Happy 1994 to all!

A persistent rain failed to dampen the spirits of nearly a hundred Islanders who gathered around our living Christmas tree on December 11 for the tree-lighting ceremony. Decorations prepared by the children at the school were hung on the branches and the lights were lit. After a few carols, the group moved to the Landing for hot chocolate and various Christmas goodies. Many thanks to all who contributed their time and effort with a special thanks to Fay Garman who "hatched" the idea over a year ago and worked hard to make it happen.

PINA is still looking for more volunteers to be trained as study circle facilitators. No experience is necessary. If you are interested, please sign up in Feeney's or call one of the PINA officers: Norm Proulx (2246), Charlie Hale (5013), Kay Taylor (2811), or Loretta Voyer (2523). Do it soon.

The next PINA Steering Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, January 13, 7:30 PM, at the Sr. Citizens Center. The public is always welcome to attend.

In an effort to make it easier for our older members to attend, the January membership meeting will be held on Saturday afternoon, January 29, 1:00 PM, at the Community Building. Reports will be given from the Mayor's Advisory Committee and from several PINA sub-committees on issues of vital interest to all Islanders. A specific agenda will be posted later in the month.

I would like to say a big "Thank you" to the Lions, Legionaires and friends for their get well wishes, flowers, cards, calls & visits while I was in the hospital. It was a good feeling to be remembered by so many...Thanks again... Jimmie Brown
THANK YOU TO ALL THE ISLANDERS WHO MADE THE TREE LIGHTING CELEBRATION A BIG SUCCESS!!
A SPECIAL "THANK YOU" TO ALL (YOUNG AND OLD ALIKE) WHO BRAVED THE RAIN AND WIND TO ATTEND.

BRACKETT MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Tel. 766-5013
PASTOR: Rev. Charles Hale
Sundays: 9am- Sunday School; 10am-Worship; 4pm-Bible Study (at the Parsonage)
Wednesdays: 6:15pm- AA Meeting (in Fellowship Hall)
Thursdays: 9am-Bible Study at Senior Center

January 11 (Tuesday) Noon-UMW Meeting at Mary Dennison's. Bring a sandwich and share the fellowship.
17 (Monday) Noon-Sr. Citizens Meeting and Program
22 (Saturday) 5:30pm Ham & Bean Supper followed by a special program.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
FATHER CARRIER, PASTOR
RECTORY; ISLAND & CENTRAL AVENUES

Winter Schedule of Masses:
Weekdays: 7:30 am at St Joseph's Chapel
Weekends: Sat., 4 pm, Sun. 9 am in the Church Hall

Activities:
Sunday - Coffee and cake in Church Hall after Mass
Wednesday - 7:30 pm in Church Hall. NO BEAN O TIL APRIL!
Thursday - Bible study, 9 am at the Senior Center Prayer Group - 9:45 am, Erico home. For prayers call 2284, 2502, 2641, 2266.
FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING - 1st Sunday of the month after 9 am Mass and at 11 am at Brackett Memorial Methodist Church 50/50 CLUB - Contact Jim or Joyce O'Brien for more information.
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - JAN 21 IN PARISH HALL FOLLOWING MASS.
PARISH CONCERNS - Contact Paul Johnson 2910 or Fr. Carrier

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Donations to this months printing of the STAR were made by PINA and Anon. I and II. Thank you very much.

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A BIG THANK YOU to the PEAKS ISLAND LIONS CLUB
for their generous donation to the Peaks Island Star.
PORTLAND RECREATION ON PEAKS ISLAND

JANUARY ACTIVITIES

If you would like to reserve the Community Room, you must contact Denise (766-2970) at least two days in advance. Do not leave a message on the machine. If Denise is not available, please call 874-8793 during regular business hours. Please note: The Community Center is in use on Monday and Thursday evenings as well as the first Tuesday of every month.

**ISLAND ACTIVITIES - OPEN TO ALL ADULTS**

**Craft Workshop: Recycling Your Christmas Cards**
Wednesday - January 5
1:00 pm - Community Center

Bring your used Christmas cards and we can decide together what to do with them.

**BINGO**
Thursday - January 6
1:00 - 3:00 pm - Senior Center

Bring one prize for each card you want to play (i.e. - canned goods, note cards, etc.)

**Movies In Your Own Backyard**
1:00 pm - Community Center

Wednesday - January 12
Thursday - January 13
Feature: Walt Disney's Fantasia
You decide the feature to be shown!

**Share Your Favorite Ethnic Food**
Wednesday - January 19
1:00 pm - Community Center

Bring samples and the recipe to share

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**OFF-ISLAND ACTIVITIES for ADULTS**

Pre-registration required for all off-island activities. Senior adults are given top priority. Non-seniors may register on a space available basis. Sign-up sheets are at the Sr. Center. Please call 766-2545 for Sr. Ctr. hours. Registrations left on the answering machine CANNOT be guaranteed. Space is limited. A minimum of 8 people is required, unless otherwise stated. If you have any questions, please call Denise at 766-2970.

**FALMOUTH TRIP:**

**SKILLINS' WORKSHOP and SHOPPING AT K-MART & RICH'S**
Tuesday - January 18
8:15 am boat/no later than 3:15 return

Workshop at Skillins is on Bird Feeding. Deadline to register is January 11. Priority will be given to those who want to attend workshop and shopping.
A Happy New Year to you! We enjoyed sharing holiday festivities at the Senior Citizen Holiday luncheon. There will be toasty warm hands this winter with all the wonderful mittens knitted for the children at the Center. We also enjoyed sharing our homemade bird feeders and listening to music played by Mike Richards and Bill Cooley.

With colder weather settling in, we'd like to remind you about our COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP each Wednesday morning from 10:15-11AM. It's a great time for those of you with infants/toddlers to come and visit our space and enjoy the company of other adults and children. This is offered on a drop in basis.

We continue to keep our Food Pantry stocked for anyone who might need extra food. Just stop in or give a call and we'll arrange delivery.

Our School Age Program has been busy creating a winter scene showing all the outdoor activities we have to look forward to.

All ages have been enjoying our Woodworking area...making incredible creations from wood scraps donated by Forest City Lumber. We are always happy to receive clean wood scraps for this area...just drop them by or give us a call.

Thanks to all who contribute their Bottle Return money to our account at Feeney's!

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Peaks Island Health Center
Winter Hours:
(beginning Monday, November 29)
Monday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Thursday, 3 to 8 pm
◆ Call 766-2929 for an appointment
◆ Walk-ins welcome

A dentist will be at the Health Center all day:

Tuesday, January 4
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Where else could you get an appointment so quickly for cleanings and fillings? Call 874-1025 today, and ask for RENA.

The Health Center Board and staff would like to publicly thank Bob and Carolyn Love for the festive wreath and window box decorations at the Center.
NEW BOOKS

FICTION
Piers Anthony
Cindy Bonner
Catherine Coulter
Frank Deford
Suzanne Goodwin
Annie Proulx
Judith Viorst
Sarah Woodhouse
Herman Wouk
Happy Thyme
Lily
Wyndham Legacy
Love and Infamy
While the Music Lasts
Postcards
Shipping News
Murdering Mr. Monti
Enchanted Ground
The Hope

*Winner of National Book Award 1993
Graduate of Deering High School, Portland

NONFICTION
Terry Anderson
Tom Clancy
(Readers Digest)
Natalie Goldberg
Lewis Grizzard
Anne Halpin
Alexandra Stoddard
Barbara Woodhouse
Den of Lions
Submarine
Writing for All Seasons
Bones: Freeing the Writer Within
I Took a Lickin' and Kept on Tickin'
Cutting Gardens
Creating a Beautiful Home
No Bad Dogs

Book Discussion
The Book Discussion Group will meet Tuesday, January 4, 7 PM. January's book: Jazz by Toni Morrison. (February's book: Dangerous Woman by Mary Morris.) Please join us.

Computer Ready for You
The Macintosh LC3 computer, purchased by the Friends of the Peaks Island Library, is up and running and available for public use. A number of people already have used it, and we hope you will help us get the word out to anyone you think might like to use it.

So far, we have Clarisworks software and a StyleWriter II (inkjet) printer. The computer and software are the same as those used at the Peaks Island School, so students and their parents might like to come in together. Recently a third grader from Albany, New York, was showing his Peaks Island kindergarten brother how to type his name on the computer, because he had the same equipment at his school in Albany.

Anyone wanting to use the computer may reserve time ahead or come in and take your chances. Printing will be 5 cents a page to cover costs of paper and ink. Please bring a floppy disk if you want to save your work.

And again, THANK YOU to the Friends of the Library for this wonderful gift.

Valentine's Poetry
Love poetry? Love poetry, that is. Speak to Suzanne Parrot-Wolf if you are interested in a poetry reading at the library for Valentine's Day. Plans are forming.

Island Libary News
SENIOR CITIZENS

God willing, and weather permitting, the Senior Citizens January pot luck will be at noon on January 17, Martin Luther King Day, at Memorial Hall of Brackett Church. There will be a guest speaker.

The notable Christmas party of the season was the Senior turkey dinner and gift exchange with the Child Development Center. Blanche Wilder, along with Grace and Don Wright, were in charge of arrangements, as well as preparing the turkey to perfection. The "fixings" of vegetables and desserts were contributed by the rest of us.

Christmas music was supplied by Jan Sullivan, Bill Cooley, Mike Richards, Sherry Cline, Trudy Howard, and children of the Child Development Center. The first gift exchange consisted of pine cone bird feeders that the children gave their elders in exchange for grandmotherly mittens Senior Citizens had crafted for the children.

This exchange was followed by grab-bag exchange among the elders. It is only on Peaks Island, where there are no school buses, that older folk can catch a glimpse of so many children on the street, as well as on our way to and from the mainland. May we continue to celebrate for many Christmases to come!

Now that winter is upon us, with its uncertainties of weather upon us, we are particularly grateful to Fern Parker that we can count on the Senior Center being open and available at least between ten and eleven each week-day morning, as a place for the weary traveler to sit down for a moment, and perhaps for the visitor to get his bearings. Fern would appreciate hearing from anyone available on the island weekdays at noon to give a hand to delivering meals-on-wheels. Each team for a day includes someone to carry meals into the homes, as well as a driver with a car. The number at the Senior Center is 766-2545.

If you could help extend the hours that the Senior Center is open, get in touch with Grace and Don Wright at 766-2635. We would like to have people be able to count on the Center being open mornings until 12:30 and for at least an hour or so afternoons. The Senior Center is available evenings and week-ends for committee meetings and special events. Dates may be cleared through Gretchen Hall at 766-3381.

Each year, the Christmas mitten project ends with more yarn on hand at 20 Lower A street than when the season began. As a result, that address has turned into a yarn re-cycling center. Denise plans to pick up yarn there for her craft projects. The Child Development Center could use more mittens and caps and scarfs until the end of cold weather. Your older friends could use a shawl or afghan. And if you find you no longer get around to crafting with yarn, bring what you have left for re-cycling.

Virginia Adamson and Ellie Goodwin are offering a prize to the Senior Citizen who signs up the most new members by July 1st.

A Joyous New Year to all — and to all a "God bless you."

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The Friends of Island Animals will meet on Tuesday, January 18, 1994, at 7 p.m., at the Senior Center. Anyone interested in improving the situation of the island's stray cats and dogs is invited to attend.