

Dr. Mark Mitrovitch To Keynote 15th Annual KPCitizens of the Year

by Hugh McMillan

Members of the Key Peninsula Lions club, sponsors of the 15th Annual Key Peninsula citizens of the Year Awards Dinner, are proud to announce that the keynote speaker for the event is Dr. Mark Mitrovitch, Superintendent of the Peninsula School District.

Mark Mitrovitch received his Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Leadership from the University of Santa Barbara, in July 1993. His dissertation was on the "Utilization and Facilitation of Computer-Related Technology of Secondary School Principals in the State of Washington." His professional administrative experience included being an assistant superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction in the Kennewick School district with an enrollment of 13,000 students. He is a past President of the Washington Association of Secondary

School Principals. He was a principal at Clarkston High School in Clarkston, Washington.

He taught for twelve years starting in 1969 in the Oak Harbor, Dayton, and Central Valley School Districts of Washington. In 1994 he was selected by the State Superintendent of Education to represent the State of Washington in Washington, D.C. at the national Secretary of Education's Conference on Educational Technology.

Dr. Mitrovitch has been a presenter at many national conferences on subjects ranging from computers to expanding basics. He has published articles in several professional journals. In 1990, he was selected as the Washington Secondary Administrator of the Year.

In 1998, he was named Washington State School Superintendent of the Year.

His biggest academic challenges throughout his career, and particularly here in the Peninsula School District, have been to:

- emphasize higher academic achievements for all students while implementing restructuring of the school district's strategic plan,
- deal positively with the demands on the district created by growth and diversity,
- maintain and improve effective communication between the School Board, staff, parents, and community groups; to extend trust, confidence, high morale, and continued pride in Peninsula Schools, and,
- operate with fiscal accountability while maintaining the highest quality of educational programs.

Dr. Mitrovitch's plans to leave his position as Superintendent of the Peninsula School District will leave a tremendously big shoe to fill.

The Citizens of the Year event will be held Saturday, March 13th, in the Key Peninsula Civic Center in Vaughn. Doors will open at 6:30 PM and dinner will be served at 7:00 PM. A no-host bar will be open throughout the evening save for the time of Dr. Mitrovitch's address. Each nominee will be the dinner guest of the sponsoring Key Peninsula Lions. Other guests may enjoy a sumptuous feast for \$12.50. Tickets will be available at Sunnycrest Nursery and Key Bank in Key Center, Country Gardens Florist, 9507-B, SR 302 NW, the Home country Store in Home, or from members of the Lions' Club. For information, call 884-3319 or 884-1038.

See Nominees And Profiles On Pages 6, 7 and 8.

YESTERDAY'S TEENAGERS!

Key Peninsula Senior Society

by Jim Nolan

Phone: 851-4847

Well, whaddya think of the title of our Senior Mature - Elderly - Over The Hill - citizens column? YESTERDAY'S TEENAGERS. We couldn't think of a real catchy title (see above), but *Key Peninsula News* Editor, Irene Zimmer and her savvy staff soon thought up a half-dozen titles from which we settled on this one. Let us know if you like or hate it. However, we're stuck with it until a better one comes along.

Member News

Former President, Butch Blakemore, supplied cupcakes for Rocky Bay Home last month, and her husband Don is familiarizing himself with the new organ recently installed in the Whitmore Room at the Civic Center. Don has provided luncheon music on piano for KP Seniors weekly, for many a year.

We were sorry to lose one of our newest members, Dorothy Peusa of Lakebay, who passed away during the holidays. She will be greatly missed.

Our newest member is Lois Conn of Lakebay. The Hagens, Lawrence and Fern Hagen of Jackson Lake have joined us recently.

Marie Schwenka recently returned from Lexington, Nebraska where she visited her dad, Jesse Edmiston, who celebrated his 105th birthday on January 16th.

Jim Blundell's granddaughter, Jessica Curtis of Athena, Oregon, left recently for Johannesburg, South Africa, where she will work with the Nazarene Church to use video equipment in the making of films for the church. Jim's proud of Jessica who graduated from Nazarene College, in Nampa, Idaho last spring.

Shirley Roper-Witt of Wauna is proud too. Her son, Jerry, has touched more far apart spots on this globe than most us -- and all within a 30-day period, since the 1st of the year. He's flown to the North Pole area, the South Pole, Guam, Pago Pago, Hawaii and other spots as his position as Chief Master Sgt., Air Force Res., McChord, takes him. When he arrived home, wife Mary and mom Shirley, gave him the news that two huge trees blew down across the roof of their house in the Wauna area during the recent windstorms. Some homecoming news, eh?

Corrections

First: Our president's phone number, Chuck and Pauline Williamson, Key Peninsula Senior business: 851-3029 - that last number is "9".

Second: The Blakemore's recent visit to attend a grandson's wedding was to Salt Lake City not Las Vegas. Don and Ruth do not gamble!!!

Bob Smith, now of Tacoma, told Seniors in February that when he was

KPSS President in 1989, the group observed its 10th Anniversary with some of the founders, and that it was time for a 20th Anniversary meeting this year to honor the folks who started KPSS in 1979, and the members agreed. Bob told us that the ONLY remaining living founder was Clara Kurz, who served as the third president, and currently lives in Sumner. Don Blakemore was chair-

man of the reunion observance in 1989, Bob said, and all agreed it was a good idea to get Clara back for this year's event. (Probably in September.)

Irish Day Observance: All seniors are invited to KPSS St. Patrick's Day Luncheon complete with green hats, shillelaghs, Irish brogues and possibly corned beef and cabbage. That's set for Thursday

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The Prez Sez

by Marty Marcus

As we continue to sash our way through the winter, all kinds of things, mostly good, some not so good, keep the Civic Center humming along. So far, the not so good ones, a few roof shingles blowing off and a septic system dysfunction have not interfered too much with the good things such as the Winter Visuals display of art by local artists and crafts people, the resuming of Skate Night and private skate parties, and the Firefighters Ball.

Unfortunately, the repair problems siphon off funds that might otherwise be used for implementing new programs and activities at the Center, as well as making the old place look a little better. Even the KP News' computer and its associates, the scanner

and printer, have had to go for help.

On a positive note, the Museum has completed the project they've been working on and it's now open for visitors again on Thursday and Saturday afternoons. Also we're looking forward to an aerobics and dance class for school-age children which is scheduled to start this month. Check the calendar in this issue for day and time.

We're always looking for new ideas for fund-raising, new activities and ways we can be of even more benefit to the community, so if you have suggestions, bring them to a Board meeting (second Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM) or call Dave Stratford, the head of our Activities Committee, at 884-2566. I'm sure he'll be pleased to hear from you.



UNDER MY HAT

by Irene Zimmer
Facility Coordinator

By Irene Zimmer

Can you feel it? Change is in the wind! Spring is coming! Time to get ready to welcome all the new growth. I can hardly wait!

Here are some events for you to mark on your calendars: Citizens of the Year Dinner on March 13th, the big Easter Egg Hunt on April 4th and the Spring Festival on May 1st. Then comes the huge Garage Sale on June 5th and the

Fireworks Demonstration in July. Lots to look forward to!

Winter Visuals was a great success. More than 1000 people passed through the Civic Center to look at the wonderful displays of artistic endeavors. The kitchen did a brisk business, too. Many thanks to Mary Ramsdell, Eileen Young, Ann Waldo and to John Rambo who did most of the cooking. Thanks all!



A View From Home

By Marty Marcus

I promised in last month's column to point out a number of ways in which the methodology used in the Third International Math and Science Study (TIMSS) of 1996 was sufficiently flawed to cast strong doubts about the validity of the results of the study. The more sources I delve into for evaluations of the study, the more flaws become evident. And just because I'm the president of the organization that publishes this paper doesn't mean I have unlimited space for my column, so I'll have to put off finalizing this particular commentary until the April issue.

One of the countries that usually does well on international tests is Singapore. Maybe there's a good reason. Every day, many people from Malaysia come to work across the border in Singapore. If their children are good students, they get to come with their parents and attend school in Singapore. If they're not good students, they have to stay in Malaysia and attend school there. As for people who are citizens of Singapore, if their children are not good students, ways are found to send these students to school in Malaysia. Wow, we could really boost the test results of Washington students if the lower ability students in Vancouver could be sent to school in Oregon every day and those from Spokane could be sent to school in Idaho!

One of the big problems with the TIMSS attempt to compare student performance has to do with what the country's goals are. In the U.S., and some other countries, one of the main goals of science teaching is to encourage students to "learn how to learn". But the questions on the TIMSS test for science were primarily based on rote memorization of facts, and ignored the achievements of

modern science and technology.

If test questions are to be based upon textbook material, doesn't it seem logical that test results might be influenced because in the U.S. only 16% of students use the same science textbook, while in Japan 84% of the students use the same science textbook?

As might be expected, teachers are getting most of the blame for the alleged poor showing of the U.S. students. Well, in the U.S. most math and science teachers work with thirty classes a week. As a former math and science teacher, that's a fact I can vouch for unequivocally. But in Germany, teachers are assigned only twenty classes a week, and even fewer in Japan. Furthermore, teachers in Germany and Japan are provided more daily support and professional development opportunities throughout their career than in the U.S. I'd like to think that would have an effect on student learning, but TIMSS ignored it.

A factor that we know affects test scores is the amount of time students spend in school. In Japan, students not only go to school six days a week, but many go to tutors or private schools after their regular school day. We place a high value on extracurricular activities such as drama, music, art, sports and student body government. For most students in Japan, these activities simply don't exist.

We are also being told that the poor performance of our students will have a disastrous effect on our economy. For the truth about this and some other outrageous misinformation about our students, teachers and schools currently making the "news", check out this space again next month.



The Children's Home Society's FAMILY ROOM

Blustery Weather Blues

Have you found yourself emotionally low in the past few months? Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) affects many people, especially during the fall, winter and spring months when there tends to be less sunshine in the weather forecast. The following is a list of things to do at home to help lift your and your family's spirits. (If you don't find relief in do-it-yourself remedies and find that you or your child's moods seems to be severely affected, you can talk to a physician or call a mental health agency. Call us if you need resource suggestions.)

- Go through old family photos
- Play board games
- Turn on music and dance
- Go to a museum
- Have an indoor picnic
- Go to the library
- Learn a new hobby
- Call a friend
- Write a letter to someone
- Play dress-up with your kids
- Build an indoor tent with sheets and chairs
- Have a tea party
- Make hand shadows on the wall
- Volunteer for a local school or community group
- Do a favor for a neighbor
- Spring Clean
- Go for a walk on a different street
- Plan your garden
- Try a new recipe
- Check your smoke alarm and do a household safety check
- Bring your kids to roller skate night
- Roast marshmallows in the fireplace

• Have a potluck with family and friends

• Attend some of the events sponsored or co-sponsored by the Children's Home Society Key Peninsula Family Resource Center, located at the Civic Center (all activities are free unless otherwise indicated).

Our March calendar includes two new programs. Toddler Art is designed for toddlers or preschoolers and their parents to spend some time making a craft activity together. It meets on the second Wednesday of the month, starting on March 10, from 10:00 - 11:30 AM. There is no charge, but registration is required. The program is filling up quickly, so call 884-5433 soon to reserve a space.

Do you find yourself singing to your child and not knowing all the words to an old rhyme? Bring your toddlers and join us for an hour of interactive song and dance during Rhyme Tyme. When? Every Friday in March, from

10:00 - 11:00 AM. Call us to sign up for this free activity, and don't forget to bring a blanket or pillow to sit on.

On Monday evening, March 8, in cooperation with the Key Peninsula Middle School/ptsa, we are sponsoring a "Playshop" - training in the games and techniques of Cooperative Play. This will be led by recreation specialists from Pierce County Parks and Recreation. A donation of \$10 per person is requested to cover costs. The training is open to people of all ages, and recommended for anyone who works with kids - parents, teachers, playground volunteers, babysitters, potential camp counselors, youth group leaders, etc. Please call us to sign up ahead of time at 884-5433, and join us just for the fun of it!

Our new Father to Father program is for all dads who want to enhance positive relationships with their children. It is co-sponsored by the Child Guidance Clinic of Tacoma. We are tentatively planning on Tuesday evenings for the weekly meetings which will be held here at the Family Resource Center. Please call us to let us know if you're interested.

Indoor Park continues to be a popular activity during the rainy weather. It takes place every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 9:30 - 11:30 AM in the gym of the Key Peninsula Civic Center, providing a warm, dry, safe place for children up to 5 years old to play. Large muscle-group toys are provided for various ages. Parental supervision is a must. The \$1.00 donation goes toward purchasing new toys as needed.

Our Little Buddies program continues to meet Tuesday afternoons (except for school holidays) from 3:45 to 5:00 PM at the Civic Center. Big Buddies from Peninsula High School plan activities and fun for their elementary school Little Buddies. A snack is served and the program is free. We are currently seeking more Big Buddies, as the number of Little Buddies has been increasing.

During the March 3rd meeting of Healthy Families, this support group for parents with children ages 0-5, will be learning more about nutrition. The program takes place on the first Wednesday of each month from 9:30 - 11:00 AM in the Whitmore Room of the Key Peninsula Civic Center. Child-care is available at no charge, on a limited basis.

To find out more about any of our programs or to register for activities, please call us at 884-5433.

The staff of the
Children's Home Society of Washington
Key Peninsula Family Resource Center

Regular Board Meeting Minutes January 14, 1999

The meeting was called to order by President Marty Marcus at 7:36 PM. The minutes from December were accepted as corrected. Secretary Kristen Bottiger read correspondence. One letter was received from Mike and Joyce Salatino thanking the Civic Center for its use for their annual Christmas Day Dinner that was a huge success. In the letter they also asked for the use of the Civic Center next year and it was MSC to continue to support the dinner.

Treasurer's report was handed out; Kathy Hale was not at the meeting. President Marty Marcus suggested that any questions be submitted in writing. It was MSC to accept the Treasurer's Report subject to questions being answered.

Manager's report given by Irene Zimmer as follows; There are three weddings and eleven skate parties scheduled through the month. Firefighters Ball scheduled the 13th and Winter Visuals will be held on the 6th of February from 12:00 to 5:00 PM.

Newspaper report given by Irene Zimmer as follows; Thank you to Fred Ramsdell and his daughter Heane Ramsdell-Pike for their generous donation of scanner software for the newspaper. Irene will make up a list of the open times available at the Center to submit into the newspaper. The staff is very pleased with the new waxer. The Senior Society has requested space for a column in the paper, however, they haven't come up with a "catchy title" yet!

Program/Group Review

T.O.P.S.: Treasurer Helen Schilpp was present to report on their 44 mem-

bers so far this year, and they are expecting many more.

Indoor Park: Things are going well; they have about 15 - 16 children on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 - 11:30 AM. The cost is \$1.00.

Children's Home Society: Edie Morgan reported that "Little Buddies" is starting to pick-up. They have so far and anticipate having more. They do crafts and play games. Holiday Helper ended up with 271 gifts going out to needy children in the community despite the crummy weather. They also wanted to thank Irene for all her help. They still can't use the bathroom at all, however, measures are being taken to fix the problem.

Skate Night: Things are going great despite an accident, which happened last Friday night, however, the child was only bruised. Lila Garrison is going over rules and fire drills each skate night so the children will be prepared.

Volunteers thanked the Civic Center for reflective armbands and belts, which help protect them in the parking lot and also help the children know who they are. Sunday is family skate night. A big THANK YOU to Travis Donnelly for all his time spent volunteering and helping out with skate night. We will be getting new skates and tools, thanks to the donation from the Angel Guild. Lila asked that the organ and piano in the Whitmore room be covered up and wanted a rope put up by the door going outside.

Comprehensive Mental Health: Mike Leaderich reported on the continued work with the school district.

They have requested a directional sign be put up so that the public would know where they are at the Civic Center. Vicky McClung will be in charge of the placement of the sign.

Boy Scouts: Bill Macaras reported that the scouts would not be doing their usual clean up due to weather conditions. He asked if we had made a decision about the storage shed. Mike Salatino, Fred Ramsdell and Al Yanity will meet to discuss the issue and report back at the next meeting. All members agreed on how important the scouts are to our community and we will help them out somehow.

Lakebay Fuchsia Society: Things look great, however, due to poor weather conditions, work is a bit slow.

Standing Committee Reports:

Building & Grounds: \$1200 dollars needed to dig up and repair septic area and pipe. It was MSC to OK \$2000 to fix the damage and any ongoing problems.

Contracts: Meeting Tuesday, will report next meeting Grant Writing: Angel Guild has more money to donate, will wait for more information from treasurer to decide where the funds are needed.

Personnel: Submitted a letter to Irene Zimmer asking for an extenuation on her contract. Would like to change job description into three jobs. New Business:

First Aid/CPR Training: Lila is signed up for February 27th class.

Minter Skate Party fees waived: Not enough information was present to

discuss fee's being waived. It was decided to have Minter submit a letter to the board.

Scouts fee's waived: MSC to rent waived for Moving-Up Ceremony.

Change in Board Minutes: Due to the length of time taken to submit minutes to the paper, it was MSC to have minutes as submitted by the secretary, printed in the newspaper unapproved.

New Year's Party 1999: Sabra Stratford and Kathy Bauer suggested that the KPCC offer a safe close to home New Year's Party introducing the year 2000. They are planning a dance with a midnight buffet and possibly some sort of taxi service. Details will be worked out and a committee has been formed. MSC to have this be a Civic Center function.

Announcements: Claudia Loy, was contacted by Richard Brudvick Lindner who asked to come and discuss the potential problems that the year 2000 may bring. He is an employee of Microsoft.

Meeting Adjourned
Kristen Bottiger
Secretary

Minter Creek Elementary School

Yearbooks Now On Sale

Order forms for our annual yearbooks are available in the office. Yearbook delivery is scheduled for late spring. The books are \$9.50 for one, \$8.00 for each child thereafter. The sale ends on March 26th.

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before wearing-of-the-green day, March 11th. Be there at 12 noon at the Civic Center in Vaughn, WA. All over 55's are cordially welcomed!

Our KPSS survey last month asked members to answer: "What's the main reason you come to Senior's potlucks on Thursdays? Results of our poll showed:

Pinochle = 3; Cards = 4; Food = 3; To kill time = 1; Play footsie = 1; Gossip = 1; Why not = 1; Meet men = 1; Almost as good as the park = 1; Make and see friends = 7; To get out of the house = 1.

Friendship seems to be important to most of our seniors.

Next month: Survey on Autos - favorite cars.



KEY DATES

1999

BUSINESS / PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

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| KP Business Assoc. | Mar. 5 - 7:30 AM | Home Port Rest. |
| | Mar. 19 - Noon | Horseshoe Lake Rest. |
| Fire Fighters Assoc. | Mar. - 24 7:00 PM | Key Center Fire Sta. |
| Ashes | Mar. 4 - 10:30 AM | Key Center Fire Station |
| Boy Scout Troop #229 | Thursdays - 6:00 PM | KPCCA VFW Rm. |
| Citizens Against Crime/Citizen's Patrol | 3 rd Tues., 11:00 AM and 3 rd Thurs. at 7:00 PM at the Key Center Fire Station. | |
| Cooliettes | 3 rd Thursday - 7:00 PM | KPCC/Whitmore Rm. |
| KPCCA Exec. Comm. | 1 st Monday - 7:00 PM | Civic Center |
| KPCCA Board | 2 nd Thursday - 7:30 PM | KPCC/Whitmore Rm. |
| KPCS Board | 2 nd Monday - 10:00 AM | Comm. House - Home |
| KPHC Board | 4 th Thursday - 7:30 PM | Health Center |
| KP Lions Club | 1 st & 3 rd Wed. - 6:30 PM | KPCC/Whitmore Rm. |
| VFW & Auxiliary | 2 nd & 4 th Mon. - 7:00 PM | CC/VFW Room/WM Rm. |

COMMUNITY SERVICES

- Adult Literacy Classes** - Call for Appointment 851-6552 - Gig Harbor
- Angel Guild** Mar. 15 - 10:00 AM Brones Rm./KC Library
- Cancer Support Group** 3rd Thursday - 1:00 PM Brones Rm./KC Library
- Children's Home Society Family Resource Center** - Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Key Peninsula Civic Center, Lower Level. Call: 884-5433
- Food Bank** - Tues. through Fri., 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM Comm. House - Home
- Hot Lunch for seniors** on Wednesdays at Noon. - Community House - Home
- Also food & clothing assistance. For More Information, call 884-4440, 884-4514, or 857-4780.
- Immunizations (FREE)** Thursday, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at **Urgent Care, Gig Harbor.**
- Key Center Library** 884-2242 - HOURS: Tuesday & Wednesday 1 - 8 PM, Thursday & Friday 1 - 6 PM, Saturday Noon - 4 PM
- KP Baptist Bible Study** Wednesday - 7:00PM KP Civic Center
- KP Baptist AWANA** Wednesday - 6:30 PM KP Civic Center
- Overeaters Anonymous** Wednesday - 7:30 PM St. Nicholas Church
- Seniors Exercise Program** Tues. & Thurs. - 8:30 Comm. House - Home
- WIC (Women, Infants & Children)** Every Tuesday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Civic Center, in the Whitmore Room. Call: 884-3835 on Tuesdays for an appt.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

- KP Fire Commissioners** Mar. 10 - 7:00 PM Key Center Fire Sta.
Mar. 22 - 4:00 PM Key Center Fire Sta.
- KP Parks & Rec.** 2nd Monday - 7:00 PM Volunteer Park Annex

SELF-HELP GROUPS

- Alcoholics Anonymous** - Mon. & Fri. 8:00 PM, Wed. 7:00 PM - Sat. & Sun. 6:00 PM - Sat. - 9:00 AM, Women's Group, 11:00 AM, Men's Group at the
- Key Peninsula Community Services in Home.** Tuesday & Thursday, 8:00 PM in the **Lakebay Community Church**, 11 Cornwall Road, Lakebay.
- Peninsula ALANON** - King of Grace Lutheran Church, Purdy - Tuesday 1:30 PM
- Caregivers Support** Mar. 11 - 7:00 PM Brones Rm./KC Library
- Grandparents Group** Mar. 6 - 1:00 to 3:00 PM Brones Rm./KC Library
- Contact Norma at 884-2205 for more information.
- T.O.P.S.** - Tuesday Evening, Weigh-in 6:15 PM - Meeting at 7:00 PM - Civic Center

SOCIAL & HOBBY GROUPS

- Bayshore Garden Club** Mar. 19 Meeting Longbranch Improvement
- Cancer Support Group** 3rd Tuesday - 1 - 3 PM Brones Rm./KC Library
- Key Singers** Tuesday 7 - 9 PM LB Comm. Church
- KP Historical Society** 1st Thursday - 7:30 PM KP Historical Museum.
- MUSEUM OPEN** Thursday & Saturday 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
- LB Improvement Club** Mar. 19 - 7:00 PM Longbranch Improvement
- Peninsula Neighbors** Mar. 9 - 10:00 AM Longbranch Improvement
- Lakebay Fuchsia Society** Mar. 4 - 7:00 PM Brones Rm./KC Library
- Ruth Circle Meeting** Mar. 15 - 10:00 AM Bible Study, lunch and Meeting at 12:00 Noon at the Longbranch Church
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Claudia Loy of Sunnycrest Nursery and Floral in Key Center will be escorting a group of fellow travelers and gardeners on a small intimate tour to visit several gardens, cathedrals, and castles. It will be a small group of 16-20 along with a Blue Badge Guide and our own personal bus. We will spend two nights in London, then out to Kent, Salisbury, Bath, the Cotswolds and finally ending up at Windsor to visit the Queens Garden and Castle. We will be staying in privately owned hotels, all rooms with their own baths. In addition to all the scheduled sights we will have leisure time to explore and shop at each place that we visit.

The price for the tour is \$2,795.00

plus a \$85.00 airport tax. It includes round trip airfare from Seattle to London, hotel accommodations with full English breakfast, transportation, admission into all scheduled sights and gardens. There will be welcoming and farewell dinners, lunch in Bath and an afternoon tea.

Arrangements can be made for trip extensions through *ELSIE OF ENGLAND*, who is in charge of all arrangements for our travel adventure. For more information and a complete itinerary, please contact Claudia Loy, 884-4169.

Silent Auction

The Evergreen Elementary PTA is having their first annual Silent Auction on March 3rd. The public is welcome from 6:30 to 7:45 PM. High bidders will be announced at 8:00 PM. Those not present will be called the following day.

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Dave Wiltfong



Loyd Miller



John B. Glennon



Pat Medveckus



Ed Hardesty



Vicki Husted



Della Darbyshire



Jerry Davis



Chuck West



Keith and Lee Stiles



Barbara Trotter



Ruth Mathews

David Wiltfong, a Tacoma motorcycle police officer who lives in Home, has for years been involved as an Organization Leader of the local 4-H Differences Club. As such he frequently spends days with the group's youngsters on special projects or guiding their efforts to show animals they have raised or crafts they have created for display at the Western Washington Fair. He has coached Little League baseball and Peninsula Athletic Association soccer. He is the volunteer in charge of the Cedar Glen well and water supply and a trustee in Cedar Glen's Homeowners' Association. He heads the Tacoma Police Department's "Shop With a Cop" project in which law enforcement officers accompany less fortunate youngsters on shopping tours enabling them to purchase up to \$50.00 (provided by the police association) in Christmas gifts for their loved ones. It's rare that an officer doesn't need to add funds from his/her own pocket for this program. On a spur of the moment, he took seven members of Peninsula High's Raz ma Taz singers, his son Jake being one of them, to Lake Tahoe for a vacation.

Loyd Miller, "a real gentleman not

seeking attention for his many volunteer activities," has been active in the restoration of fisheries on the Key Peninsula, has worked on the new Rocky Creek Natural Area project where he is involved with preservation of the natural swampy areas. He has served on Key Peninsula Fire Department advisory committees. He has been a member of the Key Peninsula Civic Center Board of Directors. He is always repairing things for people at no charge; he's just a caring, helpful, concerned good citizen.

John B. Glennon is everybody's Santa Claus and annually grows a real white full Santa's beard for this purpose. He is the fellow in the bright red costume who takes youngsters onto his lap at Lu Lu's Homeport Restaurant's annual Christmas Party for any kids who can attend - and there are zillions of them. Skeptical kids are invited to tug his beard to make sure it's real - and that means Santa is also real. He performs this role as well at Fort Lewis, the Longbranch Improvement Club, and assists at "Toys for Tots". "When not being Santa, he is heavily involved in the Longbranch Improvement Club and its many activities whether it be the

annual Old Timers' Day event of the Community Services, dances, plays, or just keeping the old building maintained and improved on. He never refuses a request for assistance. He is also a veteran of the D-Day landings in World War II and holds dear a photo of himself with Britain's Queen Elizabeth when he attended the 50th anniversary of that awesome event.

Patricia Medveckus has long been a leader with Key Peninsula Little League activities and has kicked off the opening day games and done the lion's share of the work in putting this exciting event together. She served as a member of the Key Peninsula Community Services/Food Bank Board of Directors. She is a Sunday school teacher. She is a youth leader. She is a Cub Scout leader. She has been an active Parent Teacher Association member. She has worked for the passage of levies for our Park and Recreation District. She is tirelessly involved in making our community the great place it is to live.

Lu Lu Smith, for the past several years has put on a Christmas party for children of the Key Peninsula community. She and her family and employees collect money, purchase gifts and wrap

them for a party with Santa. Her friend John B. Glennon plays a jolly, believable Santa with a real, you-cannot-pull-it-off, beard. The Sunday before Christmas she invites the entire community to this generous event. In the past when we've had power outages due to winter storms Lu Lu kept the coffee brewing and stayed open for those who needed warm food, including taking care of the Peninsula Light personnel who worked all hours trying to restore power to the area. She will doubtless do the same in any emergency. Lu Lu has been very involved in many community activities such as the annual Firemen's Muster at Volunteer Park. She also sponsors the Key Peninsula T-ball Little League team, the Home Port. She has always been represented at our annual Cider Fest in Key Center and on the occasion of Home's 100th anniversary, cooked and provided food for the celebration's picnic. She also provides food baskets to the needy. And she does it all in a manner attracting no attention.

Peter and Sheryl Hedin are highly involved with his church (Lakebay Community Church). He is chair of the "I.M.P.A.C.T Committee" which stands for Interdenominational Missions

Nominees For Citizen Of The Year 1999:



Lu Lu Smith



Peter and Sheryl Hedin



Jim Corroo



Walt Smith



Marty Marcus



Diane Ramsey



Lethaniel Ray



Barbara Granquist



Tim Kezele



Fred Ramsdell



Allen Yanity

PACT and is composed of members from various churches here on the Key Peninsula. The object is to provide services for people on the Peninsula where there is need including shelter for abused women. A main thrust of the Peniel committee has been meals served at the Civic Center on Sundays. Peter and his family have been involved with that since its inception and serve faithfully complete with set-up, take down, and clean up every time.

Jim Corroo has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Key Peninsula Community Services/Food Bank and worked on many of that organization's fund raising activities. These include long hours at rest stops along interstate highways dispensing coffee and cookies to the road-weary, and chairing or co-chairing aspects of the Community Services annual Old Timers' Day. He is an integral part of the Longbranch Players who stage plays and other entertainments. As an excellent guitar player, composer, and singer, Jim can be counted on to provide wonderful musical entertainment upon request.

Walter Smith a former member of the Peninsula School Board, has been ac-

tive throughout the Key Peninsula community, but quietly. He was a prime mover among the volunteers who created Key Peninsula's Volunteer Park. He was a principal raiser of funds to support the park and was a major impetus to making the last park levy a success. He has served on many committees of value to our community.

Ed Hardesty, a Tacoma fire fighter who lives in Lakebay, has been actively involved with Key Peninsula Little League and has given many hours moving players around the ball field circuits. He served as chairman of the Key Peninsula Fire Department's Citizens Advisory Committee to which he gave countless hours often under trying conditions. He produced and circulated a newsletter of benefit to KPFD at his own expense. He is the sort of person who doesn't know how to say no to requests for assistance.

Vicki Husted, a Longbranch resident, was producer of the recent production of George Washington Slept Here, by the Longbranch Players of which she is an active member. She is active in the Longbranch Improvement Club and the Longbranch Church. She volunteers at the KP Community Services/

Food Bank. She is a full time student at the Evergreen College. And she is Speaker of the House of Washington State Medical Assistants. She and husband John Biggs have worked hard to make the Longbranch community a friendly fun place to live and, last year, held a "totem raising" party on their property for the merriment of many happy citizens who grunted the totem into its new upright stance.

Della Darbyshire, a dedicated Cub Scout leader, together with her husband Larry, has been instrumental in staging gala scouting events at Volunteer Park such as the annual Camporee. These are made up of Scout and Cub organizations from throughout the greater Puget Sound area. They last for several days and involve enormous numbers of hours to make them go off without a hitch. It's not simple to feed, house, locate, etc. upwards of 300 young boys and girls. She is always in the thick of things at the Scouts' bazaar, their blue and gold ceremonies, and at their Pine-wood Derby.

Jerry Davis, a retired US Army non-commissioned officer living off Wright-Bliss, stepped forward when asked to serve as president of Citizens

Against Crime and its Citizens' Patrol. He has been the point man for initiating the Patrol's night time activities and does many of these patrols himself. It was he who managed acquisition and printing of the Patrol's very official looking jackets. He created and managed a successful fund-raising raffle of a donated 4 KW electric generator. He has attended every event in which CAC has been involved since he first joined the organization. He has provided the group inspired leadership and poured countless hours into ensuring its success.

Marty Marcus, a resident of Home, stepped up to fill the vacant office of President of the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association's Board of Directors in a time of need. He has long written "A view From Home," a column in the Key Peninsula News. He and life partner Ann Waldo, both retired school teachers, are always on hand to provide educational and entertaining shows of the reptiles and which constitute one of their major interests, herpetology. They have thrilled youngsters at the annual Pioneer Day, and CiderFest celebrations as well as at schools, libraries, and clubs. They breed snakes which they contribute to local teachers for student hands-on use in the classroom.

Diane Ramsey started a non-profit corporation called "Communities in Schools" in order to find a way to bring community resources into the schools to help students and their families. To date she has been awarded over \$100,000 in grant money to be used for projects such as a senior citizen mentor/tutor program which brings seniors and other adults into the schools with stu-

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dents who need help with reading, after school programs to include an enrichment program to offer languages, art, native American culture, a young authors club, and a latchkey program offering simple healthy activities for kids as an alternative to watching TV at home. It includes family nights offering family dinners, children's activities, and classes for adults and teens on family issues. Diane is seeking more grant monies to support a summer activities program, a community learning center and to address family issues such as domestic violence and substance abuse.

Lethaniel Ray has served as Pack Committee Chairman for Key Peninsula Cub Scout Pack 220 serving all elementary school age boys on the Key Peninsula. He supervises and is responsible for administration of the Cub Scout program: recruitment, training and motivation of pack leaders, volunteers and Cub Scouts, preparing and executing annual plans controlling Pack finances, planning monthly Pack meetings, and serving as chair of monthly Pack meetings. He serves as assistant den leader for Wolf Scouts, plans activities, prepares crafts and wood projects and instructs Scouts in family life, community awareness, citizenship, and basic handicrafts. He oversees the annual coordinated collection by the Cubs of over 4,000 food items for the Key Peninsula food bank. Most importantly, his kids love and respect him as he guides them into lives of responsibility, caring, compassion, having clean fun, responsibility as citizens, learning survival skills, loyalty, and all the things important to the creation and maintenance of fulfilling lives and the welfare of this nation.

Barbara Granquist and her husband Dick have served for more than five years as volunteer chaplains with the Key Peninsula Fire Department. The task of assisting firefighters and citizens in dealing with critical incidents is very demanding. It takes special people to maintain composure in the face of tragedy and care for the needs of citizens grieving the ultimate loss of a loved one. Firefighters, holding back

emotions while trying to complete some grueling tasks, find some comfort in knowing the Granquists are always there to turn to. They assist in making successes of the KP Firefighters' Associations' monthly meetings and perform volunteer tasks in support of the Firefighters' Ball, landscaping the District's properties, helping to make the annual Firemen's Musters a success, and various other events. Barbara served for years as Secretary of the KP Business Association and has done her part over the years to keep KPBA's stretch of highway clean. Husband Dick is a Gig Harbor Lion.

Chuck West is the unofficial Key Peninsula Fire Department's ambassador to the KP community. As chairman of the event, he led the pack in arranging for and coordinating all the activities for the annual Christmas Tree Lighting ceremonies at the KC Corral in Key Center. He was chairman and the spark plug making the annual Firemen's Muster in Volunteer Park such a success. He designed, raised funds for, and led the construction of "skateboard park" in Volunteer Park and it is he who, on learning that it had been damaged and therefore constituted a danger, arranged for its move and closure preparatory to re-design and reconstruction. He was the KP Business Association's chair for the annual joint KPBA/KP Lions' Cider-Fest. He was chairman of this year's annual Firefighters' Ball and coordinated all activities involved with the event. When needy folks' firewood supplies are low, Chuck is there to cut and deliver a resupply. He is an active member of the Citizens Against Crime Citizens' Patrol. Chuck was an important member of the KP Parks and Recreation levy committee's successful passage of the M and O levy last year. He is the current President of the Key Peninsula Business Association. As if that weren't enough, he is also the current President of the KP Firefighters' Association. And he is a very good father to his two sons.

Keith and Lee Stiles are a team, a reminder of what marriage is supposed to be all about. She is a member of Dr.

Penrose Orthopedic Guild for which she served as president. He served as the editor of the Key Peninsula News. She serves with the Key Peninsula Angel Guild. He was one of three men who were the driving force which created KGHP FM, the Key and Gig Harbor Peninsulas' community radio station on which he frequently is a broadcaster or DJ. She supported his every endeavor on this project. Had he and two other men not resolved to make KGHP (a call sign which stands for Key and Gig Harbor Peninsulas), a reality, there would be no live broadcasts of Peninsula School District athletic events, plays, public forums, and musicals. There would be no live over the phone interviews. There would be no classes in electronic communications. There would be no local public announcements of non-profit events. And, most importantly, there would be no emergency radio for our Peninsulas in times of emergencies like our 1996-'97 ice storms and power outages.

Barbara Trotter has for years been one of the most effective proponents of public school education. She is Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Peninsula School District. She is Co-Chair of the Citizens for Peninsula Schools' levy campaign committee. She has served as president of the Vaughn Elementary PTA's predecessor organization, the VPO. She works with the HOSTS (Helping One Student To Succeed) with four little girls. She is on the Key Peninsula Middle School site council, a group of parents, teachers, and administrators who oversee the building's budget which covers purchases of curricula materials, furniture, teacher training, dress code, etc. She is representative on the District Parent Council, and was co-chair of the KP Parent Council representing the Minter, Vaughn, and Evergreen Elementaries and the KPMS. She is general manager of the KPMS student store which sells notebooks, supplies, and snacks to students at lunch time; all proceeds to the KPMS PTA. She is on the Scholarship Committee at Peninsula High School and is a member of the Peninsula High Boosters. She is a very dedicated hard working volunteer for our kids.

Ruth Mathews is known as "the Van Lady" to senior citizens affiliated with the Key Peninsula Community Services/Food Bank. She provides pickup and return trips in the KPCS' vans two Thursdays each month for "those of us oldies who no longer can drive." They're thus able to run errands, go grocery shopping, make doctor's appointments, and the like. They then go to lunch together before being returned happy to their homes. Without Ruth's generous donation of her time and driving skills these seniors would be hard put to accomplish these needful tasks.

Tim Kezele, more than anyone, has made the Key Peninsula Museum lo-

cated in the KP Civic Center a fall blown success story. He is its president, curator, shelf builder, shelf stocker, organizer, scrounger, cajoler, collector, etc. He puts hours and hours into this wonderful volunteer effort. He is a past president of the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association. He is a past member of the Key Peninsula Parks and Recreation Board of Directors. He consistently locates and acquires the surplus goods of other organizations, such as the University of Puget Sound where he works, which then find a use at the Civic Center or Volunteer Park. He has been a volunteer handyman at both Park and Civic Center for years and repairs or replaces any items needing attention.

Fred Ramsdell is "Mr. KP Parks and Recreation" for which he serves as chairman of the Board of Directors. He has worked on various construction, repair, replacement and renovations projects at Volunteer Park and the new Rocky Creek Natural Area. Following his retirement as Deputy Chief of the Key Peninsula Fire Department after 37 years of active duty, he is still a volunteer firefighter with, and active member of, its Firefighters' Association. He serves as the Department's permanent representative to the Gig Harbor-Key Peninsula Emergency Preparedness Committee. For this year's Firefighters' Ball, he created out of scrap lumber from a friend a beautiful decorative latticework gateway separating the family area of the Civic Center from the bar. He has been chairman of the annual Pioneer Day Parade for more times than he wants to remember. Together with wife Mary, he annually arranges for Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus to visit youngsters all over the Key Peninsula and actually rides along with the two bright red-uniformed elves. He is always in the thick of it at the annual Firemen's Muster. No one has cooked and jovially served more steak dinners, pancakes, eggs, potatoes, etc., at firefighter-sponsored breakfasts or dinners than Fred. He has given hours of volunteer effort and plants and materials to landscaping our fire stations. Fred Ramsdell doesn't know how not to be of help to anyone in need.

Allen Yanity is an active member of the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association Board. He and his wife are active members of Citizens Against Crime's Citizens' Patrol of which he was recently appointed Vice President and for which he regularly patrols. He voluntarily works on a number of projects around the Longbranch Improvement Club of which he is a member, and the KP Civic Center. He voluntarily maintains and runs checks on Fire District 16's auxiliary power equipment. He is an associate member of the KP Firefighters' Association. He contributes a cord of firewood to the annual Flavor of Fall auction and dinner. He has voluntarily assisted with landscaping our fire stations.



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Deming was a loyal and loving man, gentle in spirit and generous to family and to his many friends. He died of a heart attack February 5, 1999, at age 80. Born in Seattle, Washington, he married Glenora (Gerry) Washington on June 18, 1941. Gerry survives him as do his sisters Virginia Liebergesell of Vaughn and Mary Fuhrmiester, of Tacoma; daughters Kate Brown of San Lorenzo, New Mexico; and Sarah Brown of Austin, Texas; granddaughters Ursa Brown Glaberman and Rosaruby Glaberman; and many loved nieces and nephews. A host of friends and former students will mourn his death. After receiving his Ph.D. from Columbia University, Deming taught at Northwestern University from 1949 to 1957. From 1957 to his retirement in 1990, he was a Professor in the University of Michigan's Department of Slavic Languages and Literature. In addition to other University committees, he served on both the Departmental and the LS&A Executive Committees. Nationally, he was active in the MLA, in such roles as Chair of the Slavic Literature Section. His recogni-

tions include a number of grants for travel to the USSR, a Rockefeller Foundation Fellowship, and a Fulbright-Hays Fellowship for periods of study in London and Oxford. He maintained contact for over forty years with many Russian writers and scholars, in particular with the underground writers of the Stalin period. His own writings reflect the high standards he set for himself and for others - two dozen reviews, some thirty articles, and five books, most recently.

The Last Years of Soviet Russian Literature, Cambridge University Press, 1993. A festschrift in Deming's honor was published by the Department of Slavic Studies.

He was raised in the Yakima Valley and he and Gerry maintained close ties with Puget Sound, where they spent their summers in Lakebay, close to their families.

Deming's pleasures included traveling with his family, fishing, and other summer beach activities. To many children, his own and others, he was a noted story teller. For over thirty-five years he was the beloved senior member of an Ann Arbor poker group.

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While the museum was closed for two months, we were very busy recording, rearranging and adding to the museum's expanding collection. Special thank you to Anne Lacroix for the new "Open" sign, also to Barb Hanna and her family for the new kitchen display area. If you would like to volunteer as a docent, the next training

will be Saturday, March 27th at the museum. Call Tim Kezele at 884-4538. We are frequently asked to help with research projects, if anyone knows about the Fox Bottling Company, please call Anne Lacroix 884-4949.

The Historical Society's book "Early Days of the Key Peninsula" had a very successful year, we sold 360 copies! If you still don't have a copy they are available at the museum and will be available at the annual meeting. The Historical Society is donating a hardbound copy of the book to Peninsula High School, Key Peninsula Middle School, Minter Creek and Evergreen Elementary Schools. Tim, Susan and Caitlin Kezele generously donated a copy of the book to Vaughn Elementary School.

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VETERAN'S VOICES
By Eileen Young

The crocus are blooming and the daffodils are not far behind. If we can just keep our heads above water, spring will eventually get here.

Now to the reality of things. The flu bug has laid a few of our friends low, Irene and Roxyanne Wooldridge, Roy Glass and Mary Wiler to name a few who have been bitten by the nasty fella. Marguerite Bussard had her operation on February 17th and a report from her daughter is that she is coming along well on her road to recovery. To any one we do not know about that is under the

weather, we wish you all a speedy recovery.

Commander Cy wishes to thank the membership for the wonderful response in paying your dues. He is happy to report the post is well over 106%. Meanwhile, the ladies have met their 100% and owe a big thank you to all their members.

During the auxiliary "open" meeting (the second one every month), Jean Barnes will demonstrate the making of the wonderful teddy bears she makes to give to the hospitals and trauma units. If you enjoy sewing and would like to learn the basics, February 22nd and March 22nd at 7:00 PM in the Civic Center.

The ladies will be going to Retsil again in April to help with bingo and again they need volunteers and cookies. Can you help? Call Roxyanne at 884-4407.

We sincerely hoped you are all using these rainy days to create something to donate and sell at the VFW Spring Bazaar on May 1st at the Civic Center. We appreciate any and all donations and the money goes to good causes here on the peninsula.

A big welcome to two new post members, Arthur Patterson and Dave Rice. Remember comrades, meetings are the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7:00 PM and the ladies serve refreshments for a nice social end to your evening.

Recognition night will be April 26th. Post and auxiliary will recognize deserving folks from our community as well as those who fly Old Glory on a regular basis. It should be a nice social get together complete with refreshments so plan on attending at 7:00 PM at the Civic Center.

The latest word on the crab feed is there is no latest word! Everything is on hold due to the weather, crab availability, price and general uncertainties, but our hopes are high and we will keep you posted.

Think spring, see you next month, meanwhile here is something to think about "Attitudes are contagious. Is yours worth catching?"

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