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President's Letter

Happy New year, y'all. I'm playing music now with a woman from Alabama so I'm brushing up on my Southern accent.

So here we are. I'm now your President for the fifth year in a row. It's not that I'm so lovable, it's just that no one else both qualifies and will do it. There is a slight problem developing here. My health is not what I want it to be at this time, so this absolutely will be my last year as President. Someone else will have to get qualified and step up to the task. To run for President, you have to be on the Board.

So now we come back to my usual plea. I'll quote from my last newsletter article, "We need you on your Board so that great things like the SummerFest, Salmon Bake, Easter Egg Hunt, Streets of Garage Sales, and the Christmas Tree Lighting contest can continue to take place." Kevin DeLashmutt, who married last year, has stepped down from the SOTS Board. Kevin, a former President, has served this community faithfully for many years. Without Kevin's leadership and no replacement for his service in this area, there was no Christmas Tree Lighting contest this year.

Joe Cail, also a former President who has served this community faithfully for many years, has stepped down from the SOTS Board. Joe has been Mr. Salmon Bake for many years. Some of the guys who have in the past so ably assisted Joe may step in to take his place, but we really need more backup. What I've been saying all along is that we need more members of this community to step up and help make the wonderful things happen that happen here, or they won't continue to happen here.

One new member of our community will be visiting our Board meeting at 7 PM on Thursday, January 8th at my house and I am hopeful that he will decide to sign on with us. We have one husband and wife team that are tag teaming it to be able to attend Board meetings. We have another husband and wife team that may try to do the same now that we've adjusted our meeting night. We have a former Board member that may also be able to rejoin us now that the meeting night no longer conflicts with her other community commitments. Come join us.

Give me a call at 206-242-3554 or 206-356-0482 or email me at barrettk@bkbusiness.com and give me the happy news that you'd love to join your SOTS Board of Directors.

Barrett W. Knudsen
President

Officers and Board of Directors

The Shorewood on the Sound Community Club Board consists of:

- > President, who must have served one year as a previous director
- > Vice-President, who is elected
- > Secretary, who is elected
- > Treasurer, who is appointed
- > 9 board directors, who are elected

These elections are scheduled to occur at the annual meeting in November and these positions must be filled by residents of the Shorewood on the Sound Community. There is one additional position which is not filled by election and that is the past-president, if the past-president continues to live in the community.

Election of Community Club Officers

At our November, 2014 General Membership meeting, Barrett Knudsen was re-elected as President, Tim Wilhelmi will continue as Vice-President and Gary Harris will continue as Treasurer.

Patty Knudsen was re-elected to the Board of Directors. New Director Randy Churchill was elected to the Board of Directors.

The remaining Directors: Bob Edgar, Chestine Edgar, Rand Fullington, Ron Goroski still have time on their terms of office. Some Board positions remained unfilled.

Welcome to Our New Board Members

At our January, 2015 Board meeting, we filled a number of vacant Board positions.

Board Position #1: Beth Kleparek

Board Position #2: Jean Spohn

Board Position #3: Vacant

Board Position #4: Dana Wheelock

Dana Wheelock was also confirmed as Club Secretary.

There is still one Board vacancy. If you are interested in serving as a director, contact the president or the newsletter editor for more information. The club can only remain vital and active if everyone takes a turn at serving the community.

Welcome Wagon

We have had several new neighbors in the past few months as indicated by Welcome Wagon packet deliveries. Each new neighbor is personally delivered a packet containing a directory, a Shorewood on the Sound mug and a recent newsletter. Our new neighbors really do appreciate the Welcome Wagon delivery. If you know of any new arrivals in the neighborhood, leave a note on the SOTS website for Patty Knudsen to welcome them.

Retirements from the Board

The end of 2014 saw two long-term Directors retire from the Board. **Joe Cail** has been active in various roles since 1988 and **Kevin DeLasmutt** has been active since 1992.

Since 1988 **Joe** has held the following positions:

- > Board member
- > President
- > Secretary
- > Web-Site Master
- > By-Laws Review Committee
- > View Trimming Facilitator
- > Non-Profit Status Committee
- > CC&R Committee
- > Beach Clean
- > Beach Maintenance Chair
- > Summer Event Chair
- > Summerfest Chair
- > Oktoberfest Chair
- > Salmon Bake Chair
- > Swap meet Chair
- > Easter Egg Hunt with wife, Margaret
- > Adult Event Chair
- > Progressive Dinner Chair
- > Children's Halloween Party Chair
- > Children's Christmas Party Chair
- > Blockwatch member with Margaret as chair.
- > Earthquake Awareness
- > Powerlines Committee
- > Shorewood CPR Nights at the Fire Station.
- > Chair of the Candidate Nights and Public Forums

Since 1992 **Kevin** has held the following positions:

- > Began serving in 1992, when he converted our SOTS Directory file from Dbase to Excel and confirmed addresses and phone numbers for the club.
- > Board member
- > President
- > Vice-President
- > Secretary
- > Started, maintained and edited our current website
- > Beach Committee Chair and beach patrol
- > Powerline Committee Chair
- > By-Laws Committee chair, rewrote our bylaws and remapped the neighborhood, including updating the legal description back
- > Created the current Directory and was the Directory Committee Chair (publish all but two of the directories from 1993 to present)
- > Started the original CC&R Committee in 1994
- > Started SummerFest with Joe Cail on the street in front of his house
- > Brought back the Pack Rat sale (but not at Shorewood Elementary) as Streets of Garage Sales
- > Started the Christmas Decorating Contest
- > Chaired the Easter Egg Hunt
- > Chaired the Salmon Bake
- > Served on the Communication Committee
- > Served as Newsletter Editor

Both Kevin and Joe worked on making sure we have club insurance and incorporated the club as a 501(c)4 organization so that our beach property is better protected and no taxes are due.

So if you are seeking historical information on any of the above listed topics, please contact either Joe or Kevin for information.

The Shorewood on the Sound Community extends our thanks to both of these Board members for their combined 48 years of community service and generous, long term commitment to the community. And, if you happen to see Joe or Kevin in the neighborhood, let them know that you also appreciate the unselfish volunteering of their time to make Shorewood on the Sound Community a better place to live.

Upcoming Community Events

Place these items on your calendar:

- > Discover Burien "Best of Burien" Nominations and voting due in by March 5
- > ESC Beach Naturalist Training, begins March 10
- > CSI Salmon count and survey presentation, March 11
- > Discover Burien Annual Fundraising dinner, March 20
- > SOTS Easter Egg Hunt, April 4
- > SOTS Garage Sale, June 13

Web Site Help Needed

This year the club needs someone to take over managing the website. Please contact the President or Newsletter Editor if you are willing to do this task.

Annual Club Dues

With this newsletter you will find your dues bill and the survey. Please return it as soon as possible.

Year of the Directory

We will be preparing the Neighborhood Directory this year. So when you get your membership dues form and your survey, please fill it in correctly as we will use that information for the Directory. Also, please include your email address as we are considering an electronic distribution of the Newsletter.

Salmon Creek Ravine Work Party

We parties are regularly scheduled. Please contact Jean for next event. Also check the B-town Blog for announcements.

All residents of Shorewood on the Sound are welcome (and even urged) to participate. Meet your neighbors and help make our community just a little bit better. Tools, gloves and snacks will be provided.

~ **Jean Spohn**, jeanspohn@centurylink.net

We also hope to be working with the Boy Scouts again this year to do several things in the Salmon Creek Ravine area:

1. Finish measuring and mapping the creek as part of the creek survey process.
2. Helping with additional plantings to enhance the vegetation along the creek buffers.

We will need some club members to help the Scouts with these tasks.

Some other projects that the Scouts may want to contact the City about and partner with the City and SOTS are

1. Litter clean up in the creek.
2. Signage for the area.

Bob Edgar