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The Floating Homes Association's 48th Annual

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, April 22, 2010

Puget Sound Yacht Club
2321 N Northlake Way

6:30 to 7:30 pm
Social Hour

With Complimentary Refreshments

7:30 to 9:30 pm
Business Meeting

Agenda

Featured Guest
Darryl Smith, Deputy Mayor

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Photo by Linda Valentine

Blue Heron plays "King of the Mountain" with the beavers from the big lodge under the freeway in Portage Bay.

RECYCLING TO THE MAX

By Jann McFarland

Since late 2005 The Log Foundation has been working on a project to replace a dilapidated houseboat that the co-op owns. Luckily, a suitable cottage-style houseboat that needed a new home was found in Portage Bay and arrangements were made to swap the newer houseboat into the slip. It took almost two years to get the permits for the move which took place in late October, 2009. All but one of the houseboats on one side of the dock at 2017 Fairview had to be removed and rafted together out in the lake while the old house was removed and the new one brought in. Daylight hours were against the workers -- previous moves were done on much longer summer days -- and it was well after dark when the utilities were temporarily hooked up for the night.

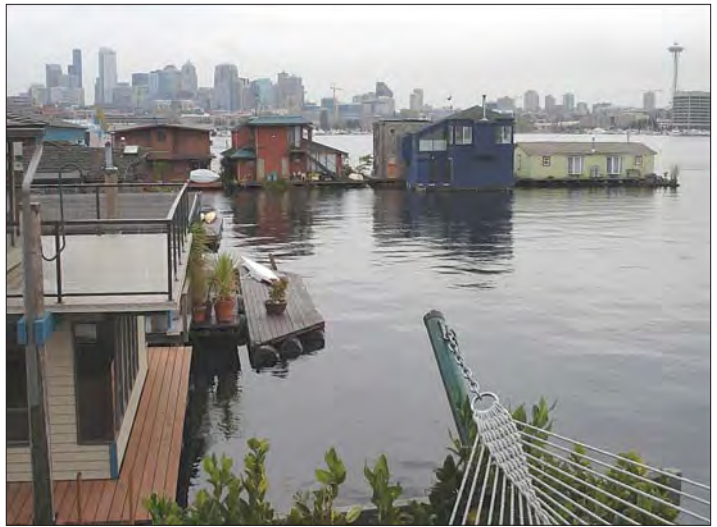


Photo by Dick Patterson

ABOVE: Houseboats from the north side of 2017 dock are moved out and rafted together off the end of the dock while the old and new houseboats are moved.

LEFT: Ed Ehler's tugboat nudges the "new" houseboat into its slip.

A small celebration was held and pizza was served. The next few days, permanent chain ups and other hook ups were completed. Ed Ehler and his tugboat crew performed the move with the help of contractor, Sid McFarland, and diver, Chuck Murray. The old houseboat was torn down and logs salvaged as well as the roof and many of the original windows. Someone even made a planter out of one of the gutters! The new houseboat was repaired and painted inside and out and went on the market earlier this month. It now has a new owner and 2017 has a new neighbor.



Photo by Jann McFarland

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Special Report

Lawmakers Hear About Floating Homes

by Sheri Greaves, Amalia Walton, and Nick Federici

The 2010 Regular Legislative Session concluded on March 11. Unfinished work, however, necessitated a week long Special Session, which began on March 15.

One of the many items left unresolved during the Regular Session was the clarification we have sought for the last two years regarding local authority over shoreline management plans pertaining to floating homes. We have once again been fighting to clear up state law and local interpretation in such a way that it would allow current floating home owners and occupants to continue their traditional way of life without undue regulatory interference from the City of Seattle and the State of Washington. This year, as in previous years, the City of Seattle opposed our efforts to limit or revise their authority over such decisions, particularly as they have been in the middle of revising their local Comprehensive Plan amendment.

During this just-concluded Regular Legislative Session, we negotiated with the City and a number of environmental groups

whose priority is to protect the shorelines and marine habitat, but were not able to reach agreement with those organizations. When the City's Department of Planning and Development temporarily withdrew their Comprehensive Plan Amendments for review by the new City Administration in February, the perception among many at the City and in Olympia was that further action on their part was not needed because the immediate threat was resolved. However, we remain very concerned because the City is soon to re-issue these regulations, and we have no assurances that the proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendments won't

Councilmember Jean Godden...offered to contact DPD and ask that they make their process more accessible...especially to the houseboat community.

remain just as restrictive as when they were originally issued.

The good news is that we continue to meet with elected officials in Olympia and at City Hall to ensure that the language of these new regulations does not harm the floating home neighborhood in Seattle. We are optimistic that we will get a positive result in the end.

In order that we not miss out on any

crucial announcements, Sheri Greaves attended a hearing of the City's Built Environment Committee in February, even though the amendments to the Comprehensive Plan regarding shoreline management had been withdrawn from the agenda. No reason was given for the withdrawal, although we later learned that DPD was months behind in their process. In general, Amendments to the City's Comprehensive Plan can only be brought to the Council once a year, however, SMP amendments are an exception to that rule and can be brought up at any time.

We have written letters to all City Councilmembers explaining our concerns with DPD's proposed changes and have also met with Councilmember Jean Godden to discuss our need for more transparency and better communication from DPD during the SMP revision process. Councilmember Godden graciously offered to contact DPD and ask that they make their process more accessible to the public and especially to the houseboat community. She was extremely attentive, took copious notes and seemed ready to help should we need it in the future.

A final bill in the State Legislature that our lobbyist, Nick Federici, is watching closely is the same bill that was introduced in last year's session to change the method for calculating lease rates for marinas on State aquatic lands. The wording was vague enough that floating home moorages

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could have been considered "marinas" under that bill, but our lobbyist at the time, Mike Ryherd, managed to get floating homes exempted from the definition of marina. The bill was brought up again in this session, with the exemption intact, however, a new development is the addition of a proviso asking that the Department of Natural Resources "review the statutory method for determining aquatic lands lease rates for private marinas, public marinas not owned and operated by port districts, yacht clubs, and other entities leasing state land for boat moorage." Even with the exemption in this specific bill, a review could open up a can of worms for any lessee of State aquatic lands, so Nick and other lobbyists for potentially affected entities have managed to get a phrase included in the bill that says, "the review shall include a stakeholder process." Thus, we are hoping to have ample time for public input if a study arises that might change our lease rates.

LEGISLATIVE

**Sheri Greaves and
Amalia Walton, Co-Chairs**

**FHA's New Lobbyist
by Sheri Greaves**

When our lobbyist, Mike Ryherd, retired last summer, the search was on for a replacement.

We knew this would be a difficult task given Mike's long history advocating for the houseboat community but, after many interviews with some great candidates, we were lucky to hire Nick Federici. Nick has been hard at work for us since October, lobbying both at the City and State level.

A graduate of the University of Washington, Graduate School of Public

Affairs, Nick has served as the Washington State Board of Health's liaison to the Legislature, a government relations specialist to the Washington State Nurses Association, a legislative research analyst for the Washington State Health Care Authority, and also worked for Blue Cross of Washington and Alaska. Nick represents organizations in the areas of low-income housing, toxics coalition, mental health, nursing, United Way of King County and now houseboats!

In his spare time, Nick volunteers for many organizations, such as the Children's Alliance Board, City of Olympia Planning Commission, Group Health Cooperative regional advisory council, and also coached softball and served as a tutor in the Thurston County Literacy Network.

Thank you, Nick, for all your hard work this session!



FHA lobbyist Nick Federici

SECURITY AND SAFETY

**Tiff McNamara and
Larry Logue, Co-Chairs**

**Police and Fire Update
by Larry Logue**

New co-chair of the FHA Safety and Security Committee, Larry Logue attended the Harbor Advisory Council representing FHA along with Giff Jones, the outgoing

FHA representative on 21 January 2010 and again on 18 March. Attendees represented Seattle Police Department (SPD), Seattle Parks, terminal operators, cruise operators, marinas and boat brokerages, as well as FHA. Participants expressed their appreciation to Giff for his energetic participation and support in the past.

Chairman Lt. Marc Olson, commander of the Harbor Patrol (HP) introduced Captain Ron Wilson, the new head of Seattle Special Operations Bureau, to which the Harbor Patrol reports. Lt. Olson explained that the HP has bid on a new 30-foot trailer-able boat equipped with a Remote Underwater Vehicle (RUV) for underwater recovery purposes. HP has also requested funds from the 2010 fiscal plan for another patrol boat. He also reported that the Seattle Fire Department was happy with the HP support on the recent fire on the 1200 Block of Westlake. And, on the night of 17 March while doing SWAT training exercises, there was a HP boating accident on Lake Washington. One of the training vessels flipped and spilled several officers into water. All were recovered safely.

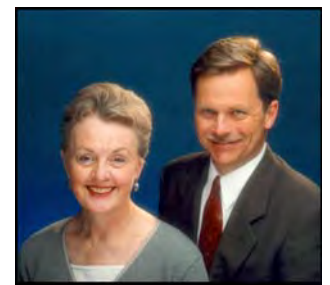
The attendees discussed how the Shoreline Management Plan will put more people along the waterline in coming years. Asked where the HP staff will come from, Lt. Olson indicated their budget has not yet been reduced due to the current budget crisis, but there will probably be a cap on overtime. Several participants indicated their respective organizations are communicating with the City Council regarding their own requirements for the Shoreline Management Plan.

To date no company has signed up to sponsor fireworks on the 4th of July, or SeaFair. A final decision is expected in the

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next week. Opening Day plans are underway, with one of the proposed events being a stand-up paddleboard race around Mercer Island.

Terrie Johnston from the SPD Crime Prevention Unit is working with the Eastlake Community Council to host a community meeting to discuss crime prevention/ emergency preparedness/ graffiti at the TOPS school on 7 April 2010 at 7:00 pm. Terrie has been working with Tiff McNamara and Kathy Kimball from

FHA on this. Terrie distributed samples of three brochures/cards describing ways to prevent auto theft, including one card designed to be displayed in parked vehicles. These will be available at the meeting at TOPS on 7 April, and Terrie said she would be willing to attend the FHA Annual Meeting with additional brochures. Lt. Olson added that any incident of prowling, theft or crime, whether on shore or from the water should be called into 911.

He also mentioned that there were people rowing boats down channels, and stealing gasoline from moored motor craft. Situations like this should be initially phoned into 911, not HP.

The Harbor Patrol regularly takes 911 dispatchers on patrol boat ride-along so that they better understand our environment and 911 water-based reports are immediately passed on to the HP. Houseboat residents can keep track of ongoing activity on Lake Union by monitoring Channel 16 on marine band radio, which is used by the Harbor Patrol.

Officer Mark Jamieson, from the SPD Media Response Unit, described a program, which has been in place for around a year, which documents emergency and crime reports in a blog and twitter, which can be found through the SPD web site. This information is updated 24/7 by the Media Response Unit.

The attendees representing the boating community suggested periodic distribution of water related information (i.e. Harbor Patrol activities, boater safety updates and water safety classes by Seattle Parks) to the area's boating magazines would be both useful to the boating community and beneficial to SPD public relations.

Larry informed the participants of the upcoming FHA Annual Meeting on 22 April, and our Houseboat Tour in September. Lt Olson will be happy to coordinate with FHA to ensure any support needed from the HP during the Tour.

Dockwatch

by Tiff McNamara

Since 2003 the FHA has sent out a monthly email with information on safety and security for our neighborhood. If you would like to opt into receiving the "Dock Watch" please visit seattlefloatinghomes.org and look in the left margin for "Safety and Security", then "Dockwatch", and finally "Subscribe." I appreciate you taking the time to send me anything you feel other houseboaters would benefit from reading. You can do this via the same above steps but for the last one select "Incident Report."

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH 520?

Portage Bay folks concerned about the proposed 520 bridge revisions can pick up current information from a couple of sources.

Roanoke Park/Portage Bay Forum. Here is a web site where you can pick up ongoing information about the ongoing discussion about the 520 bridge: <http://groups.google.com/group/roanoke-park-portage-bay-forum/>

You will find information on The Coalition for a Sustainable 520 at the Portage Bay/Roanoke Park newsletter. Click on the following: neighborhoodlink.com/Portage_Bay-Roanoke_Park_Comm

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12:00 pm - 1:00 pm - Celebration & Lunch



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Bob Bowman, Chair

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The Sweep

And don't forget this year's Lake Union & Portage Bay Sweep on Saturday, May 15th. (See PSA Poster, page 7.)

FHA is again a prime sponsor, and I urge all houseboaters to join in the clean up of the water we live on.

HOUSEBOATIQUE

Tricia Rendina, Chair

New Houseboatique Chair, Tricia Rendina led a successful Houseboatique Holiday sale held over two weekends in December. Thanks to all those who volunteered for a shift in the festively decorated "shop". Tricia researched catalogs to find some new items that would be fun to add to the FHA inventory. The two items that were here in time for the winter sale are License Plate frames that say "Seattle Houseboats" (\$10 each) and small clear Party Snack Trays with a slot to slip a wine glass in - these have our trademark mantra "A neighborhood, an attitude, a way of life" on them (3 for \$15). Both of these items are for sale along with the rest of the goods



FHA sells and can be purchased by emailing houseboatique@seattlefloatinghomes.org or trendina@yahoo.com, or leave a message at the FHA office 206.325.1132. The next sale will be at the Annual Meeting on April 22, 2010. For more information and to see photos of some of the items, please visit the FHA website seattlefloatinghomes.org

Eastlake Community News

Please visit the Eastlake Community Council website at eastlakeseattle.org/eastlake-news to see the latest issue of the Eastlake Newsletter.

LUOA

Lake Union Opportunity Alliance (LUOA) is challenging changes to building zones being considered by the City of Seattle that could allow 300' towers between Denny Way and Lake Union. For additional information, updates, and to find out how you can help go to www.luoa.org

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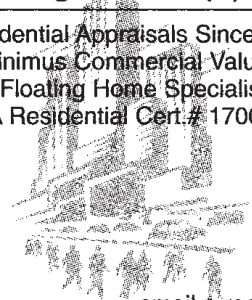
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To keep our Lake Union secure.

We've had auctions & cookbooks & parties
And T-shirts, home tours and much more
We keep working to keep our debts settled
Let's stay in the black evermore.

By Marty Greer

Years ago we used to sing this song at every FHA annual meeting: *See sidebar.* Cute, and still rings true!

Our last association fundraiser was the Houseboat Tour of 2008. The funds raised by that tour enabled us to hire legal help, a lobbyist and various experts including funding a study of juvenile Chinook salmon in our waters, all to champion our community against the encroachment of the proposed Shoreline Master Program revision. This battle continues.

It is time to begin work on the Houseboat Tour of 2010, scheduled for Sunday, September 12th. As you all know, it is a huge undertaking – we put our whole community on display for over 1000 people! We need help from the entire community to organize and execute the tour.

Cathi Major (Westlake houseboater) has volunteered to be Tour Chair Person this year, and we thank her for taking on this position. Cathi knows that being a leader means not doing all the work herself, rather coordinating the many arms of a large and involved committee. What I'm saying is:

WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP!

Below, are descriptions of the various projects and tasks that create the tour. If you have interest or skills in any of these areas, or

you'd just like to pitch in, please let us know. Don't feel afraid -- these jobs have been done before, and there is plenty of source material. You won't have to invent the wheel. The positions of Tour Chair, Press Agent/Publicity, and Houseboatique Coordinator have been filled (but of course those folks can always use additional help). To pitch in, please email Cathi Major, cmajor@cmajorpr.com; Marty Greer, marty@water-color.com; or Jann McFarland, jann@seattlefloatinghomes.biz, and let us know how you would like to participate in this event that is so vital to the health and well-being of our community!

TOUR CHAIR PERSON - (Filled: Cathi Major) Overall coordination of the houseboat tour, including selection of houses, theme, and coordination of various functions, including volunteers, advertising, logistics, sponsors, and maintaining production calendar and schedule, etc.

HOMES SELECTION COORDINATOR - (Need Volunteer) Is responsible to spearhead the selection of homes on the tour, and maintain ongoing communication with those homeowners to ensure dedicated participation. Will evaluate physical layout of each house and work with Volunteer Coordinator to determine number of volunteers needed to host in the house and to move and safeguard the public.

LOGISTICS MANAGER -- (Need Volunteer) Arrange for and coordinate the various physical items needed for tour success, including: porta-potties, bus and/or boat transportation, espresso/food stands, signage, flowers and flags, and permits.

VOLUNTEERS COORDINATOR - (Need Volunteer) Work with Homes Selection Coordinator to determine the number of volunteers required to staff the tour. Also, work with the houseboat community to gain volunteer support and involvement, and coordinate the volunteer corps for tour day.

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR - (Need Volunteer) Is responsible to gather whatever communication modes are used by each dock and/or co-op and communicate via those methods with them regarding information and needs of the tour committee.

MARKETING COORDINATOR - (Need Volunteer) Is responsible for getting advertisers and sponsors to offset printing and other tour costs and to enlist area businesses in potential value-added ticket program. Interface with area businesses for participation and then coordinate graphic layout of ads and coupons.



Floating Homes

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2420 Westlake Ave N#13	749,000
10 E Roanoke St #12	1,100,000
2600 Fairview Ave E #8	1,200,000
10 E Roanoke St #18	1,276,733
2466 Westlake Ave N	1,350,000
2369 Fairview Ave E #5	2,100,000

Yes, the Seattle real estate market is changing -- again! As you can see, there were 15 sales of floating homes last year, as compared to six in 2008.

I've helped many of our fellow houseboaters--and landlubbers!--buy and sell real estate, so if you're contemplating a move, please give me a call. I'd be glad to discuss options available in this ever-changing market.



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2010 TOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

GRAPHICS COORDINATOR - GRAPHIC ARTIST - (Need Volunteer) Will help determine artistic representation (logo) for the tour and handle electronic layout of poster, postcard, e-card and ticket.

SOCIAL MEDIA COORDINATOR - (Filled: Laura Lowery oversees but needs another person to work with) Will incorporate theme, logo and advertising into various web-based formats, creating Facebook and MySpace pages, e-blasts, twitter campaign and blogger content. Will help launch viral campaign via the houseboat community members.

PRESS AGENT/PUBLICITY - (Filled: Laura Lowery) Will write an informative press release using the established theme and home descriptions, and distribute to press list (provided) in time for long lead publications, then calendar listings. Will pitch interviews to local papers, websites and bloggers, and coordinate interviews and photo shoots as necessary. Will communicate with the Concierge Association and the Convention and Visitors Bureau to engage the tourist population, and with radio and television stations to gain promotional support.

HOUSEBOATIQUE COORDINATOR - (Filled: Tricia Rendina) Coordinate and staff the Houseboatique products booth during the tour.

DISTRIBUTION AGENT - (Need Volunteer) Is responsible to distribute posters/flyers to posting service and to each dock for further distribution by members and will also help throughout the scope of the tour carting and delivering items.

Wards Cove Mixes History and New Development



Photo by Lara Swimmer Photography

New Floating Home moorage sites and timbers from the old building at the new Wards Cove Development.

By Jann McFarland

In mid March eight people from the houseboat community met Joel Blair, Director of Real Estate for Wards Cove Packing Company, for a tour of the new facilities. Joel was the ultimate host serving a delicious spread of appetizers including cheeses, smoked salmon and wine. He showed us the hallway of history that has photos and drawings of the old Wards Cove building here and in Alaska, a wall of colorful historic salmon can labels, a model of the project and then spoke about the reusing of the old timbers from the original building. It is an impressive project and we enjoyed getting some first hand knowledge about the new development.

Kathleen Warren from Parsons Public Relations has written an article on the Wards Cove development and among other things talks about new amenities

available to the public: "Residents in the area will also enjoy some new amenities courtesy of the redevelopment efforts. The new beach will be open to the public (although privately owned), there's public access for neighbors with kayaks, an historic display that describes the almost 100 year history of Wards Cove is located inside the new office building and open to the public during normal business hours, new sidewalk, new trees, many landscape and drainage improvements along Fairview were paid for by Wards Cove but are city property."

Please visit the FHA website seattlefloatinghomes.org/node/1128 for the article by Kathleen Warren.

You can also go to wardscoveonlakeunion.com for more information on this neighborhood project.

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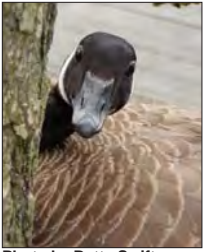


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By Marilyn Robertson

Travel reports have become an interesting part of Waterlog. Even though we live in such a beautiful place, a good number of houseboaters love to travel. Doctor Jim (Weyand) and I are two such travelers. For our three-week trip this winter, we headed for South America, to a place about as far away from Seattle as you can go and still be in the Americas. Argentina. It is a fourteen-hour flight to Buenos Aires where we spent most of a week. Later we flew to Iguazu to see the famous falls, again. Yes, 23 years ago we were in South America and spent six months in Ecuador, Chile, Brazil and Argentina. So here we were visiting some of the same places in Argentina. Why? Several reasons. It is a beautiful and varied country. And the people are handsome, enthusiastic, and passionate about their Argentina. There is a strong connection,



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Jim checks out fishmonger in Mendoza.

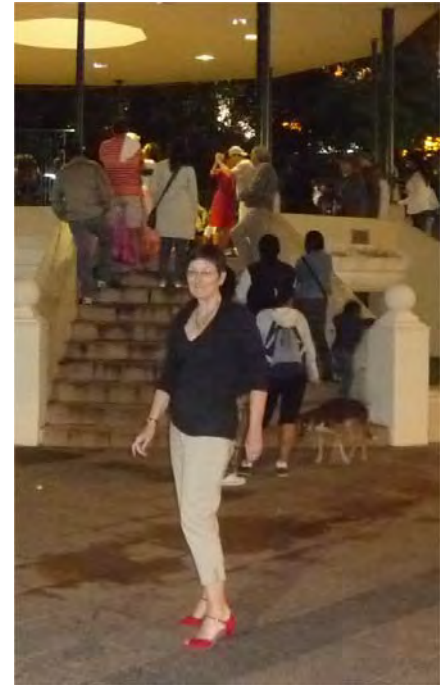


Photo by Jim Weyand.

Red Tango Shoes!

especially in Buenos Aires to Europe. Many Italians settled throughout the country, and their influence is seen, tasted and felt in their appearance, cooking and communication styles. During our travels, we had a chance to



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Marilyn at Iguazu Falls.

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eat at great restaurants; spend a day on a winery tour outside Mendoza; and learned about the history of the pampas and the gaucho on a working hacienda not far from Buenos Aires. In the northwest province of Salta, we drove on a mountainous road to visit a small village with Inca ruins; and...danced the tango with the locals in Buenos Aires. For me, Argentina is a close as you can get to heaven.

So...let's see what your neighbours have been doing.

Mallard Cove Melissa & Tim Ahlers

announced Baby Greta Kate Ahlers was born on 3/10/10. She weighed in at 9 lbs 1 oz and was 20 inches long. Mom says, "she is a happy & healthy baby!" Congratulations!

The **Lake Union** Tiff McNamara of 2031 Fairview Ave. E. reports that Nicole Halabisky & Ethan Lowry welcomed their son Luke Mackenzie Lowry to the world on March 7th at 6:32 am. Baby and Mom are doing great and Paia is crazy about her new baby brother. Dick & Kelly Patterson welcomed their first grandchild, Peter Atticus Johnson on February 17th. LeAnne Quinn & Bob Farra were

married recently and are moving back to the dock this summer. Ryan Kadletz & Sarah Congalton are getting married in New York City on April 29th. Bernie Pickman has returned home after a hospital stay for chemo/radiation. She is in high spirits and all smiles. Sandi McQuirk-Linus & Mike Linus explored Palm Springs while their houseboat had a little unscheduled maintenance due to water damage. They report that the trip was very fun, especially the Joshua Tree State Park and the houseboat was ship shape when they returned. Rosie the black dock cat has her own Facebook page.

Buenos Aires Milonga.

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Bok Choy grows in a pot.

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Meyer Lemons in the Winter.

Nautical Supplies on 15th Ave W -- south of the Ballard Bridge -- and Armchair Sailor on Westlake Ave North [and atwww.doggyondeck.com](http://www.doggyondeck.com) A portion of each sale goes to the N.O.A.H. animal rescue shelter in Stanwood. Jann & Sid McFarland have been enjoying broccoli and bok choy from their winter garden pots and the Meyer lemon tree is loaded with full size lemons. Also, with spring in the air, the snap peas are up about 8 inches. Rob Widmeyer, President of The Log Foundation, (2017 dock) has sent a letter of intent to the City in an effort to urge them to purchase property adjacent to Terry Pettus Park to expand the much used street-end park at the foot of E Newton. It would double the park's access to Lake Union shoreline. The original park was constructed in the mid 1970s and has had some repairs since then, but needs renovation. The Log Foundation is adjacent to the park and would adopt it and help with maintenance -- which some members are currently doing. Jamie Thurner & Mark

Sanderson sadly discovered recently that the beaver had taken another big section out of their potted willow tree. The last time it happened was during the day and there were witnesses to the "crime", but this time, the beaver struck when no one was around to catch "the perp". They thought they had wired the tree up far enough on the trunk, but the wily beaver climbed up on top of another pot to get access to the bare part of the tree. As previously reported the tree was formed when Mark gave Jamie a bouquet with willow shoots in it and so they twisted the stems and it grew into a set of trees with the trunks entwined. Very romantic except for the darn beaver!

From 2420 Westlake Cooperative, Ann Bassetti sends a few tidbits.

Maureen Pirog purchased on the dock last year, but only now has the pleasure of moving in. A professor at both Indiana University and University of Washington -- she plans to live part time at each place. Since Maureen has rented on our dock for several years, we all know each other. But it's great to have her now as an owner resident! Kathleen Kelley & Chuck Arnold instituted an occasional "Soup Kitchen" night at their house when she retired. They make the soups and we all show up -- how wonderful is that? In recent nights, others have also contributed soup and salad. Yay for the warmth of soup and community! Lesley Hazleton has been speaking all over the place about her new book, *After the Prophet* -- about the history of the Sunni and Shia split. It's a dramatic story, with sad reverberations continuing into the current US involvement in the Middle East. www.aftertheprophet.com Poor Jen Nilsen & Brent Estes were gimping around all winter. She popped her Achilles tendon while on a romantic outing at the beach. He hurt his knee picking her up to get her back

Provided by Jessica Stone



Doggy on Deck.
Jes and Kip.

The Log Foundation Jann McFarland sent news about the big houseboat move on 2017 (see "Recycling to the Max," Page 2). Log Foundation got other new neighbors this past year when Jason Fitschen & Robin Clewley bought a houseboat on 2019 and Margaret Allen & Rick Weller purchased one on 2025. Jessica Stone moved to 2025 recently as a renter and among other accomplishments is an author. Her book, entitled *Doggy on Deck: Life at Sea with a Salty Dog*, is about sailing with her dog and is full of helpful ideas about taking your pets on long sailing or other boating trips. If you are interested in purchasing a copy -- it is great reading either as a "how to" book or just for fun -- it is carried at Captain's



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Houseboat in Vietnam border town, Chau Duc.

to their cabin. Yikes! Luckily, after an operation (Brent), and a cast (Jen), and a bunch of months to heal, they are both back to normal. Some people cannot have too many sources of information. Eugene Nutt has been often espied reading both the New York and Seattle Times, with his laptop open at one side, and his iPhone in his hand! Wouldn't want to risk being out of touch.

On Portage Bay, Willow Cove Residents, Joyce & Dave Black, intrepid tourists, met with a health emergency all travelers fear. They had gone back to Southeast Asia in December to escape the winter blahs. And in early January were settling in at Chau Duc, a small town just inside the Vietnamese border. Dave reports, "this was where our 'trip' took a wrong turn. On the second day, my wife Joyce fell while walking out of a store and injured her hip. A couple of locals helped her back to the hotel... Later that evening, Joyce was getting worse and it became clear that we needed to get to a hospital. An x-ray at the local clinic confirmed, as Joyce suspected, that she'd broken her hip and needed surgery." Then followed a trip "through the jungle on an overnight ambulance ride to Ho Chi Minh City. After seven harrowing hours and two ferry

rides later we finally arrive at sunrise at the Franco-Vietnamese hospital just south of old Saigon." When commenting on her surgery and recovery, Joyce said simply, "I saw a very different view of Saigon from what the average tourist sees." Joyce and Dave survived the surgery and are back at the houseboat. Read the details of the complete journey in Dave's journal on the FHA Website and see pictures of this latest adventure.

More news from Joyce: Willow Cove Association at 3100/3104 is getting a facelift with new wood on the dock and finally moving overhead wires to conduit under the dock. It has been a long process but we are almost there, just waiting to take down the overhead wires and trim the poles to accommodate hanging plants. While it will be great to have the wires down, the project has played havoc with our lovely garden and it will be a challenge to figure out how to hide all of the electrical boxes and repair the damage to the garden. Right now it looks like a bad sci-fi movie!!! We thank Seattle Electric for their hard work on

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the electrical project and Wally Schaefer from Schaefer Industries for the great job he did replacing the dock boards and rebuilding the bridge from land to the dock at the same time he was remodeling Martha & Cork Keck's houseboat on the end of our dock.

Why wires need to go under dock!

Photo by Joyce and Dave Black



Last thoughts:
From **Tui Tui**, here's Robby Rudine's rumination on the demise of the original Red Robin, a Portage Bay neighborhood landmark just east of the University Bridge.
"The poets like Roethke used to get a snoot full over the saw dust floors here on Portage Bay. You see, Red Robin was one mile away from the UW campus and was the first dive south serving demon drink. It was also reputed to have had the best burgers in Seattle. And they were good. This Red Robin had a place in Tui Tui history too. Whenever the plumbing, or indeed flooring, of the original predecessor houseboat at the Tui Tui dock failed, this was the dive we all had to use the lavatory at. Many of you still remember the wet slugs to the

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Robin's head. Rather incredibly, after all these decades, Red Robin doesn't own its own site and could not come to terms with its landlord. So this bird is flying its nest.

"In 1988, Janet and I bought the Red Robin HQ building at 3123 Eastlake from the Japanese Irvine, California based corporation that had bought Red Robin, already then a chain, from Gerry Kingen. The building had sat vacant for some time and we were able to pick it up for a song. We called it Rynfyp City, Li Sun Province of Upland Tui Tui and soon peeled off T'ing Province and built Whaac All All on the site, while preserving some greenbelt that would have otherwise been lost.

"So I quaff a glass of Flat on Your Beak to a history that transcends the current corporate manifestation of this decamping harbinger of spring. The Lushootseed speaking First People named the coming moon for the song of the Robin. But this moon is frog croaking and this Robin too is croaking."

Good bye Red Robin from Robby Rudine, flat on his beak.

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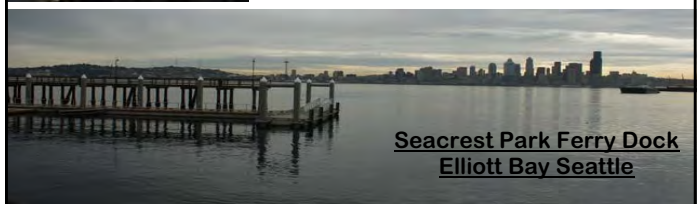
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