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A NEW YEAR, A NEW LOOK

By Martha Callard

Happy New Year to our Fauntleroy neighbors from your FCA Board. You will notice that we have made some changes to our format as you go through this issue of Neighbors. We hope to keep you better informed of the activities of the FCA and the community. We are counting on you to let us know what you think of our new look and features. Your emails (news@fauntleroy.net) or phone calls (Martha Callard, Editor, 932-3236) are welcome, in fact, we invite your feedback! Also, just a reminder, you are always welcome to attend our monthly business meetings held the second Tuesday of the month at 7 PM in the board room just inside the main entry of the Fauntleroy School House.

Our goal for 2008 is to improve our communication with the neighborhood. In addition to

three issues of Neighbors each year, you will receive post cards with important information from time to time throughout the year as well as occasional e-mail announcements of activities and events.

Among the items on the FCA calendar this year is the Fauntleroy Food Fest and Annual Meeting March 18. Our local eateries, Original Bakery, Endolyne Joe's, Guadalajara Restaurant, Bird on a Wire Espresso, Tuxedos and Tennis Shoes and Abbondanza Pizza have already committed to providing their usual extraordinary food samples. Without their participation, this event would not be as popular or as tasty! We urge you to patronize these good friends of the FCA.

Our 2008 plans include a special business meeting June 10 with Seattle Police Department

and the Parks Department talking about community issues. In August, a special Kids Day in Lincoln Park, Neighborhood Night Out activities and Fall Festival fund raiser at Guadalajara Restaurant are scheduled. Cove Park clean-ups are set for April and September and to wrap up the year, watch for announcements of the (October 19) Fauntleroy Fall Festival and the Salmon Drumming event at the creek overlook.

Another big change for us is establishing a common dues renewal date for all members. This change will make it easier for you to renew your membership in the first quarter or at our Food Fest and Annual meeting.

Our goal is to better serve the Fauntleroy community. Your feedback will help us accomplish this goal.

BRING RAPID RIDE TO FAUNTLEROY

Have you heard of Rapid Ride? It is Metro Transit's plan to ease congestion and speed commutes to the downtown area by providing frequent, streamlined bus service in and around Seattle. Metro is seeking community input on Rapid Ride routes and has scheduled a number of community meetings to hear citizens' thoughts on what service each area requires. The question for us is will Rapid Ride extend to Fauntleroy or will it end at Morgan Junction? An open house to hear your thoughts on proposed routes will be held at the Hall at Fauntleroy,

9131 California Avenue SW on January 24 5:30-8:30 PM. All are encouraged to attend this very important meeting.

Governor Gregoire recently stated, "It's (Alaskan Way Viaduct) coming down in 2012, I'm taking it down." That loss and the continuing effect of ever increasing ferry traffic, will hamper our access access to and from downtown and points north. It is essential that we get Rapid Ride service to Fauntleroy. Even if you don't

use public transportation now, as traffic flow and West Seattle population density continues to increase, the availability of efficient bus service to and from our neighborhood is imperative to keep automobile traffic down by providing a viable alternative. Your attendance at this meeting can help achieve this end. Bring your neighbors, bring your friends, talk about the upcoming meeting and be ready to let your opinion be heard!



DELIVERING WELCOME BAGS AND MORE....

By Ann Dunbar

You may have seen him on the Lincoln Park tennis courts, but did you know how much Leon Harmon has done for our community in his spare time? This last year, he has greeted 7 new neighbors on his street with FCA Welcome Bags. This outreach is not surprising considering his work in past years to support the West Seattle area.

Leon grew up in the Gatewood neighborhood. He and his wife Elaine built their home on Tillicum Street in 1961, where they still live today. He worked for the city as an electrical engineer, but still found time to help with important community-building projects. One such project was joining voices with other Seattle residents to convince the state to make Blake Island a State Park so it could be a shared place. He also helped initiate the petition to build the tennis courts across from Lincoln Park,

where he still plays today!

Working more directly with the FCA, he participated in the creation of Cove Park, the small beach next the Ferry dock that we all enjoy. Currently he is very focused on improving the deteriorating sidewalk that connects Fauntleroy Place with 46th SW. Initially, he helped clear the blackberries until the city realized it was their job to do this on a regular basis. Now he continues to search for ways to fund repavement so that it is safer for everyone to walk on in all kinds of weather.

On his own street he has helped to establish a community feeling through the use

of a phone/e-mail list, and by making sure new neighbors are greeted with the FCA Welcome Bag. He is also inspiring other folks. After delivering one Welcome Bag, his new neighbor responded by inviting everyone on their street over for coffee. This seemed like a fun and easy way to continue the community building!

Leon joined FCA when it was first established in 1980, and he continues to contribute to our organization today. Whether it is greeting new neighbors or working to improve public spaces we are appreciative of the way that he helps to make our neighborhood a quality place to live. Thanks Leon!



VOLUNTEER? ME?

By Martha Callard

Why not you? And why not volunteer right here, in the Fauntleroy community. We offer lots of ways to get involved to help make this a great place to live and it can be done in as little as a couple of hours a year. *Yes, a couple hours a year.* Now that's not much to give and here are some ways in which you can help. For a time investment of one hour, you can join us at Endolyne Joe's for a mailing party. We'll be sending out a mailing about once a month to our membership. It's a fun way to get acquainted with us and other Fauntleroy neighbors. Or, you can attend one of our monthly business meetings. They last about two hours on the second Tuesday of the month in the meeting room at the Hall at Fauntleroy. In just minutes, you can deliver a Welcome Bag to a new neighbor (contact Ann Dunbar at 933-5575 or dunbar@zipcon.net).

FCA's Food Fest and Annual Meeting

can always use set-up, registration, Welcome Bag, or membership help. You can be a part of that successful event in any of those capacities.

to contribute to the newsletter? We are happy to have article suggestions or input (news@fauntleroy.net).

At Cove Park we hold clean-up days twice a year on a week-end morning. Donuts and coffee are provided! The peace and solitude at the fish ladder when it is time to count returning salmon every fall is a wonderful way to spend as little as a half hour, but count on wanting to return for another stint.

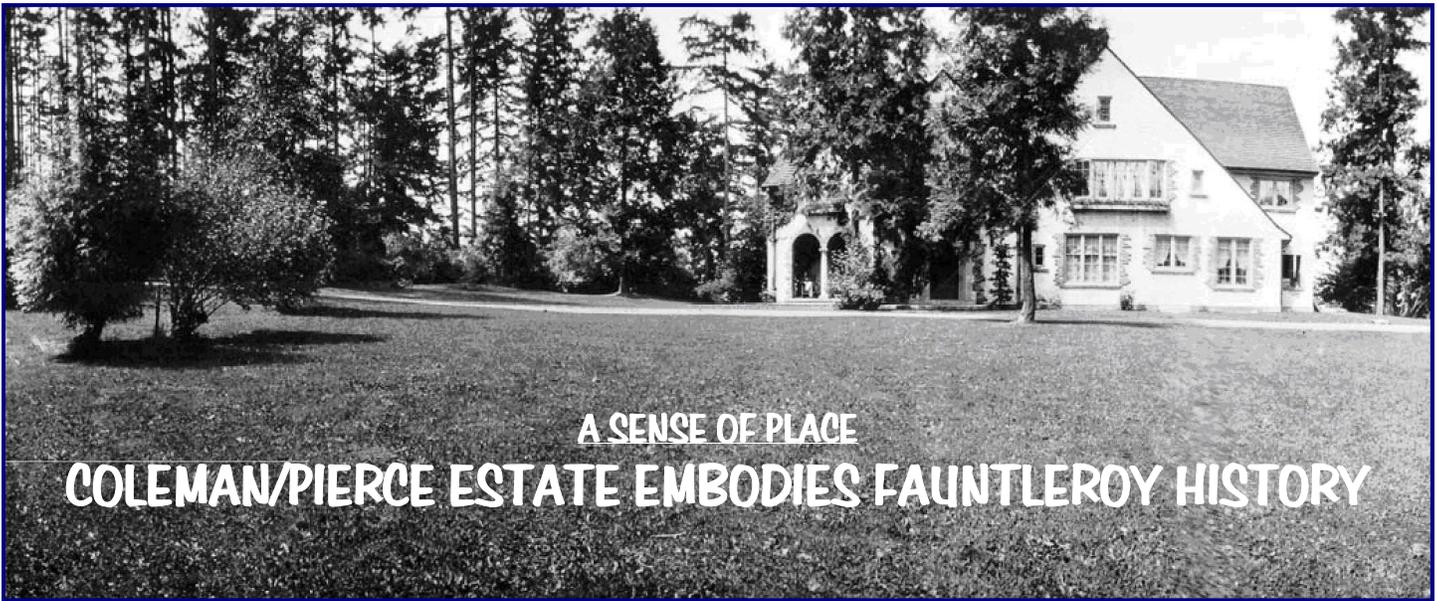
If none of these opportunities appeal to you, you can help by telling a neighbor about the FCA or passing this newsletter along to a non-member. We welcome your participation.

**THIS IS YOUR COMMUNITY
AND WE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR
SUPPORT BY VOLUNTEERING**

Working at the Fauntleroy Fall Festival hardly seems like work at all. Set-up, clean up, crossing guard duties, and staffing the various booths and activities all require varying amounts of time and talents. For as little as an hour or two, you can be a part of this run neighborhood event (kim@petram.org)! Do you have an article

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A SENSE OF PLACE COLEMAN/PIERCE ESTATE EMBODIES FAUNTLEROY HISTORY

Fauntleroy resident Edward J. Kilbourn took this photo of the Colman house in about 1930, with Laurence Colman on the porch at left. Under Lawrence and Isabel Colman Pierce's ownership, thousands of plant species replaced much of the lawn

By Judy Pickens

Only one property in Fauntleroy fits the grand image invoked by the word "estate" - the Colman/Pierce home at 9343 Fauntleroy Way S.W. Neighborhood residents enjoy the extensive garden on the street side of the house, but the home itself also has a story to tell.

That story is more public these days because, for the first time since Laurence Colman built the house in 1922, it is for sale. Grandson Jack Pierce and his wife, Leilia, are ready to pass stewardship of this Fauntleroy landmark to someone else.

To appreciate the estate requires going back four generations. Laurence's parents, James and Agnes, emigrated from Scotland a few years after the Denny party came to what would become Seattle. Driven by an entrepreneurial spirit, James made a fortune. His offspring, Laurence and George, added to it and used their influence and resources to better civic life, especially for children. Familiar institutions that trace their origins to the family's largess include Fauntleroy Church, Colman Pool, Seabeck Christian Conference Center, and the Seattle YMCA's Camp Orkila and Camp Colman.

In the early 1900s, Laurence and his wife, Ida, erected a tent house on the beach south of the present ferry pier and soon replaced it with a log bungalow. The third of their four children, Katherine, was an invalid and, to accommodate her needs,

they used some of the 17 acres of family land to build the present house.

To ensure fresh provisions, the home site had cows, chickens, horses, a vegetable garden, and an orchard. Water came by pipe from a cistern on Fauntleroy Creek in what is now Fauntleroy Park.

Designed by prominent Seattle architect Arthur Loveless, the 8,100-sq. ft. English Tudor house is sited near the western boundary of the 2.5-acre property to take full advantage of the view over Puget Sound. Landscape architect Otto Holmdahl created a garden in the Olmsted tradition, with a curved driveway and expansive lawn.

Laurence died shortly after he and his son, Kenneth, platted and developed a cluster of nearby homes that they named Laurentide. The "big house" passed to daughter Isabel and her husband, Lawrence Pierce. Kenneth moved the log bungalow on the beach to family property on Horsehead Bay near Gig Harbor and built the Colonial revival home that stands there today.

In the wake of the Weyerhaeuser child kidnapping in 1935, Lawrence distanced his family from the Colman name by moving to Olympia, where he worked in state government. He and Isabel returned to the estate in 1940, where they raised five children.

The eight-bedroom house is well suited to family living and to entertaining, includ-

ing the musical evenings that Isabel hosted in the "great room." Fauntleroy resident Bonnie Beerman recalls when she and a friend took the ladies' wraps. "We had to wear formals - it was my first one - and when we got the wraps upstairs, we tried them all on and twirled around. We felt so elegant!"

An elevator serves three of the home's four levels. A servant's staircase serves the three uppermost bedrooms. (The Colmans employed a live-in housekeeper and a chauffeur/gardener who had quarters off the garage.) White oak dominates in floors, woodworking, and the grand staircase. The four fireplaces feature tiles by Ernest Batchelder, a noted artist of the time.

To develop the garden, Lawrence propagated rhododendrons and Isabel specialized in trees and ground covers. It was often a tour destination in the spring and the focal point of fund-raisers. Their son, Jack, an orthopedic physician by profession, spent every spare moment in the garden. It currently boasts more than 2,000 rhododendron species and 80 varieties of trees.

To preserve the property as one residence, Jack and Leilia have applied to list it on the National Register of Historic Places. "We want to see it go to someone who will value its place in history," she said, "and keep it as an asset to the community."

FERRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

By Gary Dawson

Most of the recent news from Washington State Ferries, (WSF) concerned the retiring of their four oldest vessels due to excessive hull corrosion. Some of the other older vessels are being inspected as well and it is unclear at this time what the results of the inspections will be.

Although the vessel retirement causes some service disruptions on some routes, it does not seem to have an immediate direct affect on the triangle route at Fauntleroy.

Whether Fauntleroy residents use ferries frequently, infrequently, or never, one thing will remain the same in the near term, the amount of vehicle traffic to and from the ferry dock that moves through West Seattle will increase. There could be, however, a long term effect.

As we have stated in the past, currently the WSF Long Range Plan and intended route change for Southworth Ferry to go to downtown instead of Fauntleroy is on hold while the Legislature processes their Ferry Finance Legislation (ESHB 2358/1094).

It seems funding will now have to be jugged to provide resources for replacement vessels earlier than planned.

That could further delay the proposed Southworth to Seattle implementation as an additional vessel will be required for that operation. Due to the Ferry Finance Legislation, as well as the emergent vessel replacement crisis, it is impossible to predict a date when the reroute can be initiated.

And that is not to forget that the Mayor's office hasn't rescinded it's resistance to adding another car ferry route to Colman Dock!

The Ferry Advisory Committee Executive Council, of which the Fauntleroy FAC is a member, has a delegate participating with the Ferry Finance Study and the FFAC will continue to monitor progress and participate when needed in events of importance to West Seattle.

As most are aware of by now, the King County Council authorized a regional ferry district. The overall plan is quite expansive and neighboring cities and communities could see a number of passenger only vessels operating up and down Puget Sound and Lake Washington in the future.

Most important to West Seattle is the proposed increase in the water taxi schedule and King County taking over the WSF Vashon to Seattle passenger only operation by June 2009.

The continuation of this important service will certainly help more Vashon commuters commute directly to downtown and not have to bring their vehicles through West Seattle's ever increasing crowded streets.

For more details on the Ferry Finance Legislation go to <http://www1.leg.gov/legislature> and see Bill Search.

For more details on King County Ferry District go to <http://www.kingcounty.gov/council.aspx> and click on Waterborne Transit.



BOOK REVIEWS

For Adults

Madison House

by Peter Donahue (Hawthorne Books & Literary Arts, ©2005)

What a compelling read, especially if you

like to learn about Seattle's history! Not only are the characters well developed and dynamic, their stories are interwoven against the backdrop of early 1900's Seattle and those colorful times. Tales of life in Alaska during the gold rush are well told as

well, but the Denny Hill Regrade and its effect on that neighborhood forms the bulk of the story. Donahue does a splendid job of making that era in our history come alive.

By Martha Callard

For Kids

The Book of Three

by Lloyd Alexander (New York, Holt, Rinehart and Winston ©1964)

I recommend Lloyd Alexander's fantastic fantasy called The Book of Three. It is the first of a series, and I plan to read the others. At first this book was a bit hard to follow but the map and a guide of characters helps. Once you get into it, you begin to get the feeling that you get reading all great

books, you grow to love the characters like family.

The Book of Three is a story about a boy named Taran living in a small corner of the land of Prydain. Taran is not very happy with his life as it lacks adventure. The only thing the least bit exciting is his (kind of) important job: assistant pig keeper to the most powerful oracular (sees the future)



pig in Prydain, named Hen Wen. When Hen Wen escapes, it is Taran's job to try to retrieve her from the Dark Forest. Along the way Taran, gets the adventure he wanted and much more.

The Book of Three is a classic fantasy with comedy, wonderful poetic writing and a ton of ACTION! There is something for every reader.

By Maddi Groen, age 11.

ANNUAL MEETING & FOOD FEST TO BE HELD IN MARCH

Please make a note that the Fauntleroy Food Fest and Annual Meeting, our "big" event is being moved to earlier in the year and will be held **March 18th**, so be sure to mark your calendar.

Please ask your neighbors who may not be FCA members to come the meeting and join. Again this year our local eateries will be there and have pulled out all stops to have Fauntleroy residents sample their treats and specialties. After the Annual Meeting, meet up with your family and friends for dinner or snacks at our wonderful eateries in Fauntleroy. As in past years, the food sampling is free.

At the Food Festival ...

The Original Bakery and Gift Shop with its world famous carrot cake. The cake doesn't last long, so get there early



Endolyne Joe's Restaurant will be providing their latest appetizers for everyone to nibble on. Every year their 'nibbles' are wonderful — this year's offering is a surprise!



José and Maria's **Guadalajara Restaurant** serves the best Mexican Food in West Seattle. Every year José brings one of his specialties.



Bird on a Wire Espresso featuring *Raven's Brew Coffee* will again serve their hot and tasty brew.



Abbondanza Pizza will be on hand, with ultra-thin crust pizza and a vast array of tasty toppings just like NYC, the way pizza should be.



We cannot thank **Tuxedos and Tennis Shoes** enough as they have already committed to providing their usual extraordinary contributions of the **Hall at Fauntleroy**. Without their assistance, your event would not be as popular or as tasty!



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THE HALL AT FAUNTLEROY

**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS FOR
MARCH 18 AT 6:00 PM
AT FAUNTLEROY HALL**

SPAWNERS CAME THICK AND FAST

By Judy Pickens

After zero spawners in 2006, volunteers with Salmon Watch 2007 on Fauntleroy Creek were kept busy as 89 mature coho came in to spawn in November. It was one of the largest counts since 1994, when the creek had been sufficiently restored to attract spawners.



They were late in coming but, when they started, they came in droves. They were

vigorous fish, with lots of color, and they put on quite a show. Most had clipped fins, indicating that they started life in a hatchery.

"Hatcheries release coho just before they head out to salt-water and these fish don't imprint on fresh water. When they're ready to spawn, they come into any creek or river that they sense has suitable habitat," she explained. "While they're not

returning fish, they do validate all the effort that's gone into restoring healthy habitat in the creek."

Wild Fish Conservancy specialists marked several redds (nests) between the beach and 45th Ave. S.W. They speculate, though, that the eggs washed out during the big rain in early December. Just in case, volunteers will keep an eye out later this winter for any "home hatch."

A WORD FROM THE BOARD

We welcome a new year fully motivated to communicate better with the community, involve more neighbors, and continue to make a positive difference in our community.

Last year was an incredible year of advocacy. FCA members spoke out through meetings, phone calls, e-mails, and letters on issues of concern. Without the voice of members, the city and others would not know where we stand on ferry impacts,

water quality, traffic safety, and the local increase in development and density. Thank you!

Membership matters! The FCA is effective because of memberships and we welcome more neighbors to become involved. The membership schedule is changing in 2008 to have all memberships renewed in the first quarter of each year. This makes it easier for you to know when your membership expires and

reduces costs and administration of reminders and accounting throughout the year.

The FCA annual meeting and Food Fest is being moved to the first quarter of the year. This year it will be held at the Hall at Fauntleroy on March 18th. This is always an event that connects the community and updates neighbors on what the FCA has accomplished in the past year. It is also an opportunity to welcome

FCA WELCOME BAGS FOR NEW NEIGHBORS!

Do you have a new neighbor on your street who you would like to greet and introduce to the FCA? Welcome bags full of information and gifts about our area are available!

Contact Ann Dunbar at 206-933-5575

Or

dunbar@zipcon.net

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Upcoming...

RAPID RIDE (METRO) OPEN HOUSE Thursday, January 24, 5:30 to 8:30 PM at The Hall at Fauntleroy. Learn about Metro's plan to bring rapid bus service to West Seattle and encourage them to extend it to Fauntleroy.

FAUNTLEROY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Business Meeting Tuesday, February 12, 7 PM in the Board Room at the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse. All Fauntleroy neighbors are welcome to attend..

5TH FAUNTLEROY FOOD FEST AND ANNUAL MEETING March 18 at The Hall at Fauntleroy. Watch or announcements of details.

EARTH DAY April 22. Think and act to improve our environment and celebrate this world we occupy.

Ongoing...

FAUNTLEROY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION meets the second Tuesday of every month (except August and December) at 7 PM in the meeting room at the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse. All Fauntleroy neighbors are invited to join the monthly business meetings of this, your community association.

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT COUNCIL meets the first Wednesday of the month at South Seattle Community College President's Board Room at 7 PM.

FRIENDS OF FAUNTLEROY PARK invites friends and neighbors to monthly weeding parties on the second Sunday of each month, 1-3 PM. For information, call 938-1567

FAUNTLEROY FALL FESTIVAL BIGGER THAN EVER

The 5th Annual Fauntleroy Fall Festival events and activities included many of the usual features and excitement plus many new scheduled performances and attrac-

tions. Our stilt walker, generously provided by Tuxedos and Tennis Shoes, was a big hit with young and old alike. It seems everyone went home with something special,

be it a fish hat, a wooden hydrofoil, painted pumpkin and, if nothing tangible, great memories of a really fun day.



NOT A MEMBER? JOIN TODAY! Annual membership is \$25. To join, complete the membership form below and mail it with your check to FCA Treasurer, P. O. Box 46343, Seattle, WA 98146-6343. Thank You!

Name(s) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Please put my name on your e-mail calendar list to alert me to upcoming important dates and events.

NEIGHBORS LOOKING OUT FOR NEIGHBORS: BLOCK WATCH

Block Watch is a national program based on the principle that neighbors working together are the first and best line of defense against crime. Crime Prevention Coordinator, Benjamin Kinlow, Seattle Police Department (684-7724, benjamin.kinlow@seattle.gov) is working to get a Block Watch program on every block in West Seattle.

Block Watch organizes and extends what you are probably already doing on an informal basis, watching out for your neighbors. We tend to know and watch out for our closest neighbors, but a group of neighbors at one end of the block who are doing this

may not know the group of neighbors at the other end of the block. Organizing a Block Watch makes this attitude of watchfulness more systematic, and provides a block map with neighbors' names and telephone numbers that can be used in case of an emergency.

Block Watch is simple to begin and can improve the security of your neighborhood while increasing your sense of community. It doesn't require you to perform any special tasks, go to a lot of meetings, or take on extra responsibilities. You don't have to patrol the neighborhood, or tell your neighbors every aspect of your business.

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Kinlow's goal is to have every block a Block Watch block. He is available to help you and your neighbors organize a Block Watch.

DON'T MISS METRO'S RAPID RIDE OPEN HOUSE THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 5:30-8:30. LEARN ABOUT THE IMPORTANT UPCOMING TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS FOR WEST SEATTLE.



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