

“SHARE THE LOCAL BOUNTY” FCA Annual Meeting April 20

Save the date for the not-to-be-missed annual meeting to begin at **6:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 20 at the Hall at Fauntleroy**. Once again our local eateries will highlight their menu specialties. The “bounty” to be shared is not only food, it is also the richness of leisure time to spend with our friends and neighbors.

We will also recognize some Fauntleroy neighbors who have made a real difference by taking on a particular project that has brought a significant

value or aspect to the area.

Information tables will address local issues and the business portion of the evening will consist of holding election of officers for the next year. Board service is an interesting and rewarding way to give back to your community.

To submit your nomination for officers or inquire about joining the FCA board, contact any board member or attend a board meeting.

FAUNTLEROY CHILDREN'S CENTER CELEBRATES 25 YEARS !

By Kim Sheridan, Director

A quarter century has passed since the Fauntleroy Children's Center opened its doors. This milestone provides an opportune time to say “Thanks!” to the many residents who have encouraged us over the years and to tell new residents a bit about our history and program.

In 1977, several members of Fauntleroy Church formed the Fauntleroy Community Service Agency (FCSA), a private, non-profit corporation to address the growing need for high-quality childcare in the neighborhood.

Originally housed in the church and called the Fauntleroy Day Care Center, we opened in September 1978 with 15 preschool-aged children. By June 1981 when Fauntleroy School closed, we had doubled in size and needed more space. FCSA negotiated a lease to move the center into the north wing of the schoolhouse, where we are today. Along with changing our address, we changed our name to the Fauntleroy Children's Center.

Since then, we expanded to serve children from infants to school age, added “Kindergarten Readiness Through the Arts” (a half-day option for preschoolers), and became the only childcare program in West Seattle to earn accreditation from the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs.

The more than 100 youngsters currently enrolled include many children of former students. And we

recently welcomed the first grandchild of an alumna!

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The children of the center enjoy a sunny day.



Mayor Greg Nickels cuts the ribbon to open the Fall Festival, generously co-sponsored by the FCC

We congratulate the Fauntleroy Children's Center on this milestone!

LOST AND FOUND IN FAUNTLEROY

By Larry Carpenter

With Lynn Olson's directions in my lap, how could I get lost in the middle of Fauntleroy, especially since I'd just eaten at Endolyne Joe's weeks before? But now it was dank, dark and December, and all those Christmas lights made me wonder why I was bothering to go to a Fauntleroy Community Association meeting when I could have started on my Christmas shopping.

A year ago, after retiring on the East Coast and moving to Alki, I drifted into the Alki Community Council to see if there was any volunteer work. Being new to Pacific Northwest nuance, I didn't realize I'd get a battlefield commission as secretary! Next thing I knew it was December 2003 and I was trying to figure out what to do about traffic and bringing our bylaws into the 21st century.

When I appealed to Stan Lock, West Seattle's Dept. of Neighborhoods Coordinator, he didn't bat an eye: "Phil Sweetland's your man," he said. Phil graciously filled me in on the FCA traffic study and directed me to that great FCA website, where I found the traffic study as well as the latest bylaws.

After downloading the info, I felt my mission was accomplished. Then I took a peek at the FCA minutes archives. They were so well done I thought I'd

check with secretary Lynn Sealey to get some tips. Turns out she was in Florida! I was really impressed now. So I rang up the other Lynn. She invited me to the next meeting, emailed the agenda and put me in touch with other associations. This was all just two days before the meeting on Dec 9th. Still, I didn't figure I could get much more from the actual meeting, so I was even more querulous by the time I found a parking space near the schoolhouse. What a pleasant surprise awaited me! The FCA Board members and others at the meeting couldn't have been nicer. They even had me listed on the agenda as a guest from Alki. Bruce Butterfield ran a tight meeting and I got some ideas for improving the way we run ours.

Subsequent to the meeting, I have continued contact with Lynn Olson and have had useful exchanges with Bruce Butterfield, Judy Pickens, Gary Dawson and Lynn Sealey. The community of Fauntleroy is fortunate indeed to have such a dedicated and talented group at work. Our two neighborhoods and their issues are different, but similar in many ways, so I hope to continue our contact. Thanks for the warm welcome and useful advice.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO APPRECIATE YOUR GOOD NEIGHBORS

February is the month that the city of Seattle celebrates and appreciates neighbors, with February 7 having been designated as Neighbor Appreciation Day. If you have a neighbor deserving of a special THANK YOU, it's not too late to express yourself! We have included a free, blank appreciation card, created by Grace Levy, a Coe Elementary fourth grader, for your use. If you'd like additional cards (they're free), call or stop by your Neighborhood Service Center at 4750 California Avenue SW or call (206) 684-7495.

KEEP THE LIGHTS ON IN FAUNTLEROY

Have you walked our neighborhood streets at night? Did you notice that several streetlights are either off or blinking on and off? You can help keep the lights on by reporting the number on the light pole to the 24-hour hotline, (206) 684-7056. City Light will come and repair the light once they know it is not working.

FESTIVAL DONATIONS MAKE ENDS MEET

By Vicki Schmitz

Donations to the Fauntleroy Fall Festival last October exceeded our hopes and paid for the cost of the festival. The community responded in a very positive way, boding well for future years.

Cash donations received at the event were \$510.05. Board members sought community support as well to keep this unique event as affordable as possible. Cash and in-kind donations were received from The Port of Seattle, Fauntleroy Church, Fauntleroy YMCA, Nucor Steel, Acordia Northwest, Tuxedos and Tennis Shoes, Little Pilgrim School, Fauntleroy Children's Center and several individuals-- \$3,500 donated in total!

Expenses were about \$2,233, leaving a modest surplus as "start-up funds" for the next festival. We continue to receive donations designated to the Fauntleroy Fall Festival included with FCA membership renewals.

Special thanks to our fabulous organizing team, to our many donors, sponsors, and to the community for its support. Way to go!

CHILDREN'S CENTER (cont'd from page 1)

The center has greatly benefited over the years from the many parents and other community members who have contributed in countless ways, from being on our advisory board to donating to our annual dinner auction.

Of special note is the exceptional service of Jack Pierce and Roberta Weeks, both of whom have

been on the FCSA Board since its inception. Many of the center's 32 staff members have been with us since our earliest days. Such dedication enables us to enrich the life of every child entrusted to our care and speaks well for the character of the community we serve. Stop by and visit us. We'd love to have you see what's happening in the school if you missed us at the Fauntleroy Fall Festival.

"Time Flies – A Look Back After 25 years" 17th Annual Dinner Auction

Benefiting *Fauntleroy Children's Center*

Saturday, March 20, 2004, 5:30 PM at the Hall at Fauntleroy

Emcees Mayor Greg Nickels and KING 5's Jim Dever with Bob Watt, Auctioneer
Live and silent auctions feature a signed Edgar Martinez baseball and "The Double" statue

Tickets \$44 or \$425 table of ten

For item donations or reservations: (206) 932-9590 or email FauntleroyChildrensCenter@yahoo.com

WELCOME YOUR NEW NEIGHBOR WITH AN FCA WELCOME BAG

Do you have new neighbors? FCA's welcome-to-the-neighborhood gift bag is just the thing to break the ice and get acquainted! In it, your new neighbors will find information to help them settle in, a jar of homemade jam to brighten breakfast,

even a bar of handcrafted Cedar Creek Soap is included!

To request a welcome bag for your new neighbor, contact Barbara Burgess (206) 935-9167 or email bburgess@quidnunc.net.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

Did you know the FCA is an all-volunteer organization? Many of our volunteers have been working to respond to the needs of the community for several years and we warmly welcome new neighbors who step forward to take on a particular task. Lynn Sealey's resignation (see President's Notepad, page 7) as board secretary has left a vacancy we need to fill soon!

Most of our volunteer opportunities require only a small time commitment, for example, quarterly mailing parties for *Neighbors*, Cove Park maintenance, and once a year work on the Fall Festival,

annual meeting, or nature event. Other volunteers represent Fauntleroy's interests on the Southwest District Council, South Sound Ferry Advisory Committee, Watershed Council, and edit this newsletter. In exchange for your time, you will have the pleasure of working with other dedicated community members to keep Fauntleroy a wonderful place to live. Attend a board meeting (second Tuesday of the month in the conference room at the Fauntleroy schoolhouse) or contact any board member to inquire about becoming involved in the many ways FCA serves the community.

A note, included with a membership renewal from a neighbor who moved out of Fauntleroy, reads, "***Even with my moving—would like the newsletter and to support the FCA and all the good work you do.***" We appreciate your comments!

What one neighbor can do....

MAILBOX MISCHIEF NO MORE

After a few incidences of mailbox pilfering in the 9600 block of 47th Avenue SW, Bob Aiello decided to see what could be done to halt the problem. Over the course of several Saturdays of canvassing the street, he got the required "at least 12 houses in a row" to sign on and 47th Avenue SW now has a new, centrally located security mailbox for residents, installed at no cost to the users.

The process is straightforward. Get everyone to agree, complete an application form (available at any Post Office), and within a few months, your neighborhood security mailbox will appear.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

This calendar and FCA's Website publicize events that are solely or primarily of a service nature, organized to enrich or entertain residents, improve the neighborhood, or enlist support for the needy. Submit information at any time to the editor by email to news@fauntleroy.net.

OCTOPUS WEEK – Join Aquarium staff **10:00** a.m. to **5:00** p.m. **February 14 through 22** at Seattle Aquarium, 1483 Alaskan Way, for a week of fun and learning about this fascinating creature. For information or registration, call (206) 386-4353.

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT COUNCIL – **Wednesday, March 3**, with sign-in at **6:45** p.m. in the President's Boardroom of the South Seattle Community College. (Council meets the first Wednesday of the month.)

FAUNTLEROY WATERSHED COUNCIL - Open to all residents concerned about Fauntleroy Park, creek, and other natural areas. **Thursday, March 11**, at **7:00** p.m. at Fauntleroy Church

FCA BOARD MEETING - The FCA Board will meet **Tuesday, March 11, April 8, and May 13**, starting at **7:00** p.m. in the conference room at the Fauntleroy schoolhouse. Members are welcome. For details about the agenda, call President Bruce Butterfield at 932-2400.

FAUNTLEROY CHILDREN'S CENTER 17th Annual Auction and Dinner – **Saturday, March 20, 5:30** p.m. For details, see page 3.

FCA NATURE WALK – **Sunday, March 21, 1:00-3:00** p.m. Fun filled, environmental, child friendly guided walk in Fauntleroy Park with naturalists. Details at www.Fauntleroy.net.

COVE PARK CLEANUP – Come One! Come All! It's time for Spring Clean at Cove Park. Meet at the park on **Sunday, April 25 10** a.m. to **2** p.m. to help beautify Fauntleroy while you meet your neighbors. Bring the kids, gardening tools, gloves, and friends. Questions? Contact Ann Dawson, garyann@quidnunc.net or 937-7163.

KING COUNTY DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER: 2004 CONFLICT RESOLUTION COMMUNITY TRAININGS Two-day intensive workshop *Conflict Resolution Skills For Work & Home* **Wednesday, 2/18 and Thursday, 2/19** and **Tuesday, 7/13 & Wednesday, 7/14** followed by a one-day intensive workshop *Advanced Conflict Resolution Skills* **Tuesday, 4/20** and **Saturday, 11/6** (prerequisite: Class I). Classes teach methods for resolving conflicts. For information, contact Sue Ann Allen, Training Director, King County Dispute Resolution Center at (206) 443-9603 x106. Space is limited, registration required.

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The FCA Board meets on the **second Tuesday** of the month at the conference room at the Fauntleroy schoolhouse, starting at **7 PM**. Any FCA member is welcome to attend. FCA's mailing address is **P.O. Box 46343, Seattle, WA 98146-6343**. Web address is **www.fauntleroy.net**

Contact *Neighbors* Editor, Martha Callard, by email at **news@fauntleroy.net**

WATERSHED NEWS

LOW SALMON RETURN PROMPTS HABITAT STRATEGY

By **Judy Pickens**

For the second year in a row, the number of coho returning to Fauntleroy Creek was disappointing, especially for our 33 faithful salmon watchers. They counted just four fish, two of which apparently spawned.

Returns were also way down in other Seattle creeks but abundant in rural areas. Theories about why have been floated but the bottomline here is that, unlike prior years, we never saw coho schooling in the cove. Like prior years, though, we always learn from whatever return we have.

In consultation with agency specialists, we chose to concentrate for at least the next year on learning more about the creek as rearing habitat.

"We have no control over the ocean conditions that can make or break our salmon return," noted Tom Linde, "but we do have some control over what this creek produces. That seems like the place to focus."

Again this spring, he and Steev Ward will trap everything that leaves the creek, giving us two years worth of data about smolts leaving on time and any smaller coho leaving early.

Seattle Public Utilities has asked teachers to time salmon releases for maximum survival of fry in the wild. Also expect to hear more about water quality as we work with city and state agencies to monitor chemicals affecting salmon habitat.

For more about the salmon return and other projects, see the Fauntleroy Watershed Council's 2003 annual report at www.fauntleroy.net/watershed/reports.htm.

TRAFFIC PROBLEMS TARGET SAFER CROSSING

Work continues in our efforts to address the traffic problems in our neighborhood. Our current emphasis is working with the traffic planning department to find viable options for making it safer to cross Fauntleroy Way in the area of the playing fields and wading pool. Megan Hoyt (SDOT) is

leading this aspect of our traffic project. Community involvement, especially by those who live close to the park, would be especially helpful. If you wish to offer your comments or receive information on progress or meeting dates, please email Kim Petram at kim@petram.org.

WASHINGTON STATE FERRIES

By Gary Dawson

The Washington State Ferries web-site www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries has a selection, among many others, titled Public Outreach. This page provides information on Ferry Advisory Committees and public meeting schedules.

South Sound FAC, meetings (comprising Vashon, Southworth and Fauntleroy FACs) rotate among the three locations, winter, spring, and fall. Attendees regularly include FAC members, key ferry system managers, and residents of Vashon, Kitsap County, and Fauntleroy/West Seattle with specific or general interests relating to the ferries. One or more members of the Fauntleroy FAC –

Bruce Butterfield, Gary Dawson, and Chuck Sawyer – is in attendance representing Fauntleroy/West Seattle. The next meeting will be March 16, 6:30 p.m. at Sedgwick Junior High School, Port Orchard. The next local meeting is May 11, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Fauntleroy school-house. Look for confirmation of this date on the website.

If you'd like to attend, you're welcome to do so. If you'd like a concern or issue regarding ferries brought up in your behalf, contact a Fauntleroy FAC member. Phone numbers and e-mail addresses are listed elsewhere in this newsletter and on the website.

AN INVITATION TO REST AND RELAX ALONG THE WAY



An inviting place to rest as you walk or jog around Fauntleroy awaits you at 9252 44th Avenue SW where, what must be Seattle's tiniest park is located. Valari Caine installed Rose Hall Park several years ago. In that time, Val has enjoyed "her" little park herself, but derives great pleasure from watching passersby stop for a rest. Rose Hall Park is one of Fauntleroy's many delightful surprises.

"WHO TO CALL FOR HELP WITHIN THE CITY OF SEATTLE" BOOKLET

Looking up numbers of public offices and services can sometimes be challenging. This little booklet, "Who to Call For Help...", prepared by the City of Seattle Department of Neighborhoods, is available at your Neighborhood Service Center. Its purpose is to direct you to the city agency that can help you solve your problem. While its primary focus is on citizen safety, it will also refer you to the city departments and services that can help you deal with a range of "Most Common Citizen Concerns," alphabetically from **A**bandoned Vehicles to **V**icious Animals.

The function and responsibilities of each city agency are described, as are the most common concerns handled by that agency. Complaint line, general information telephone numbers, and website addresses, are provided in an easily accessible format. Emergency and non-emergency telephone numbers are clearly indicated. There is even a section entitled "What if the City is the problem?" describing the Citizens Service Bureau. To obtain a free copy of this helpful booklet, visit the Neighborhood Service Center at 4750 California Avenue SW or call (206) 684-7495.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S NOTEPAD

FAUNTLEROY'S HUMAN TREASURES

By President Bruce Butterfield

Ladies and gentlemen, it's happened again! I've found myself bursting with pride thinking about the wonderful people who've helped us accomplish much over the 20-some years of our neighborhood association.

What brought this to mind was the recent "retirement" announcement by **Lynn Sealey** after more than 12 years as FCA's secretary. She has been rock-steady with pen in hand recording and publishing what we say and do - but that's only the start of it. She has attended almost every meeting and been a tireless volunteer for neighborhood projects and events. Lynn established and maintains an extensive e-mail list, sending timely updates on neighborhood events, and prepares accurate meeting minutes for documentation and website posting. We can't say THANK YOU enough times to cover all of Lynn's contributions over the years.

We wouldn't have our FCA website today if it weren't for **Mike and Mary Ashby**. Countless hours went into developing and posting this valuable online resource for neighborhood information. Serving on the board for years (including some for Mary as co-chair), they've volunteered at so many events and were the first coordinators of our new neighbor welcome bag program. In recent years they have also created and grown their Cedar Creek Soap business, while keeping their day jobs, and still helping around Fauntleroy.

A couple of years ago, they handed off the website to Chris Nack, who is taking www.fauntleroy.net to a new level. Now Mike and Mary have passed on the welcome bag coordination to Barbara Burgess (see separate story). We know they will still contribute a lot but we're thanking them and giving them a break from "assigned duties" for a while.

Financial management and reporting for FCA could have been a nightmare as our treasury and activities grew over the years to include many grants, donations, and specific projects and events. For 11 years, **Kim Suyama** served as treasurer, maintaining accountability and integrity. Not all that long ago, she brought Vicki Schmitz up to speed on that assignment.

Also during that period, **Judy Pickens** created a newsletter that's given us credibility and made us stand out among neighborhood associations. **Phil Sweetland** developed our membership database well beyond the old index cards and keeps our mailing process tidy. And Phil and

Judy are world-class stewards of our Fauntleroy Creek. **Gary Dawson** is a champ as well, keeping us connected with the ferry system and with city, county, and state officials. Dozens of folks have been involved in creating and maintaining Cove Park, working on traffic issues, stewarding the watershed, and

pulling off our fantastic fall festival. Let's all salute the contributions made by these and so many more to our unique quality of life in Fauntleroy. Consider them an inspiration when an opportunity comes your way to express your passion or interest toward our common good.

Many FCA board members and other stalwart volunteers have been helping for 10, 15, or more years. Our bylaws call for officer elections each year and we invite you to vote at our **annual meeting, 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 20 at the Hall at Fauntleroy**. If you would like to join the Board, become an officer, or volunteer in any way, please come to our February or March board meeting or call any of us to explore which leadership or support role is right for you.



STAY INFORMED

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

www.fauntleroy.net

"If winter comes, can spring be far behind?"

Percy Bysshe Shelly, *Ode to the West Wind*



An Extraordinary Day In Fautleroy! *The steep hill in the 4700 block of Brace Point Drive SW made for superb sledding on our one really snowy day this winter. Children and adults all around Seattle mirrored this scene on their own favorite hill. This group enjoyed the ride downhill from the 47th Avenue SW circle. Some energetic sledders crossed Fautleroy Way SW and continued down the lane to the waterfront. This was a day to be savored at the time, and now remembered, until the next significant snowfall.*

CELEBRATE THE FIRST DAY OF SPRING
AT THE FCA NATURE WALK MARCH 21



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