

RAINIER BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB

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FEBRUARY 1980 NEWSLETTER

CUSTODIAN-RENTALS

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The February 12 STAR!
Wayne Parker, that genial
one-man band who sets feet
atapping! A real treat!

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

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DATELINES AND DEADLINES!

Every effort is made to have the monthly Newsletter available at least four days before a meeting date. Therefore, it is important that a deadline be set for the receiving of news items and information. It is the last Monday of the month preceding publication, i.e., February 25 for the March Newsletter. Also, it is preferred that the copy be mailed in, although some will be accepted over the phone if it develops or is available only at the "last moment."

THE SCHEDULE!

Tuesday, February 12, coffee period, 7 p.m., General Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 26, Board Meeting, at the Bob Ridder residence

Tuesday, March 11, A special and exclusive program: Jim Power, son of Julie Power, and his wife, Mary Alice, will provide a personal first-hand look at mystic Saudi Arabia where they made their home for four years with Jim as a Professor of **Chemistry**. Don't miss this one!

ACTION!

At the January 22 Board Meeting, it was voted to send a strong protest to Superintendent David Moberly against the proposed abolition of Franklin High School and replacing it with a new structure on the Genessee landfill. One argument was that the landfill will still not be settled enough to permit a structure on that site. Further, it was contended that renovation of Franklin and any necessary addition would be far less costly than a new building. It is noted in the Seattle Public School "Design for the Future: Schools for Seattle's Families," that it is recommended that Emerson Elementary School be closed for a year for remodeling. There was no mention of what would happen to the student body.

It was reported that no reply has been received from Neal Peterson to the club's previous letter reiterating its request that the Rose St. turnaround of buses be changed to S. Henderson St. and was voted to send another demand for such a turnaround, with letters also to be sent by other organizations of SESCO (South End Community Organizations) of which the community club now is a part. It also was voted to send a protest to Metro against another proposed fare increase, especially the inequality in the city and county rates.

The letter sent to the Mayor protesting the proposed move of the Seward Park Art Studio brought results. A letter from the Mayor reported that the proposed cuts were restored during final budget deliberations.

After outlining the benefits the club can accrue from the club's membership in SESCO, and explaining how the plan of cooperation between the member organizations, Bruce Orienstein, Staff Director, reported that SESCO is moving into new headquarters at 3808 S. Angeline St. A meeting was to be held there (Bethlehem Lutheran Church) on January 31, with Stu Weiss and Marie Wilson representing the community club.

8 PM
Mar 11 Bob Ridder
35-10 canvas

A committee of Carline Kuehnert, Keith Wiltse and Connie Schwab was appointed to decide how much it should cost for the refinishing and waxing of the clubhouse floor. Also, a committee is to be appointed to review the present budget for the possibility of raising the custodian's remuneration as well as to decide how much to increase rental rates which are far below those charged by other community organizations.

RECYCLING BENEFITS!

Bob Ridder urges that more papers, bottles and aluminum cans be brought to his home in the continuing drive to financially benefit the club through the recycling process which now brings \$14 per ton. Our thanks to Bob for handling this project.

A GREAT NEED!

It was so surprising but highly gratifying to have such a good attendance at the Christmas program on that wind and rainswept night of December 11. It made the difference between a drab evening and an enthusiastic one. For the most part, our meetings have been poorly attended. We have members who do not attend, mostly because we do not have interesting programs. We need something that WILL bring out the people - some way of showing people that they need the community club and that the club needs them. It's a matter of simply putting our shoulders to the wheels; of cooperating with each other; of turning in ideas for evenings of accomplishments, the old community spirit, and entertainment; It's a challenge to all of us to solicit members, strengthen the club, work unceasingly for the betterment of the community, and provide a greater social impact. No one person can do it! So, let's get with it, together!

A FRIEND INDEED!

When the club is in need of entertainment, it can always depend on Wayne Parker. Yep! that one-man band will provide the entertainment at the February 12 meeting. His music and chatter really livens things up! So let's have a good turnout and give Wayne a big hand!

HOBBIES!

It has been suggested that we have a hobby show at one of the meetings, possibly in April. There are several persons in our community who have hobbies. So, wouldn't it be interesting to have a display of their talent - painting, carving, planting, etc. If YOU have a hobby, please let us know at the February meeting so we can sign you up.

ESPECTING!

It is expected that a Court of Honor will be held at the February 12 meeting for the Boy Scout Troop 215 which is sponsored by the community club. Organization of that troop goes back 52 years, according to Keith Wiltse, making it one of the oldest in the city.

Ed Mitchell, President

March 25 Pol Mtg

8/6.30 / ticket for Mar 6 follies

Ans 7:07 at Connie's house

Apr 8

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IMPORTANT!

Cancelled
The March meeting has been ~~moved up to MARCH 4~~, starting at 7 p.m., by a majority vote at the February meeting. At this writing, no definite program has been set, but there will be business matters of importance. But it also may be a shorter meeting than usual because several regular members will be unable to attend. So, those who can, please be there.

EXCLUSIVE!

The APRIL 8 meeting will be one you will not want to miss. It will provide us an exclusive look into Saudi Arabia - its people, its life, etc. - given by Jim Power, son of Julie Power, and his wife, Mary Alice, who were residents of that country for four years, with Jim as a professor of chemistry. Please attend and bring your neighbors!

SHOW TIME!

Mona Sobattka has arranged for a theater party at the Music Hall on Thursday, March 6, as a benefit for the club. The price will be \$6.30 per person with \$1 going to the club. It is necessary to sell at least 25 tickets, and every effort will be made for us to be seated together. Also, most of us will go as a group by bus. Please contact Mona immediately to sign up and for any further information.

MEMBERSHIP!

It is urgent that we increase our membership. The goal is 100 before the season ends in May. It is hoped that beginning prior to the fall meeting in September that a concerted membership drive can be started with a special emphasis on getting the business and professional people in our community to join. Each of us can do our part by inviting - in fact, urging - persons to join. They need us, and we need them, to make a greater impact for and in our community.

IMPRESSIVE!

The February 12 meeting was really outstanding and with a good attendance. And what a lively evening of entertainment was provided by ever-reliable Wayne Parker! Our thanks again to him for contributing his unique talent to the meeting. We also were impressed by the Court of Honor for Boy Scout Troop 215 sponsored by the club. The following progress awards were made: Scout-Kenneth Young, Phillip Dixon, George Brown; Star-Kevin Raich; Merit Badge-Kevin Raich (rowing and canoeing); Skill-Lance Boyack (pioneering), Mark Edwards (rowing and canoeing). A special appreciation award was made to Ron Edwards, father of three scouts, for his many years of working for and supporting Boy Scout work. It was accepted by his wife.



IMPROVEMENTS!

Plans are being developed to improve the clubhouse kitchen, especially better lighting and eventually new flooring, and other work to make the area a more workable and desirable place. Ralph Bladen and Bob Ridder have studied the needs, and volunteer help will be needed. It is hoped that the Women's Club will cooperate in the project. Meanwhile, Connie Schwab has been given the authority to arrange for at least a trial test of doing over the auditorium floor.

FINANCES!

As of this date, the club has \$913.10 in the checking account and \$1,053.97 in savings, for a total of \$1,948.76.

IN MEMORIUM!

Fern Larson who passed away on February 18 after a long illness. She helped organize this club in 1947 and was active in it for several years before moving from the community. She served a term as President, helped stage and performed in the club's financially successful two-night Minstrel Show and a two-night carnival, was Chairperson of the Entertainment Committee, directed club dramatic and comedy skits, and served on the Executive Board.

Ed Mitchell, President

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APRIL NEWS LETTER

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APRIL 8 MEETING

Coffee Time 7:00 p.m.

Program-Meeting 7:30 p.m.

"A Personel Look At Saudi Arabia"

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EXCLUSIVE! A look at the somewhat mystic country of Saudi Arabia will be presented at the April 8 meeting by Jim Power, son of Julie Power, and his wife, Mary Alice. They were residents of Dhadren for four years, with Jim a professor of chemistry at the University of Petroleum and Minerals. Dhadran is about ten miles from the super port of Damman on the Persian Gulf (renamed the Arabian Gulf). The entire family travelled extensively throughout the Middle East during winter breaks and school vacations, visiting Sri Lanka (Ceylon), Iran, Iraq, India, Egypt, Pakistan, Kenya and Crete. They also travelled across Saudi Arabia by car on a camping trip. This is a program you will not want to miss.

BOARD ACTION! At the March 25 meeting of the Executive Board, the following action was taken: Caroline Kuehnert nominated for President; Marie Wilson renominated as Secretary; Audrey Norman elected to succeed Ingrid Wiltse as Treasurer; Dorothy Holman, Mono Sobottka and Ed Mitchell appointed as the Program Committee; Stu Weise said he will continue as Land Use Chairman; Ralph Bladen nominated for Vice President. Further nominations will be open from the floor at the April 8 meeting for those offices as well as for four trustees.

A NEW LOOK! The clubhouse kitchen already has a bright new look, thanks to the diligent work of Bob Ridder and Ralph Bladen. They installed a double 9 ft. long fluorescent light, painted the ceiling and papered one wall. There's more to be done, and when the project is completed we will have a facility that will be up to date and of which we can be proud.

A VITAL MEETING! For anyone who is interested in attending, a Southeast Seattle meeting on "Proposed Multi-Family Land Use Policies" will be held on Thursday, April 3, at 7:30 p.m. at the Rainier Beach Community Center, Rainier Ave. S. and S. Henderson St. We expect a representative from the club to be there.

QUICKIES! Our sincere thanks to Mona Sobottka for arranging the Music Hall Theater party which netted the club \$36.00.***We also greatly appreciate Connie Schwab and Caroline Kuehnert for arranging for the cleaning and waxing of the clubhouse floor.***The ever interesting "Luncheon Is Served" will be hosted by the Rainier Chapter of the AARP on Tuesday, April 8, at Barton Place, and by the Women's Association at the Rainier Beach United Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, April 9, each starting at noon.

A DEBATE! The May 13 meeting should be a humdinger! For the main feature will be a debate centered on this presidential year - not necessarily dealing with the candidates exclusively but involving some of the hot issues which concern the entire country. It will be moderated by Bob Ridder.

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SPECIAL EVENTS! An Easter egg hunt for children will be held on Saturday, April 5, starting at 10:00 a.m. on the soccer and football field at the Rainier Beach Community Center. It will be sponsored by the Parks Department and Rainier Beach Recreation Advisory Council. A special Olympics (swimming) for the handi-capped will be held on April 19, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., in the Rainier Beach Community Center pool.

RESIDENTIAL CONCERNS! More house meetings should be held by members of the club on community concerns about their neighborhood and Southeast Seattle to be presented to SESCO. Marie Wilson has stressed the importance of such meetings. There has been an outcry of protests against the ugly wooden poles being installed for the trackless trolleys, whereas metal poles have been and are being placed in the North End and other areas. The club's request that the Rose St. bus turnaround be eliminated and moved to the vicinity of Barton Place looks more favorable. However, the club must continue to keep pressing for such a change.

Ed Mitchell, President

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THE CALENDAR

May 13 General Meeting
Coffee Hour: 7:00 p.m.
Program: 7:30 p.m.

May 27 Board Meeting
Mitchell residence
7:30 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE! In view of the high interest and controversial nature of this year's presidential nominations, the evening of May 13 will begin with five-minute speakers on President Carter, John Anderson, George Bush, Ted Kennedy and Ronald Reagan. This will be followed by a time for rebuttals and questions from the audience. Also, there will be a further opportunity for nominations for community club officers; then the election. The installation will be at the opening fall meeting on September 9. Committee nominations are: President, Caroline Kuehnert; Vice President, Ralph Blayden; Secretary, Marie Wilson; Treasurer, Audrey Norman; Trustees: Howard Davenport, Mona Sobottka, Stu Weiss, and Howard Wilson.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT! A proposed development of several four-story condominiums at the Kubota Gardens was presented at the April 22 meeting of the Executive Board of the club. It calls for housing 480 families; the original famous Japanese garden will be retained but, according to present plans, will not be open to the public. The developers say it represents an investment of \$15 million. Further details will be presented at the May 13 meeting.

PROGRAMS! Efforts will be made to arrange for 1980-81 programs well in advance of the general meetings. Instead of this responsibility falling solely on the shoulders of the Vice President, it will be handled by a committee comprised of Dorothy Holman, Mona Sobottka, and Ed Mitchell. It also is hoped that plans can be made for an extensive membership drive. Club members who are interested in participating in this important and much needed project are asked to contact the club President.

THE REAL SPIRIT! The community spirit prevailed over the desire to see the start of the Sonics game by several persons attending the major portion of the April 8 meeting. And how gratifying it was to have such a good turnout for the Saudi Arabia presentation by Jim and Mary Alice Power. We admit that we rushed the order of business, but that was because we knew that several persons wanted to rush back to the TV and see the finish of the game. If more persons had the old community spirit of supporting the club in its efforts to make our area a better place to live and work and to oppose anything detrimental to our welfare, we'd have better crowds and more interesting meetings. It's discouraging when only a handful show up. So, let's get into the spirit for the May 13 program and all future gatherings.

BE ALERT! The community must continue to be on the alert - and the club leads the way - in combatting efforts to build high-rise structures, especially on the Lake Washington waterfront. All too often such plans are made with little, if any, advance notice to the community. In fact, some of the potential developers of such projects are downright sneaky in the way they try to put over their proposed projects. So far, some such proposals have been blocked, thanks mostly by the sterling objections, in person and in writing, by Stu Weiss, Mona Sobottka and Marie Wilson. More members of the club are needed to help spearhead the battle.

HIGHLIGHTS! Construction has started on the new branch library on Rainier Ave. S. near Barton Pl.***Lil Dunn, who was active in the club for many years before moving out of the community, died recently in Everett. She and her husband, Ellis (also deceased), operated a variety store at the present site of John Merrill & Son. Their son, Robert, is a priest in the Episcopal Diocese of Olympia.***A set of rules and regulations for renters has been posted in the club hall and kitchen, and each renter will receive a copy as well as an agreement to sign.***Ingrid Wiltse is recovering nicely from surgery.***Harold Inghram says it's a "hit and miss" recovery from surgery on a cyst on his left hand.***Orval and Ruth Wiltse would appreciate hearing from YOU.

Ed Mitchell, President

5 min. talk.
5 min rebuttal
15 min

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SPECIAL JUNE NEWSLETTER

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COMMUNITY-WIDE MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 16, 7:30 P.M.
KUBOTA GARDENS

This special meeting, to which all interested persons are urged to attend, has been called to hear plans for and discuss a proposed multi-million dollar condominium development at Kubota Gardens in our area. The project eventually would house 480 families with parking under the buildings. Representatives of the development company will present the details, there will be a question and answer period, and, if desired, the audience can act on the proposal.

A VITAL MEETING

Of importance to our community is a Metro Transit meeting for this area, Monday, June 9, at 7:30 p.m., at the Rainier Beach Community Center in the Middle School area. This is one of a series of city-wide meetings on the 1980-1990 plans by Metro Transit, in which is projected improved services, the purchase of equipment, financing, special transportation and many other aspects, all designed to provide a better system for Seattle and King County. This is an outstanding opportunity for residents in our community to speak up, so it is hoped that there will be a large turnout from our community. It is open to the public - so BE THERE if you possibly can!

RISING COSTS

It has been recommended, due to increased costs in electricity, heat and general maintenance of the community club premises, that dues be raised to \$3 per person, or \$5 per couple. This will be acted on at the September 3 meeting.

BETTER METRO SERVICE

It's good news from Metro Transit. As of September 1980: During the mid-day period (9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, there will be a 10-minute service from Prentice St., instead of the present 20-minute service. Also, adjustments have been made to the schedule from the 2:30 until 6 p.m. period, based on ride checks and driver and rider information. Offers added express trips beginning at 2:25 p.m. from downtown Seattle to Prentice St. and some local trips late in the afternoon deleted. Saturday service will be improved from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. with service to and from Prentice St. every 20 minutes. The Sunday schedule will remain the same as at present. No buses will turn back at Rose St. Other than the special and speedier services for our area, all other No. 7 buses will turn back at Graham St. or continue to the end of the line at Prentice St. Metro also is negotiating the possibility of an emergency turn-around at Fletcher St. for No. 7 Rainier coaches when snowstorms or other natural phenomena cause problems. Route No. 7 is expected to operate via trolleys in February 1981. This latest information comes from Olga C. Cheney, Community Involvement Supervisor, for Metro Transit. At the May Board Meeting, it was urged that on the express runs, the first stop be at Graham St. instead of Genesee St. because with Genesee St. as the first stop there is standing room only from downtown.

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FIRST MEETING OF THE FALL

Tuesday, September 9

6:30 p.m., Potluck Dinner

7:30 p.m., General Meeting:

Kubota Gardens Report

35th District Legislative Candidates

Installation of Officers

LOOKING AHEAD

September 23: Board Meeting, Holman residence, 7:30 p.m.

October 1: Luncheon & Card Party, Women's Club, noon

METRO SCHEDULE

Effective this month, the following Metro schedule will begin, according to Neil Peterson, Executive Director of Metro:

No scheduled buses will turn back at Rose St. except when snow storms or other natural phenomena create problems.

Most No. 7 buses will continue to the end of the line at Prentice St. except during weekday commuter hours when some local buses will turn back at Graham St. On weekends, every other trip will terminate at Graham St.

During the mid-day period (approximately 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, there will be 10-minute frequency of bus service to and from Prentice St.

On Saturdays, frequency of bus service will increase to 20-minute intervals to and from Prentice St.

Sunday service will remain unchanged.

The proposed turn-around and bus layover location at S. Fletcher and 57th Ave. S. has been withdrawn at the request of the Rainier Beach Community Club Board.

Additionally, it is anticipated that electrification of Route No. 7 will be completed and trolleys will be in service by the early part of 1981.

Geraldine Larrancee, Community Involvement Specialist, reports that weekday express service will be "roughly" from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m. from Prentice St. to downtown, and from 2:30 to 6:00 p.m. from downtown to Prentice St. For any further information about the No. 7 route, call her at 447-6626.

DUES ARE DUE

The smart thing is to pay the yearly dues right away - \$2 per person. For, if the September meeting concurs with the recommendation of the Board, the dues will go up to \$3 per person, or \$5 per couple.

THE PROGRAM

We will kick off the 1980-81 season on Tuesday, September 9, with a potluck dinner starting at 6:30 p.m. Bring the food of your choice --- hot, salads, desserts, etc.; also bring your own tableware (dish, cup, knife, fork, etc.) Coffee, milk and juice will be provided. Legislative candidates from the 35th District have been invited to attend the dinner, then to speak and answer questions at the General Meeting which will start at about 7:30 p.m. It also will be the time to accent a membership drive, and all who attended the special meetings on Kubota Gardens, and an urge to join the club to strengthen the continuing action for the betterment of our community in particular and the city in general. Petitions pertaining to Kubota Gardens will be available to sign. The following will be installed:

President, Caroline Kuehnert
Vice President, Ralph Blayden
Secretary, Marie Wilson (re-elected)
Treasurer, Audrey Norman
Trustees, Mona Sobottka, Stu Weiss, Agnes Webster

PAPER WANTED

Bob Ridder emphasizes that everybody bring all their newspapers and bottles to his front porch (or call him) so he can transport them to the recycling plants for the financial benefit of the club. At the August Board Meeting, he turned over another \$90 to the club. He has no idea of the total amount he has turned over to the club, but it is considerable. We thank him for the long hours and extensive work he has given to this worthwhile project.

THE WOMEN'S CLUB

A fall luncheon and card party will be sponsored by the Rainier Beach Women's Club on Wednesday, October 1, starting at noon. Admission will be \$2. Please call Audrey Norman to make reservations.

IT'S 30!

In the newspaper vernacular, "30" means the end. And that's the way it is to me as the Club President for 1979-80. I deeply appreciate the honor of being elected to that office, although my leadership has not been sensational and what we did accomplish was due entirely to the cooperation of the membership. I am so grateful for that cooperation, especially by the Executive Board members and, in particular, to Dorothy Holman and Agnes Webster for the use of their home so often for the Board Meetings. So I will retire from the presidency at the September 9 meeting but will continue to be actively helping arrange programs and do the monthly Newsletter. In regards to the latter, I thank Janet Clark and Newell Davis in the printing of the letters for distribution to the membership. I wish the incoming officers and trustees the best of luck. But they will need even more cooperation. Their aim is to establish a stronger club and to achieve that we must concentrate on bringing in new and more members. It would help so much if each present member would bring in at least one or two newcomers as well as to reach out to former members who, for some reason or other, have been inactive, even in attendance. So, let's get on with it --- support the club in every possible way with dedication and determination to obtain the goals we set for the welfare of the community we represent. Attending the meetings and working for the club is far more important than, for instance, staying home in front of TV sets, even if they involve important sports events. The welfare of each of us and the community as a whole must be first and foremost. So, thank you again for enabling me to give some of my time and efforts to our club.

Ed Mitchell, Retiring President

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OCTOBER 14 PROGRAM

7:00 p.m. Coffee Period
7:30 p.m. General Meeting
- Feature, "Crime Prevention" Coalition Speaker
- Initiative 24 discussion

OCTOBER 28 BOARD MEETING

Home of Bob Ridder
7:30 p.m.

A VITAL MEETING! The October 14 meeting is of vital concern to every home in the community: crime prevention. This will be the subject of Madge Bailey, of the Seattle Police Dept., who will discuss the stepped-up program of the Police Dept., including the use of a new computer system to meet the increased crime rate in Seattle. We owe it to ourselves as home owners or renters or having to be on the streets particularly at night to learn how we can protect ourselves and to get protection. Let's all be there!

PAYING UP! Passed at the September meeting is a new rate of annual dues: \$3 per person, \$5 per couple, effectively immediately. The best thing is to bring your dues to the meeting; however, if you must mail them in, address them to the community clubhouse. If you paid in person, or mailed in, the previous rate of \$2 per person, before the new rate went into effect, it will be accepted. If you haven't paid up yet, do so right away. We need your membership and your financial support.

THE LEADERSHIP! Following are the present officers and trustees:

President	Caroline Kuehnert	(725-0545)
Vice President	Ralph Blayden	(722-2965)
Secretary	Marie Wilson	(722-4885)
Treasurer	Audrie Norman	(722-1055)
Trustees	1981, Harold Ingraham, Howard Wilson, Bob Ridder 1982, Dorothy Holman, Keith Wiltse, Virginia Woodward 1983, Mona Sobottka, Stu Weiss, Agnes Webster	
Membership Chairperson	Mary Messina	(725-5249)

TRANSPORTATION! Our thanks to Metro for the improved bus service to and from Prentice St. But, remember, this was made possible by the pressure from our club. Meanwhile, many complaints have been voiced about the poor service this far south by Empire Way bus #142. Perhaps this should be brought up for action at the October 14 meeting.

BE INVOLVED! A meeting on area desegregation concerns, primarily on school feeder patterns, will be held at Franklin High School, Wednesday, October 15, at 7:30 p.m. The one-in, one-out committee urges more people to become involved so as to get more information to various organizations in the whole Rainier area.

CHEERS! There's nothing like a card from the community club to cheer up and brighten anyone who is ill, at home, or in the hospital, or in some other kind of trouble. Dorothy Holman is our Sunshine Lady, so if you know of anyone in the community, club member or not, who should receive cheering up, please contact her at 723-4838.

HAPPENINGS! The first meeting of the Rainier Beach Chapter of SESCO was held recently at All Saints Episcopal Church. It was chaired by Jerry Anderson, of Rainier Beach United Presbyterian Church***Our Marie Wilson was on TV recently for SESCO, to which our club belongs, stressing that 1,400 more school students are being bussed out than back***Our thanks to Mary Messina for handling the membership program. For information, write her at 9753-60th Ave. S., 98118***Also, our thanks to Ralph Blayden for repairing the two chairs in the Ladies Lounge at the clubhouse, and to Bob Ridder for installing a glass panel near the front door, and for his gathering of papers and bottles for recycling. Up to September, he has brought more than \$179 into the club. Bring your papers and bottles to the front porch of his home (5809 S. Roxbury St.) or call him (723-9457) and he'll arrange for pick-up's***Paint will be provided by the club for the Boy Scouts to paint the clubhouse basement floor***The Pioneers of Columbia will meet on Saturday, October 11, at 2:00 p.m., at Columbia Congregational Church. Bring your old photographs of the "Way Back When" area***The October 14 coffee hour will be hosted by Mary and John Messina and Marie and Howard Wilson***There will also be a presentation on Initiative 24 to be on the November 4 ballot.

ACHIEVEMENTS! The recently improved Metro bus service from and to Prentice St., with a 10-minute service weekdays and elimination of the Rose St. turn-around, is a striking example of what determined, untiring and concentrated efforts can be achieved by the community club. For the benefit of newcomers to the area, and as a reminder to long-time residents, let us cite other achievements over the past several years: obtaining the first fieldhouse at the then Emerson Playfield and recreational equipment and lighting; conducting community-wide meetings which led to the overall paving project; removal of a large, unsightly log boom from the south end of Lake Washington; widening the lower side of Waters Ave. S., from 64th St. S. to past S. Perry St., to provide better parking and traffic conditions; prevention of establishment of a tavern in the then Guthrie Addition on Renton Ave. S.; obtaining direct bus service to Prentice St. instead of having to take a shuttle bus from 57th Ave. So. and Rainier Ave.; removal of unsightly buildings and junk areas along Rainier Ave. S. in the growing business area; a two-year weekend canteen in the clubhouse which helped curb juvenile delinquency; vigorously opposing high-rise buildings, especially along the waterfront; and many other objectives obtained for the welfare of our community. Several years ago, we also staged musical and variety productions and a weekend carnival at which the famous late Eddie Peabody, banjo artist, was the special guest. They greatly benefitted the club financially and the community socially. The club has not rested on its laurels, but continues its main objective of improving the area, such as supporting the new branch library, now under construction; opposing concerns which are still trying to erect high-rise construction, which, in many cases, would eliminate our scenic advantages; in general opposing the proposed extensive condominium development at Kubota Gardens; joining SESCO to preserve and increase the betterment as well as to improve other areas of Rainier Valley; and cooperating in other ways to make our city a better place to live and work. We were instrumental in obtaining the site and naming Rainier Beach High School, and are still dedicated to improving our educational facilities and system. We must have a strong club to make an impact and be successful; hence, it behooves us all to support the club in every possible way. This can be achieved by those who have stayed away from the monthly meetings to resume their activities and for present members to try to bring new ones into the organization, including cooperation by our churches and businesses. Certainly, our past and present achievements and objectives should be an incentive for more community involvement.

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MEETING TIME
Tuesday, December 9
Christmas Program
7:00 p.m.

JOY TO THE WORLD

The Christmas spirit will prevail at the meeting of the community club Tuesday evening, December 9, at the clubhouse, 61st Ave. S. and S. Pilgrim St. It will be an evening of festivity with little, if any, business. Ray Helman's piano mastery will set the pace for a musical salute to the happy holiday season including the traditional audience singing of carols and other popular music of the season - all starting at 7:00 p.m.

Everyone is urged to bring cookies or other goodies. Coffee and tea will be provided. Let's all get together and have a wonderful time!

A SPECIAL MEETING

President Caroline reports that she has been contacted by Melodie McCutcheon, of the City of Seattle, for rental of the clubhouse on "Kubota Gardens" on the evening of January 13. It is presumed that this will be a public hearing. The City's "Multi-Family Land Use Policy" documents will be sent to Stu Weiss. *7:00 PM*

THE CHRISTMAS SHIP

Howard Wilson announced that the Christmas Ship will visit our area, although at this time the date and time have not been announced. (Watch the papers for details.) However, the community club plans to turn it into a Rainier Beach welcoming event, providing cookies for the hot chocolate served by Rainier Beach Community Center Advisory Council.

THE 142 BUS LINE

Marie Wilson reports that a letter has been sent by the Transit Committee to Gerry Larrence, at Metro, requesting improved service on the #142 line. She will meet with Olga Cheney and several other persons on Friday, December 5, at 10:30 a.m. to discuss the problems.

THIS AND THAT

Bob Ridder has agreed to represent our organization on the Board of the Rainier Community Action Center***There is some feeling that the rail leading to the front door is unsafe. Harold Inghram has volunteered to check it out***It is the general consensus that the "budget" be left in limbo for the time being***No general meeting in January.

MAY THE GLORY AND JOYS OF CHRISTMAS FILL YOUR HEARTS AND HOMES! MAY THE NEW YEAR ENRICH YOUR LIVES TO THE FULLEST!

Edwin Mitchell, Editor

