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HOUSEBOAT TOUR SMASHING SUCCESS

by Mary Gey

The first home tour of houseboats sponsored by the Floating Homes Association was a smashing success! The perfect sunny day brought about 500 visitors to the May 31st tour. The guests were transported from Ivar's Salmon House Restaurant on north Lake Union to the Hungry Turtle Restaurant on Fairview Avenue where the walking tour began. The narrated cruise on the *Islander* included refreshments of wine, Perrier® water and cheese.

The tour's success was due to all the participants who gave their time to the project. A special thanks goes to the home owners who donated the use of their houseboats. The cooperation of the *Seattle Times* and moorage owners Mark Freeman, Gordon Jeffrey, Frank Granat, Jim Wandesford, Charles Flanagan, and Flo Villa, helped Sandy Oellien and her cruise committee.

The tour was so popular that all tickets sold out in advance. The visitor response was especially good. The guests were cordial and friendly and most thanked the houseboat owners for opening their homes to the tour. The Floating Homes office received a number of calls after the tour expressing gratitude and a desire to come again.

The seven houseboats on the tour were of all different ages and styles. The northernmost houseboat was the elegant home of Otto and Garnet Drager. The Mallard Cove houseboat is multi-level with angled walls and beams radiating from a central post. The next houseboat at 2235 Fairview was Sheri and Keith Lockwood's

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(Houseboat tour photos by Jonathan Ezekiel)

More On Houseboat Tour

home. In less than five years the couple has all but completely rebuilt their houseboat using recycled materials. One notable feature is the duck window at floor level in the bedroom to open for the convenient feeding of the ducks. Dan and Sharon Ranney's home on Flo Villa, 2207 Fairview was also one of the houseboats featured. Despite the innocent airs of its white picket fence, this was once a dime-a-dance hall. Hidden stairs and trapdoors date back to the Prohibition days.

Jean Riley's architectural gem of a houseboat at 2201 Fairview Ave. E. was pictured in *The Seattle Times* prior to the home tour. Unusual features include a pair of keyhole-shaped doors that lead to the sundeck and a winding staircase in a turret linking the two floors. On Jim Wandesford's dock the tour included Edwin and Karen Hayes' houseboat which they use as a vacation cabin afloat. Their houseboat resembles a railroad caboose that has been sidetracked on a barge and includes a Murphy bed to conserve space. Jim and Linda Knight's houseboat on 2025 was the sixth houseboat on the tour. Their house is a two story remodel which features some beautiful oak woodwork which Jim has done mostly himself. The last home on tour was that of Mary Gey on 2017 Fairview. This houseboat has been in *Sunset* magazine half a dozen times for the floating gardens and spacious upper roof deck. Located on the southernmost dock on Fairview, this houseboat has a spectacular view of the downtown cityscape.

A number of businesses contributed to the success of the tour: the Greenlake Office of Sherwood & Roberts, Ivar's Salmon House Restaurant, The Hungry Turtle Restaurant, the Balloonist, and the Islander tour boat. There were about fifty members of the Floating Homes Association who gave many hours of their time. Special thanks go to Sandy Oellien, Linda Daniel, Cindy Kranz, Sue Drum, Betty Campestrini, JoAnne Clifford, Nancy Cox, Mary Gey, Kathy Lynch, Barbara Nelson and Betty Kendell.

Signatures Needed Now On Initiative 404

The drive to collect 170,000 signatures for Initiative 404 is in full swing, but needs a last big push to meet the July 2nd deadline. Initiative 404 will place the controversial task of redistricting into the hands of an independent commission to redraw congressional and legislative districts in 1982 and every ten years thereafter, on an equitable and nonpartisan basis. The Floating Homes Association has petitions available at the office for signing and distribution. Putting 404 on the ballot is an attempt to end gerrymandering in Washington.

Both major political parties have adopted platform positions favoring the establishment of an independent redistricting commission. When the League of Women Voters polled legislative candidates prior to the 1980 election, a solid majority of 63% supported an independent redistricting commission. A similar Common Cause poll found that 76% of the candidates supported strict anti-gerrymandering standards. Once the election was over, however, the legislature once again ignored such promises.

Late in April 1981, a hastily prepared, ill-conceived, and highly political redistricting plan suddenly emerged and was adopted by the legislature without any public testimony. No legible detailed maps even existed at the time legislators were asked to vote on the plan. Since its adoption, serious errors have been found and the governor has vetoed the entire congressional district plan at the unanimous request of Washington congressmen.

Initiative 404 would set up a commission of five who could not be public or political party officials, and they could not be in the legislature for four years after the redistricting. One member would be appointed by each of the two largest political parties in each house of the legislature, and they would choose a fifth to be chairperson.

Petitions are being distributed in Seattle by the League of Women Voters. If you can help gather signatures, or wish to sign a petition, call the Floating Homes Association Office, 325-1132.





Welcome aboard: 2017 Fairview has a new houseboater, **Ken Hanson**. He is an illustrator, and originally from the Big Sur area. On 2219 Fairview **Dave and Barb LeFebvre** have become water dwellers. He works for the Port of Seattle and she for Amtrak . . . Does your dock recycle newspaper and aluminum? 2025, 2219, and 2235 Fairview do (\$\$\$\$) . . . **Scott Batchelder** (former houseboater and son of **Marge and Bob Batchelder** 2235 Fairview) and his band, Burgundy Express, will be playing at Pier 70 in June and Parker's Ballroom in August . . . **Bob Schroeder**, (2219 Fairview) sings in The Ring Cycle this summer. He will appear in "Gotterdammerung" and in "Tristan and Isolde" which will be presented between the German and English cycles . . . If you receive **wake damage** this summer, get the name of the boat and call 911 immediately. The harbor patrol has been very efficient lately in tracking down speeders and providing their names and telephone numbers to the owners of damaged homes . . . Our community was represented in the Memorial Day Weekend Swiftsure Race, by **Bob Bartleson**, **Betty Campestrini**, and **Nancy Cox** in the boat Circe. It is an international calibre race from Victoria through the strait . . . **2219/2235 Fairview's** Annual Mt. St. Helen's Memorial Dock Party, May 18th, was rained on but not out . . . **933 Northlake's** annual dock party happens July 4th with boating and potluck . . . **2025 Fairview's** Annual Rummage sale is June 20th and 21st. Some of the proceeds benefit the Floating Homes Association Legal Fund, so if you'd like to rid yourself of valuables (or not so valuable) "treasures", they will accept donations. (They will even take things on consignment.) Call **Linda Knight** 329-7530 or **Jane McFarland** 323-3489 . . . **2025 Fairview** will be celebrating its 12th Annual Bastille Day Luau (dock members only) July 11 . . . July 11 and 12th also is the date **2219/2235 Fairview** plan their 1st Annual Dock Rummage Sale. They have also instigated a monthly dock meeting to address dock problems, festivities and concerns . . . On May 4th **George Yeannakis** and **Deborah Boyer** (2235 Fairview) held a coffee hour for city council candidate **David Mosley**. It looks as if his opponent will be Bob Moffett in the elections next fall. Mr. Mosley went on record early in his campaign as a supporter of the Equity Ordinance . . . Naval Architect, **Tim Nolan** (2460 Westlake) was recently featured in "Nor'westing Magazine". The article covered the 16 foot boat he built ("The Heather") and his philosophy on boat building and was written by Dick Wagner, another houseboater, (2270 Westlake) . . . **Ali Street**, (2818 Boyer) is photographing Canadian honkers and their nests. If you've spotted one please call her. 325-1521 . . . Also on 2818 Boyer, **Mary Woth's** occupation is worthy of note. She caters gourmet meals for outdoor adventures such as fishing, sailing, backpacking and such. Interested? Call 329-0367 . . . **Connie Jump**, (2818 Boyer) is putting together a handbook of practical tips for approaching houseboat problems such as space, etc. If you have an innovative tip to pass along, please let her know, 322-2566 . . . Of the flags that **Jim and Barbara Donnette** (2331 Fairview) make to unfurl over their houseboat, one included oriental symbols meaning "little water". That is the translation of Tenas Chuck, the name of their dock, and the Indian name for Lake Union. In all the time it was up, no one asked what it meant. They've made a lovely new flag . . . this reporter forgot to ask what it means . . . **Chris Fredell** (2201 Fairview) would like to



"2129-2235 Fairview's Annual Mt. St. Helen's Memorial Dock Party was rained on but not out."

meet other folk musicians who would like to jam. He plays guitar and harmonica. Call 324-5671 . . . **George Yeannakis** (2235 Fairview) is looking for people in our community interested in trout rearing. If we can get a group together, Robert Watson of the Citizen's Wildlife Heritage Program of the Department of Game, will come out and talk with us. If they find a suitable place in our community, they will supply the fish and technical assistance and we provide the food and care. They are looking for a three to five year commitment. Call George at 329-0381 . . .

DUCK EGG NEWS

No new developments on the duck egg **Sharon Ranney** (2207 Fairview) saved from a raccoon raid and is incubating under a light bulb, or on the 24 duck and 2 goose eggs incubating under **Elizabeth Johnson's** goose (2600 Fairview) and the three ducks that share her nest. **Marie Johnson** (2466 Westlake) does have a new development, now the Canadian geese in her area not only beg, they knock on her door when it's time for breakfast or lunch.

If you or your neighbors are doing something interesting that you wouldn't mind sharing with the community, if you need community support for a project, or if you have dock meetings or social events to report, please call **Sheri Lockwood**, 322-4536.

Would love to have your favorite "crawdad" or "crawfish" recipes. Call me at 322-4536.

Wooden Boat Show July 3-4-5

The fifth annual Seattle Wooden Boat Show will be held on July 3-4-5 at the Naval Reserve Base at the south end of Lake Union. Admission is free and the hours will be from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The show will display finely crafted boats, from long, lean rowboats, to massive schooners. A special exhibit on the history of Puget Sound boat livery will tell the story of the builders, the skiffs, and the people who used them.

Throughout the show, demonstrations will be given on steam bending, riveting, caulking, knot tying, wood carving, palm and needle sailmaking and modelmaking. A marine photography competition and exhibition, open to all photographers, will be held, with prizes for the best entries.

NEWSLETTER

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Another Victory In Legislative Battle

By Bill Keasler

This year's Washington State Legislature came very close to gutting Seattle's Floating Homes Equity Ordinance. Substitute House Bill 264, as signed by Governor John Spellman, prohibits local governments from enacting rent control laws, but it carries an amendment specifically excluding "local ordinances that relate to the control of rents or other relationships at floating home moorage sites." The amendment was the result of an intense lobbying effort by the Floating Homes Association and its friends.

This was the third attempt in as many years by the Lake Union Association, a coalition of a few moorage owners and other Lake Union property owners, to persuade Olympia to undermine the Equity Ordinance. As originally drafted by its sponsors, HB 264 minimized its impact on the Ordinance with careful wording and a grandfather clause excluding "laws currently in effect."

All that changed when Bill Fritz, engineered adjustments in the bill. The grandfather clause was thrown out and references to "property" were changed to "structures or sites." Thus aimed at the only law in the state which regulates fees for sites, the Equity Ordinance, the bill was voted out of committee "do pass".

Immediately, the alarms were sounded. Legislators and lobbyists friendly to Seattle's houseboat colony contacted the Floating Homes Association expressing concern and support. Mayor Charles Royer, City Council members and other city officials, including the city's lobbying team pledged their help in defeating Fritz' latest maneuver. Rep. Nita Rinehart, D - Seattle, began to gather bi-partisan support for an amendment to specifically exclude floating homes from the effects of SBH 264.

Despite the efforts of Rinehart, her allies and several carloads of floating homes owners who journeyed to Olympia to lobby, the amendment failed by one vote. Several key people defected at the last moment. Among them was Rep. Jay Lane, R - Seattle, who, declaring she was "confused" by the issue, walked off the floor minutes before the crucial vote.

After some backroom jockeying for position, the bill was assigned to the Senate Commerce and Labor Committee. Chairman J.T. Quigg, R - Aberdeen, and the Republican majority were not inclined to sympathetic to the plight of the floating home owners. Nonetheless, Senator Al Williams, D - Seattle, introduced an amendment similar to the one which failed so narrowly in the House.

The Committee hearing on SHB 264 convened for and against both the amendment and the bill. Paul Kraabel, Seattle City Council President, allowed as how the amendment was really a "housekeeping amendment. If a tenant is priced out of his moorage, the floating home owner has to destroy his or her home because there is no place to keep houseboats once they are evicted from their moorage."

Bill Keasler, President of the Floating Homes Association, argued that the Ordinance strikes a "balance between the two property owners. It is not rent control, but rather regulation necessary to protect home owners against the loss of their property due to the government created monopoly."

Quigg, who occasionally found it necessary to quiet the audience, called time and asked for a vote. Williams, casting his "yea," declared that, "this bill is being used as a heavy-handed hammer against local people. The Seattle Ordinance should be allowed to work; it is a responsible attempt to solve a local problem." Only Margaret Hurley, D - Spokane, agreed. The amendment failed by a vote of 2 to 5.

The Association and its lobbyists decided that legislators would not suffer from a lack of information. Phone calls and letters from the floating homes community and its friends throughout the state began to flood the Senate. The Governor reiterated his position to veto the bill if it did not exempt the Equity Ordinance. Media attention escalated. Professional and volunteer lobbyists

The Roll Call Votes!

HOUSE DEFEATS AMENDMENT BY 47-46 VOTE.

Following is the House vote on the amendment of HB 264 excluding floating homes from the proposed ban on rent control. The amendment lost by a single vote.

REPUBLICANS FOR: Richard Barrett, Spokane; Rod Chandler, Redmond; Pat Fiske, Mount Vernon; Irv Greeno, Seattle; James Mitchell, Lake Stevens; Walt Sprague, Lynnwood, Gene Struthers, Walla Walla; Roger Van Dyken, Lynden; Shirley Winsley, Fircrest. (9).

DEMOCRATS FOR: Mary Kay Becker, Bellingham, Rick Bender, Seattle; Joanne Brekke, Seattle; Wendell Brown, Tacoma; Bill Burns, Seattle; Wayne Ehlers, Parkland; John Eng, Seattle; Phyllis Erickson, Puyallup; Shirley Galloway, Vancouver; Barbara Granlund, Port Orchard; Dan Grimm, Puyallup; Audrey Gruger, Seattle; Dennis Heck, Vancouver; Lorraine Hine, Des Moines; Joseph King, Vancouver; Mike Kreidler, Olympia; Eugene Lux, Seattle; John Martinis, Everett; Peggy Joan Maxie, Seattle; Geraldine McCormick, Spokane; Carol Monohon, Raymond; Dick Nelson, Seattle; Frances North, North Bend; John O'Brien, Seattle; Paul Pruitt, Seattle; Nita Reinhart, Seattle; Nancy Rust, Seattle; James Salatino, Tacoma; Gary Scott, Sultan; Marion Kyle Sherman, Maple Valley; Helen Sommers, Seattle; Lois Stratton, Spokane; Alan Thompson, Kelso; Georgette Valle, Seattle; George Walk, Puyallup; Art Wang, Tacoma; Frank Warnke, Auburn. (37).

REPUBLICANS AGAINST: Bruce Addison, Seattle; Richard Barnes, Seattle; Scott Barr, Edwall; Jeannette Berleen, Seattle; Noel Bickham, Yakima; Emilio Cantu, Bellevue; Robert Chamberlain, White Salmon; Harold Clayton, Toppenish; Dan Dawson, Gig Harbor; Lyle Dickie, Grandview; Bob Eberle, Vashon; Helen Francher, Tonasket; S.E. Flanagan, Quincy; W.H. Garson, Tenino; Shirley Hankins, Richland; Richard Hastings, Pasco; Joan Houchen, Camano Island; Ray Isaacson, Richland; Harry James, Poulsbo, Stanley Johnson, Tacoma; Margaret Leonard, Spokane; Jim Lewis, Yakima; Homer Lundquist, Burlington; Dan McDonald, Bellevue; Michael McGinnis, Spokane; Gary Nelson, Edmonds; C.R. Nickell, Wenatchee; Andrew Nisbet, Sequim; Mike Padden, Spokane; Michael Patrick, Renton; Speaker William Polk, Mercer Island; Eugene Prince, Thornton; Wilma Rosbach, Chehalis; Paul Sanders, Bellevue; Karen Schmidt, Bainbridge Island; Curtis Smith, Ephrata; Ren Taylor, Spokane; Delores Teutsch, Kirkland; Earl Tilly, Wenatchee; Steve Tupper, Seattle; J. VanderStoep, Chehalis; Bob Williams, Longview; Simeon Wilson, Marysville. (43).

DEMOCRATS AGAINST: John Erak, Aberdeen; P.J. Gallagher, Tacoma; Avery Garrett, Renton; Brad Owen, Shelton. (4).

NOT VOTING: Otto Amen (R) Ritzville; R.M. Bond (R) Spokane; William Ellis (R) Seattle; Richard King (D) 38th Dist. No home address given; Jay Lane (R) Seattle. (5)

SMASHING VICTORY 30-18

Here is the Senate roll call votes which adopted an amendment excluding floating homes from HB 264 prohibiting local government units from enacting rent control legislation.

DEMOCRATS FOR: Ted Bottiger, Tacoma; Don Charnley, Seattle; Paul Conner, Sequim; George Fleming, Seattle; Marcus Gaspard, Sumner; Barney Goltz, Bellingham; Frank Hansen, Moses Lake; Jerry Hughes, Spokane; Margaret Hurley, Spokane; King Lysen, Seattle; James McDermott, Seattle; Ray Moore, Seattle; Lowell Peterson, Concrete; Ruthe Ridder, Seattle; Bud Shipoch, Renton; Don Talley, Kelso; Phil Talmadge, Seattle; Larry Vognild, Everett; Al Williams, Seattle; Lorraine Wojahn, Tacoma; (20).

REPUBLICANS FOR: Alan Bluechel, Kirkland; Susan Gould, Edmonds; Ted Haley, Tacoma; Dick Hemstad, Olympia; Bill Kiskaddon, Mountlake Terrace; Eleanor Lee, Burien; George Scott, Seattle; Peter von Reichbauer, Vashon Island; Hal Zimmerman, Camas. (10).

DEMOCRATS AGAINST: Albert Bauer, Vancouver; A.L. Rasmussen, Tacoma; (2).

REPUBLICANS AGAINST: Max Benitz, Prosser; George Clarke, Seattle; Ellen Craswell, Bremerton; Alex Deccio, Yakima; Bill Fuller, Chehalis; Art Gallagher, Gig Harbor; Sam Guess, Spokane; Jeanette Hayner, Walla Walla; John D. Jones, Kirkland; Bob McCaslin, Spokane; Jack Metcalf, Langley; Irving Newhouse, Mabton; E.G. Patterson, Pullman; Kent Pullen, Kent; J.T. Quigg, Aberdeen; George Sellar, East Wenatchee. (16).

NOT VOTING: Dianne Woody, Woodinville



working weekdays were reinforced by carloads of floating home owners who descended on Olympia. Some kind of contact was made with every senator. The 444 houseboats in Seattle became a statewide issue.

Under the urging of Kraabel and others, Senators Dick Hemstad, R - Olympia, and George Scott, R - Seattle, agreed to sponsor an amendment excluding floating homes from SHB 264 on the floor. Senators Jim McDermott, Ray Moore and Phil Talmadge, all Democrats from Seattle, also signed on.

Despite the fervent wish expressed by some senators that the whole issue would just go away, SHB 264 finally came up for second reading on one of the last days of the session. As before, most of the debate centered on the houseboats.

After extended debate the vote was taken. The amendment passed overwhelmingly by a margin of 30 to 18. All Seattle Senators except Clark voted for it.

A heavy majority in the House concurred on the amended bill shortly after the Senate vote, and the Governor signed it a few days later. Despite Ray Moore's reflection at one point that "no man's life or property is safe while the legislature is in session," Seattle's Equity Ordinance had survived another year.

ANNUAL MEETING A VICTORY CELEBRATION



LAWRENCE RANSOM



BILL KEASLER



TERRY PETTUS



DAREL GROTHAUS

By Paul Rerucha

The 18th annual membership meeting of the Floating Homes Association was held April 22, at St. Patrick's parish. A large turnout heard guest speakers and members of the association speak to the issues which affect our homes on the lake. A new executive board was elected. The evening ended with the traditional social hour in which friendships and acquaintances were rekindled.

The theme of virtually all speakers was: where have we been this past year; where are we now; what are our options for the future?

Guest speaker City Council President Paul Kraabel was welcomed with a standing ovation. His time and devotion lobbying on our behalf in Olympia, during the recent legislative session, was appreciated by all.

Mr. Kraabel reiterated the city's commitment to Seattle's floating home community and to the Equity Ordinance. He pointed out that the most effective lobbying was done by the members who went to Olympia and spoke with legislators and their staffs.

City councilman Michael Hildt introduced Darel Grothaus. Mr. Grothaus is regional director of the National Consumer Co-operative Bank. As past director for the office of Community Development he was instrumental in the formation of the Equity Ordinance.

Mr. Grothaus talked about possibilities for buying one's own dock. He specifically addressed co-operatives. He stressed that participation in a co-op is functionally different from the "I own mine, you own yours" approach to ownership. It entails an attitude of what can we do for us. He invited members to meet with him to develop a set of model by-laws for floating homes co-operatives.

From the association, attorney Larry Ransom and president Bill Keasler talked about what we have accomplished in the past year. Larry spoke to the legalese and issues in the Equity Ordinance, specifically the new eviction provision.

Bill Keasler gave a succinct personal account of our victories this past year. He said we have won in the courts, in the city council, and in the state legislature. He put the responsibility for our success squarely on the shoulders of the membership for taking the time and effort to call, write, and lobby for our concerns.

Terry Pettus, Executive Consultant to the association, spoke on "The Price Of Success." In many ways, Terry is to the association what a flock of cheerleaders is to a pep rally. Perhaps a better analogy would be a well: supportive and nourishing. Terry said we had whipped Bill Fritz at his own game of lobbying. We had

successfully defended the Equity Ordinance in court. We have shown our determination to protect our property rights and to demand the protection of our property guaranteed all property by the state and federal governments.

Terry said the price of our success is the cost of protecting our homes. He pointed out that not one insurance policy will cover loss of one's house by eviction. The only such insurance available is through the association's legal defense fund. Terry endorsed the idea of the "13th month club", or a donation equivalent to a month's moorage fee, as our insurance policy to protect the Equity Ordinance.

Terry then presided over the election of the executive board. A lively social hour ended the meeting. Darel Grothaus and Larry Ransom were inundated with questions. Members renewed acquaintances as the floating home community once again reaffirmed itself.

New Executive Committee

The Floating Homes Association Executive Committee is the body that oversees the operation and direction of the association between membership meetings. The committee meets twice a month except during the summer when it meets once a month. During a crisis it may meet weekly.

Elections for the Executive Committee were held at the annual meeting. The officers, three or five trustees, who serve five year terms, and five members-at-large, who serve one year terms, were elected.

The current Executive Committee is Bill Keasler, president; Roger Johnson, vice-president; Jonathan Ezekiel, recording secretary; Sandra Oellien, treasurer. Ellen Hansen, Ann LeVasseur, Eileen MacIntyre, Barbara Nelson, and Mike Roberts, trustees. Rob Anglin, Mary Gey, Elizabeth Johnson, Paul Rerucha, and Bob Schroeder are members-at-large. Terry Pettus serves the Executive Committee as Executive Consultant.

Any member of the association may attend the Executive Committee meeting by calling the office prior to the meeting.

Free Offer To Members

A recent addition to the Eastlake business scene is Beauty Works, a hair styling salon for men and women located at 2701 Eastlake. The new owner-operators would like to introduce themselves to the community by offering one free haircut to any Floating Homes Association member eighteen years or older. Call for an appointment (329-9007), then show your current Association membership card to Susan or Dena.



A \$1,000.00 Thank You

To The Association:

Am leaving for Europe and wanted you to know that I have sold my houseboat. Have always seen the importance of an owner-occupied community of floating homes so now I can stop feeling slightly guilty for being a landlady. That our community is still alive and well is due to the persistent and constructive program of the Association. I received a good and currently fair price for my floating home.

Again this is due to the Association and I feel it deserves a share of the "capital gains". So the enclosed is to be added to the Legal Fund "Kitty" to help pay the expenses of the fight being waged in a common cause. We have passed through some critical years and the problems seem to be with us. Hope to find the situation less critical when I return from Europe next year. Best wishes to all. Esther Carhart.

(Esther is a charter member and past resident of the Association. She was also founder of Flo-Villa, the first houseboat co-op moorage. She was teaching in an English school in Bulgaria when World War II broke out. She stayed on the job and was in the country during the military occupation by the Nazis and the Red Army. She is returning for an extended visit with old friends. The Legal Fund contribution was a check for \$1,000.00).



Vancouver Needs Association

To the Association:

We live in a small floating village in Vancouver Harbor and I am anxious to start a Floating Home Association up here.

So far there are not too many homes here as the city has hassled us out of existence. But now we have a toehold and are the first legally recognized O.K. guys in the face of City Hall. I am sure there will be many more in the future.

Can you give us some helpful hints on how you set up your Association and what it has achieved since? I would be delighted to join your Association for a year if that would be a good idea.

I do have one question about electrical connections. Can you tell me who I could contact at Mallard Cove regarding an electrical connection for 240 volt circuit which, in an emergency, one could unplug and give the house a push. I am told that they have such things but I don't know where to start to contact anyone.

Maybe in a few years we shall be having floating home conventions up and down the coast. Who knows!? **Daphne Burke, Sea Village, Granville Island, Vancouver, B.C.**



Hired Gun Fritz Has Security

To the Association:

As a resident of Mallard Cove, 2600 Fairview Avenue E., I am protected by a 37½ year moorage lease, which also applies to my neighbor, Mr. William J. Fritz. As a member of the Floating Homes Association, it is a source of continual embarrassment to me to see Mr. Fritz operate his lobbying business (Public Affairs Associates) out of his floating home, since this business apparently consists of incessant (but ineffectual) efforts on his part to undermine the Floating Homes Equity Ordinance. It is my hope that the people who bankroll him will realize the futility of it all and cut him off at the pockets! **Elizabeth Johnson**



(Photo courtesy of Seattle's Capitol Report)

Council President Paul Kraebel defending the Equity Ordinance at a hearing of the Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

A Lesson in State Government

To the Association:

If we hadn't all had so much at stake, our latest lesson in *How Your Government Works* might have actually been fun. It was exciting for me to see our community respond with such energy, and to see its effects in Olympia.

Thanks to the envelope addressers, telephone tree callers, the Legislative Alert writers and distributors. A special thanks to about thirty people who went to Olympia, some many times, to educate legislators, and to many more who went down for the Commerce and Labor Committee hearing. I can't even guess how many calls and letters got through, but legislative aides were complaining that they couldn't get any other work done! Thanks for doing your part. It paid off! **Caryl Keasler**



Legislative Trip Challenging

To the Association:

In spite of the urgency of our trek to Olympia, re: SHB 264, found it to be challenging, stimulating and deeply satisfying. To go from one legislative office to another, knowing the enemy is five minutes behind you, makes your flesh tingle and your blood boil. You know you have to give it your best shot, and we did! My thanks to everyone who participated in a job well done. **Alice Joy Vise.**



SECURITY

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The concept of a "13th Month" to dramatize the critical importance of contributions to the Legal Fund, was well received at the annual membership meeting. Many signed pledges to participate. More than \$1,000.00 was turned in. Starting in May the "13th Month" forms have been included with the monthly dues notices. There has been a striking increase in the number of contributions of \$100.00 or more. The largest was for \$1,000.00. (See Mail Bag).

The idea for using the "13th Month" came out of the past experience of our Association. During the founding years of 1961-1962 it cost \$30.00 to join. In those days this was a rather sizeable sum. In fact it represented the average monthly moorage fee. So we are using it as a "frame of reference" in making contributions which, in fact, amount to an insurance premium to protect our homes.

During the past years the cost of defending the Equity Ordinance has been heavy. These extraordinary legal expenses promise to continue as long as there are a few moorage owners who take the position that floating home owners have no property

Living Afloat

by Ellen Hansen

Friday morning, April 24, Rackety, a raccoon which had been a welcome visitor, climbed up the side of our house and killed Daisy, a mallard ensconced with sixteen eggs in our second-floor Marguerite Daisy planter box. Our family, which has congratulated itself on its lifestyle and its closeness to nature, came face to face with nature in the raw.

Unsure of the wisdom of our action or our chances of success we brought the eggs inside and rigged up an incubator with a box and a light bulb.

Saturday morning, looking down at the eggs, I heard "Peep". My husband, Steve, told me I was imagining things. Late that evening, I recruited our daughter, Jenny, to stand guard and listen. She, too, heard a peep. We peeped at the eggs. They peeped back. Jenny spent the night with the eggs, reading them *Winnie-the-Pooh* and keeping them company.

The next morning, three eggs were cracked. We held eggs close to our ears. We could hear peeps and tap-tap-tap sounds. Sunday afternoon, the eggs started to hatch.

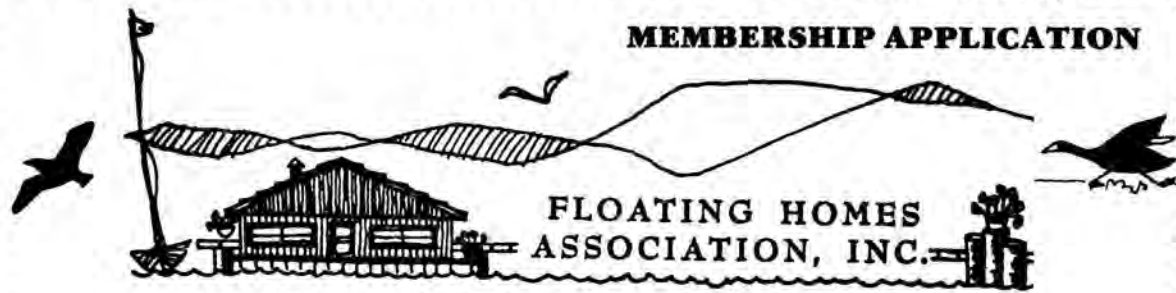
By Monday afternoon, five ducklings had hatched. Four survived. The Seattle Wild Bird Clinic agreed to take the babies and the remaining eggs. Before driving off to Kent with the brood, Steve filled up the bathtub and let the ducklings swim around. He and Jenny will always remember four little fluff balls paddling around, doing little duck dives right there in our tub.

(Incidentally, once transported to Kent, the eggs continued to hatch. The Wild Bird Clinic told us they would consider releasing the ducks back into Lake Union. You can't miss them. They are the ones who like *Winnie-the-Pooh!*)

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rights they are bound to respect.

The responsibility for paying the costs of defending our homes rests with all of us. When viewed in that light we have no doubt as to what the response of the membership will be.



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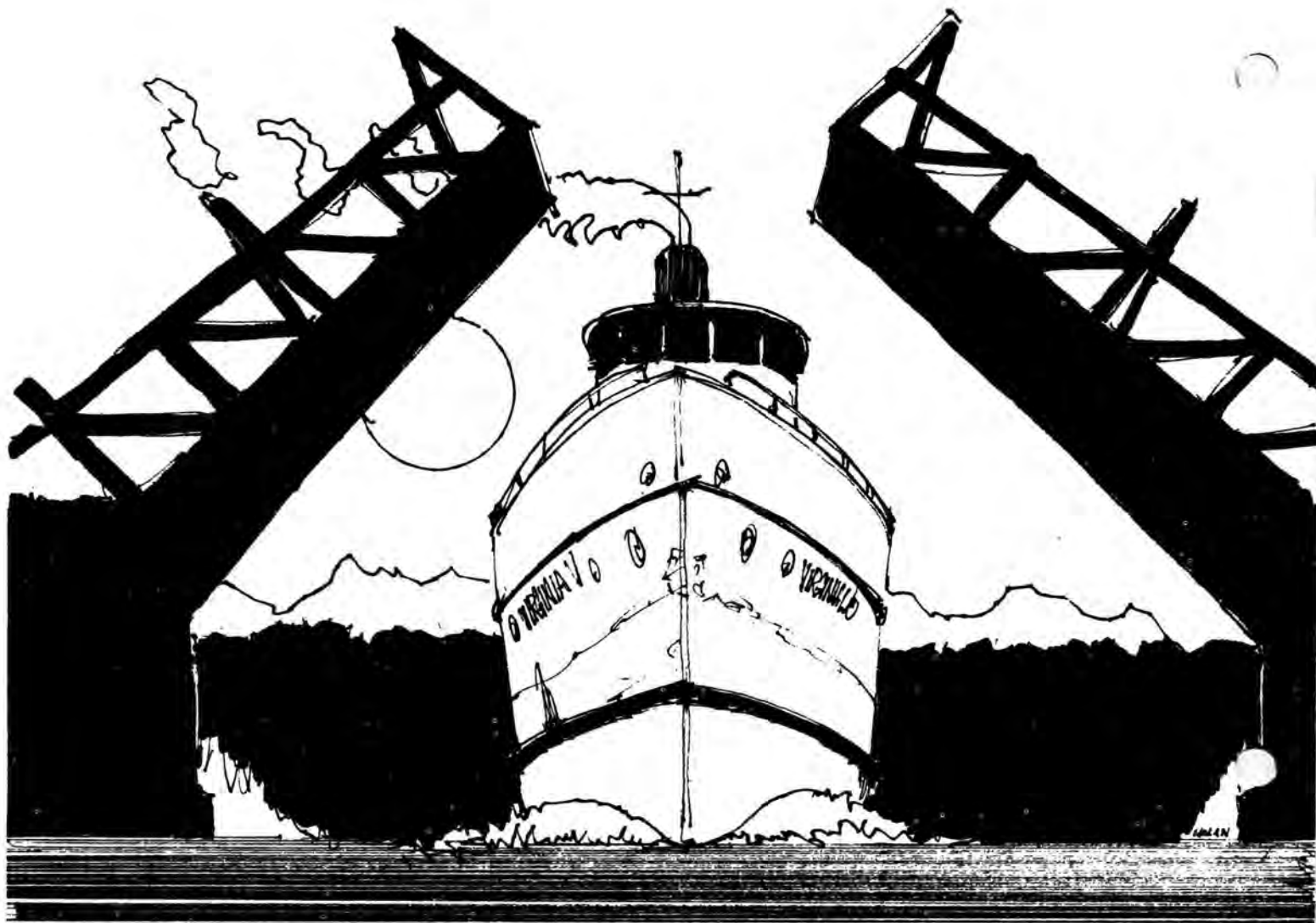
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