be used for purposes other than single-family dwellings. A solicitation from the community to raise money for some legal fees was successful, and a silent movie night was held at the club to raise more funds. By March, 2006, the school district gave up trying to sell the property to the Frank J. Martin Company due to pressure from the community and club members, announcing that the property was again up for sale. It was subsequently sold for the development of single family housing.

In early 2003, King County announced the closure of the Metro Transit Park & Ride lot at NE 112th St. and 5th Avenue NE. By the fall of 2005, construction of a park to replace the site was in the works, for which Velva Maye served as the club's most vocal advocate. In September, 2009, it was bestowed with the name Hubbard Homestead Park honoring the family which had lived at the site from 1913 to 1968 accompanied shortly thereafter with a groundbreaking ceremony. The park was opened in April, 2011.

In 2008, the Seattle School District announced an expansion of Ingraham High School which involved the removal of between 60 and 70 trees from a stand of 133 which had graced the property for years. Since the district's planning had been finalized with no community input, the announcement came as a surprise to the community. The district had hoped to avoid the city's permit process, but a court injunction in late August revealed a permit was necessary and stopped the tree removal temporarily. A hearing examiner ruled that the trees constituted a "rare plant habitat" the following spring. The tree controversy generated press publicity. Although the court injunction was lifted in late 2010, the district only removed 27 trees due to community pressure.

In the mid-2000s, an annual Chili Palooza and an annual salmon bake were organized largely through the efforts of Larry and Desiree Smith, while silent movie showings were held sporadically making use of the clubhouse's organ. An annual Halloween party started in 2009. All of these events involved the club's initiative and served to gather members of the community to know each other better.

In the summer of 2008, the city of Seattle announced that the Puetz Golf Center on Aurora Avenue was being proposed as a possible jail site. Following a presentation at the clubhouse by a municipal employee who was also a Licton Springs resident and a representative from a public relations firm hired by the city, the unconvinced attendees decided to mobilize against this, with local resident Wilson Stevenson leading the charge. The city dropped the consideration of the site by the following spring, before shelving the entire plan to build a new jail the following year.

Crime control, an issue common to any community, has been ably managed by Public Safety Chair Melinda Jacobson, keeping tabs on local problems and the maintenance of adequate police presence.

On some community matters, such as the trees at Ingraham High School, the club has served as a meeting place for concerned citizens, while other matters, such as the Costco store, have involved both the club and the board itself. The club has also taken efforts to make Northgate Elementary School a better learning environment through donation of funds and supplies largely through the efforts of Ann Owens.



Haller Lake Community Center Past Presidents:

1921: Claude E. Pike

W M. Bosworth

James Moore

Jack Zeeb

F. J. Hahn

Mahlon Johnson

E. A. Hartley

Elliott Miller

F. H. Greenslade

1949: R. Starr Farish

H. O. Benedict

1950: Bruce H. Rogers

H. W. Swim

1951: J.W. Enslin

L.W. Callarman

1953: Fred Neimann

Eleanor A. Frank

1954: Ralph Shoblod

H.F. Bonnelle

1956: Mildred J. Robinson

Frank G. Aff

1957: Eugene E. Boyd

1958: Mildred J. Robertson	1986: Don Brown
1959: Jessie Terry	1988: Helene Ross
1960: Byron V. Hartley	1989: Lin Senter
1961: James Robertson	1991: Beverly Stanton
1962: Raymond Beauchamp	1993: John Doty
1964: Hal Terry	1995: Warren Dawson
1965: Harry Harkness	1997: Chuck Cady
1967: Paula Beauchamp	1999: Ken Harer
1969: Ron Ross	2000: Rachael Harer
1971: Jan Klippert	2001: Jo Dawson
1972: Lloyd Orlob	2002: Joe McLeod
1974: Richard Chang	2003: Larry Smith
1976: Hal Faulkner	2005: Jo Dawson
1978: Beverly Stanton	2006: Larry Smith
1980: James McCabe	2008: Sharon Jubrias
1982: Warren Dawson	2009: Shawn MacPherson
1984: Leonard Gross	2011: Sharon Emerson

PAST SENIOR TRUSTEES:	Arnold Bloesser	1969: Bill Taylor
F. J. Hahn	1954: Ted Weld	1970: Bill Elwood
R. A. Granroos	1955: Norman Knott	1971: Richard Chang
W. R. Newman	1956: Laurel Tisdell	1972: Bud Berry
Maurice Frank	1957: Charles Corbin	1973: Harold Faulkner
H. W. Swim	1958: Jim Robertson	1974: Eugene Burke
Jack Zeeb	1959: Byron Hartley	1975: Dean Wells
C. C. Fletcher	1960: Hal Terry	1976: Harry Schneider
I. E. Ruffcorn	1961: Ray Beauchamp	1977: Ron Ross
J. Hallson	1962: Earl Wylie	1978: John Doty
N. Frank	1963: Don Brown	1979: Warren Dawson
Herb Schiessl	1964: Dr. Ernest Jarvis	1980: Don Brown
Mahlon Johnson	1965: Arnie Chivers	1981: Bud Berry
J. W. "Brick" Enslin	1966: Bob Shipek	1982: Richard Chang
Harvey Lorenz	1967: Einar Johanson	1983: Marilyn Burke
E. L. Gene Byers	1968: Victor Knight	1984: Betty Chang

1986: Betty and Richard Chang	1994: Larry Smith	2003: Jason Broad
1987: Paula Beauchamp	1995: Robert Brooks	2004: Betty Chang
1988: Len Gross	1996: Betty Chang	2005: Shawn MacPherson
1989: Betty Chang	1997: Betty Chang	2007: Shawn MacPherson
1990: Paula Beauchamp	1998: Velva Maye	2007: Desiree Smith
1991: Barbara Gross	1999: Velva Maye	2008: Shawn MacPherson
1992: Rud Okeson	2000: Jo Dawson	2009: Marita Niemann
1993: Ron Pierce	2001: Betty Chang	2010: Marita Niemann
	2002: Ken Harer	2011: Shawn MacPherson

PAST INSPIRATIONAL

AWARDS:

1950: J. W "Brick" Breslin	1972: Richard & Betty Chang	1991: Sue Linnabary & Rick Barrett
1951: Juanita S. Shoblod	1973: Isobel Chapman	1992: Velva Maye & Barbara Gross
1952: Mahlon Johnson	1974: Gene & Marilyn Burke	1993: Velva Maye
1953: Ruby McMoran	1975: Betty Schneider	1994: Ron Pierce
1954: Norman Knott	1976: Bud & Annabelle Berry	1995: Larry Smith
1955: Ted Weld	1977: Barbara Gross	1996: Jim Taylor
1956: Harold Turner	1978: Marilyn Burke	1997: Sybil Knudson & Harry Schneider
1957: Ebba Cady	1979: John Doty	1998: Rosemary Knutson
1958: Charles T. Corbin	1980: Warren & Jo Dawson	1999: Rachael Harer
1959: Richard C. Brewer	1981: Marilyn Burke & Don Brown	2000: Carolyn Crockett
1960: Byron Hartley	1982: Art & Thelma Strandberg	2001: Susan Park
1961: Jim Robertson	1983: Richard Chang & Ed Hajek	2002: Joe McLeod
1962: Kay Kauffman	1984: Marilyn Burke	2003: Dorothy McKay
1963: Don Brown	1985: Hal Faulkner	2004: Bill Johns & David Nurney
1964: Mildred Robertson	1986: Richard & Betty Chang	2005: Barbara Gross
1965: Gladys Shipek	1987: Bess Wells	2006: The Browns, Okesons, & Smiths
1966: Ray Beauchamp	1988: Sue Linnabary & Velva Maye	2007: Doris Harkness
1967: Jan Klippert	1989: Shirley Wery & Tuesday Club	2008: Nancy Cabbage & Stewart Hendrickson
1968: William Houger	1990: Sue Linnabary	

2009: Lynn Ogle

2010: Jo Dawson & Betty

Chang

2011: Marita & John Niemann

2011: The HLCC Board