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ANNUAL FAUTLEROY FOOD FEST, MEMBERSHIP MEETING MARCH 19

The FCA Board, local eateries, and community exhibitors will be on hand at **6 pm Tuesday, March 19**, to welcome everyone to the 2013 Fautleroy Food Fest and Membership Meeting in The Hall at Fautleroy.

Right inside the door, you'll find the membership table, where you may join FCA or renew for another year. Be sure to bring cash or your checkbook.

With the money part over with, you'll be free to visit with neighbors and sample the food and beverages that nine vendors will have on offer. The fest is a "green" event, meaning you'll receive one piece of flatware for the evening and sample from compostable plates and bowls.

Information tables will spotlight area groups and organizations. They will include agencies (such as King County Wastewater) with projects of current interest to Fautleroy residents.

In due course, FCA President Bruce Butterfield will call a brief business meeting to order to elect FCA officers and draw for door prizes. Voting will be for board members and a new president.

Invite your neighbors and plan to bring the kids to this always-great mid-winter gathering.



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WATERSHED COUNCIL, SEATTLE PARKS TO TACKLE KILBOURNE RAVINE

Concern about the proliferation of wild clematis emanating from the Kilbourne ravine has evolved into the latest restoration project for the Fautleroy Watershed Council.

KILBOURNE RAVINE PROJECT

Announcement of its decision to fund the project came from the King Conservation District in mid January. Crews from EarthCorps, an international conservation training program

headquartered in Seattle, will start this spring, and members of the watershed council will coordinate community outreach.

Over many years, invasive clematis vines, as well as trees, shrubs, groundcovers, have blanketed the steeply sloped ravine. Because clematis seeds spread with the wind and remain viable for several years, the project will require the cooperation of all owners of ravine property, as well as owners of nearby properties infested with the weed.

Won through the support of Seattle Public Utilities, the nearly \$50,000 grant will fund the first four years of the six-year project, after which the council plans to request a second, wrap-up grant.

Seattle Parks will match this effort by doing similar work in Kilbourne Park, which comprises 30 percent of the 2.5 acre site. To demonstrate how the restored ravine will look, Seattle Parks weeded and revegetated the east end of Kilbourne Park.

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RAIN GARDEN, CISTERN REBATES COMING SOON TO FAUNTLEROY

By Judy Pickens

Later this month, the RainWise reimbursement program to encourage homeowners to install rain gardens and cisterns will extend to Fauntleroy.

King County and Seattle Public Utilities are collaborating to offer financial incentives to residents of the Barton drainage basin. It's part of the county's investment in reducing combined-sewer overflows into Fauntleroy Cove.

Through a cadre of trained contractors, RainWise will assist eligible homeowners in designing, installing, and paying for rain gardens and/or above-ground cisterns (large rain barrels). Both techniques have proven effective in keeping rain water where it falls for slow release into the soil.

After free training in mid March, licensed local contractors will go on the RainWise "approved" list as willing and able to do the work at a fair price. Residents will be invited to meet these contractors at an evening open house in April/May at Chief Sealth High School.

Intrigued? Then go to www.rainwise.seattle.gov (at home or from a computer at the public library) to see if, based on slope and soils, your property is likely to be eligible. If so, read on for details. To get a look at mature rain gardens, visit http://sustainableballard.org/wiki/RainWise_Ballard_Virtual_Tour.



Training for RainWise contractors will include examining a variety of mature rain gardens, as during this training in Ballard last fall. Photo courtesy King County

The amount of your RainWise reimbursement will depend on the amount of roof runoff your rain garden or cistern is sized to control. A rain garden roughly the size of a picnic table or a 200+-gallon cistern would control 400 square feet – the minimum to qualify for the program. The entire cost could be reimbursed if you stay away from "extras" (such as exotic plants or decorative stones).

King County has been using direct mail to introduce the program to area homeowners and announce events. If you haven't been getting the mailings, contact 296-2999 or email Kristine Cramer, kristine.cramer@kingcounty.gov to get on the list.

STILL TIME TO TAKE FCA SURVEY

If you haven't taken FCA's neighborhood survey, you still have time.

Members should have received a postcard in late January announcing that the survey was available online. Survey questions cover community concerns, potential new activities, and your preferred ways of getting information.

By mid February, 220 Fauntleroy residents had responded, not only answering the questions but also adding valuable comments.

To take the three-minute survey, go to www.fauntleroy.net and click on the red button on the left side of the home page. The deadline is March 30.

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ADVOCATES FORM ALLIANCE FOR LINCOLN PARK NATURE

By Judy Pickens

Last summer when word spread that a zip line attraction might be installed in a forested area of Lincoln Park forest, Cass Nevada and Denise Dahn were among the many area residents who were incensed.

To them and several others, the experience was a wake-up call. The time had come to begin to form a group that would promote and protect the natural areas in Lincoln Park.

"You start to see certain things change over time, especially with a lot more people using the park," said Cass. "With that usage come management issues, and an adequate response to those issues isn't happening."

Through her blog and word of mouth, park advocates have begun to assemble what they are calling the Alliance for Lincoln Park Nature. Its premise is that the natural features that make the park special are beginning to fray.

"We're starting to see fraying where natural areas meet heavy usage, where developed aspects of the park are migrating into natural areas," explained Cass. For example, she points to service roads that have widened such that heavy vehicles now drive over tree roots. Roads converge in large barren areas and vehicle traffic is pushing out vegetation along the beach trail.

Of the 135 acres in the park, approximately 80 are forested. A compound at the north edge of the park is home base for the southwest district maintenance staff, which is responsible for upkeep of all Seattle Parks properties west of the Duwamish River – a total of some 1,500 acres. Carol Baker leads 30 permanent employees year-round (including nine who are part-time), augmented by summer hires.

With cuts to the budget year after year, the help of ongoing volunteers and those who come for special work parties is essential. In 2012, volunteers reported giving an estimated 400,000 hours to Seattle Parks citywide.

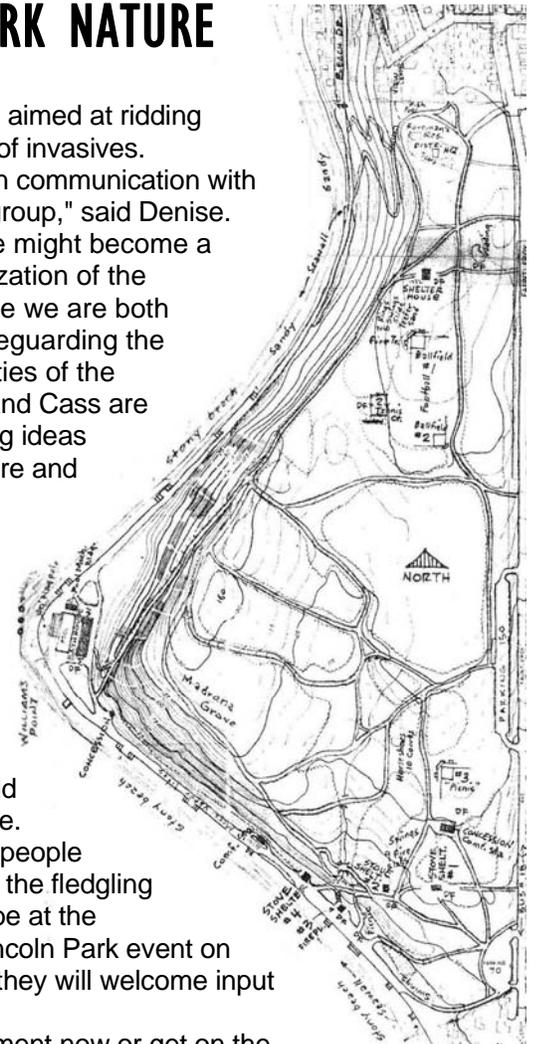
For nearly eight years, Friends of Lincoln Park has hosted twice-monthly work parties for drop-in volunteers to remove invasive plants from forested areas and revegetate with native shrubs and groundcovers. The park's two forest stewards, Sharon Baker and Lisa McGinty, lead these work parties. They are the local contacts for the Green Seattle Partnership, a multi-

agency effort aimed at ridding public parks of invasives.

"We're in communication with the Friends group," said Denise. "The Alliance might become a sister organization of the Friends, since we are both aimed at safeguarding the natural qualities of the park." She and Cass are also gathering ideas about structure and scope from groups elsewhere in Seattle and in other major cities that are doing what the Alliance would like to do here.

Several people involved with the fledgling Alliance will be at the Celebrate Lincoln Park event on April 23 and they will welcome input there.

To comment now or get on the email list for communiques, go to seacat.wordpress.com or engage on Facebook at www.facebook.com/AlpnAllianceForLincolnParkNature.



COME CELEBRATE LINCOLN PARK

The meeting last summer that prompted Seattle Parks to drop the zip line idea for Lincoln Park included testimony with interesting tidbits about park history, as well as the natural-habitat's trees and wildlife.

That information, paired with the FCA's commitment to help facilitate better communication about the park between residents and the city, led the FCA Board to start organizing a "Celebrate Lincoln Park" event. It is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 23**, starting at **7 pm** in The Hall at Fauntleroy.

The evening will feature presentations about milestones in park history, plus its flora and fauna. It will also provide an opportunity to learn about ways to get involved and speak out about a vision for the park and how to get there.

Watch www.fauntleroy.net or the *West Seattle Blog* for details as the date approaches.

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PHASE 2 AHEAD FOR SCHOOL ROOF

If you've been by the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse Community Center lately, the new red shingles have probably caught your eye. Although the job may look like it's over, more needs to be done – and paid for.

In late fall, Andersen Construction reshingled about 60 percent of the roof and made related seismic and structural improvements. A start date is being determined for Phase 2 to do the remainder of the roof. The work will involve replacing flat roofs over the south and north wings and make seismic upgrades.

Fauntleroy Community Service Agency (FCSA) board members are actively talking with community residents about making private donations toward the remainder the \$1.6 million capital campaign.

FCSA acquired the building in 2010 with the help of governmental agencies and is required to replace the roof to complete the terms of ownership.

For details about renovations or what's going on in the schoolhouse, stop by FCSA's information booth at the Fauntleroy Food Fest on March 19. You may also contact Property Manager Denise Wallace at 425-445-4064 or fauntleroysschoolhouse@yahoo.com. Check out the website at www.fauntleroysschoolhouse.org.

WATER PROJECTS ON SCHEDULE

Construction at King County's **Barton Pump Station** adjacent to the ferry terminal will continue in high gear through the spring.

The contractor completed jet grouting operations (used to stabilize the soil and create safe underground working conditions) in late February. Excavation for the new odor-control vault and creation of a flow bypass will happen in March.

Bypass work is expected to take up to a week and will include continuous use of diesel pumps to run the bypass until power can be reconnected. King County will notify neighbors once the bypass dates are set. For questions or concerns, call the Barton Pump Station hotline at 296-2999 or email Kristine Cramer at kristine.cramer@kingcounty.gov.

In December, King County submitted its final design for the **Murray CSO Control Facility** to the State Department of Ecology. Located across from Lowman Beach, the facility will reduce combined-sewer

overflows into Puget Sound by capturing stormwater in underground tanks for slow release after heavy rain.

The design incorporates feedback gathered from the community over more than a year. In response to community interests, the design minimizes the site's industrial feel, encourages viewing of the scenery, calms nearby traffic patterns, and creates continuity between the CSO facility and the neighborhood.

Design updates shared with the community in December include a segmented façade to reduce any slab-like feel, interpretive signs at the viewing area, and alpine meadow vegetation on the green roof. A rain garden is also incorporated into the public art component along the pedestrian walkthrough, and new trees will be set back from the sidewalk.

The county is now focused on obtaining permits for deconstructing existing buildings on the site. The county has already salvaged hazardous materials from the buildings. Deconstruction should start in April.

The bid process for constructing the new facility will get under way this spring and may require until the third or fourth quarter to complete. Late 2013 is the target for groundbreaking.

MEETINGS CONTINUE WITH FERRIES

By Gary Dawson

Not reading about Washington State Ferries (WSF) and the Fauntleroy ferry terminal for awhile doesn't mean that your Fauntleroy Ferry Advisory Committee (FFAC) has been dormant.

With other ferry-community FAC members, we meet almost monthly with WSF managers and staff. We also frequently attend quarterly WSF public meetings on Vashon or at Southworth to stay informed about issues and concerns ferry users there have.

FFAC is also on the Ferry Advisory Committee Tariff Panel, consisting of FAC, WSF, and Washington State Transportation Commission delegates. It does a yearly review of all phases of tariff policy and makes recommendations to the Legislature.

The lack of a sustainable funding source is the continuing major concern. Additional, ongoing funding is needed in all areas, from preventing reductions in service to upgrading terminals and replacing vessels. Any funding decision could affect the Fauntleroy terminal and our community.



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RETAINING SCHOOLHOUSE VENUES

NEW KITCHEN TOPS EXPANSION OF TUXEDOS AND TENNIS SHOES CATERING

By Judy Pickens

For 18 years, passersby knew from the smell of roasting garlic that Tuxedos and Tennis Shoes Catering was preparing for a big dinner. That's because the only place to operate a grill was the loading dock outside the Fauntleroy schoolhouse kitchen.

Residents who have had the good fortune of attending a function at The Hall at Fauntleroy know that the TNT staff puts out a mighty fine meal. Doing so in the old school kitchen, though, has been just short of miraculous.

Even with critical upgrades, the space is small and inefficient, it has stairs, a freezer many steps away, and sparse storage. In short, it's a difficult Operation Central for one of the most respected caterers in the greater Seattle area.

For many months, co-owners David Haggerty and David Meckstroth and Executive Chef Michael Chase have been planning and overseeing a major expansion to a large, custom-designed kitchen at 4101 Airport Way South. With that kitchen comes office space for the business's nine-person staff. The big move was timed to be ready to prepare food there for a March 4 event.

"Over the past four or five years, we've been feeling like we were bursting at the seams," explained David Haggerty. "We had just over 500 events in 2012 and 80 percent of them were off site."

With only 20 percent of their events happening at

The Hall at Fauntleroy, they realized that TNT did not have to be wedded to the schoolhouse kitchen. And if the kitchen moved, so must the offices.

"We need to keep all our event planning in one place," David said. "It's the only way we have control over our work."

While TNT will relinquish two classrooms at the schoolhouse for rental to other tenants, it will retain all its event spaces – the Emerald Room, the Vashon Room, the Studio, and the garden.

"We're excited about expanding uses here because we're no longer running the kitchen full time," David said. "For instance, we could do more meetings that just want coffee service."

"We intend to keep our quality high here because it's such a great space. It needs to be used – and it will be."

The new location has 6,100 square feet, 3,500 of which is kitchen. It features three walk-in refrigerators, a walk-in freezer, 20 feet of preparation line (with indoor grill!), and lots of convenient storage. The facility will enable TNT for the first time to bid on really large events (up to 5,000 people).

"We're confident that, even at this expanded level, we can keep the business successful," David said. "We know that we'll be able to keep our new place busy with food production."

If you've had a snack during intermission at ACT Theatre, you've eaten TNT food. The plan includes reaching for more such concession business.

No where in the plan, however, is a loosening of ties to Fauntleroy. TNT will continue to provide invaluable help with the Fall Festival, the Food Fest, and other community events.

"I see our ties here growing because of the opportunities we now have to grow with the space here," David said. "We will continue making upgrades, indoors and out."

For example, TNT recently installed new chandeliers in the Emerald Room and new carpet in the Vashon Room. What TNT neighbors will see next is new landscaping out front.



TNT's Chris Johnston barely finds counter space to prepare macarons for the oven in the schoolhouse kitchen, much of which dates from the 1940s. Photo courtesy Judy Pickens



NEIGHBORHOOD SPRING EVENTS

NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS. The FCA Board welcomes any Fauntleroy resident to attend monthly business meetings on the second Tuesday. Upcoming dates are **March 12, April 9, and May 14.** Meetings start at **7 pm** in the conference room at the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse Community Center.



FOOD FEST. The 2013 Fauntleroy Food Fest and Membership Meeting will be **Tuesday, March 19, 6 pm** at The Hall at Fauntleroy. Details on Page 1.

LABYRINTH WALK. Tuxedos and Tennis Shoes Catering will roll out its labyrinth for the spring equinox community walk on **Tuesday, March 19, 7-9 pm** in the Vashon Room (lower level) at The Hall at Fauntleroy. Donation.



LINCOLN PARK TLC. Friends of Lincoln Park host work parties that accomplish a great deal of detail work in the forested parts of the park. Join them **9 am-noon** on **first Saturdays** (April 6, May 4, June 1) and **third Sundays** (March 17, April 21, May 19). Bring gloves and dress for the weather, including sturdy footwear, and meet at the kiosk in the north parking lot. Contact Sharon Baker at 464-1068 or sabaker41@gmail.com for details.

CELEBRATE LINCOLN PARK. This FCA-sponsored evening of information and input on **Tuesday, April 23,** will celebrate one of Seattle's most-enjoyed public parks. Come to the Hall at Fauntleroy at **7 pm** and see details on page 3/

ESTATE TOUR. Historic Seattle will host a tour of Fauntleroy's Colman estate on **Sunday, April 28, 1-4 pm.** Designed by Arthur Loveless for Laurence and Ida May Colman and their children, the home in Lauretide (due south of the ferry terminal) dates from 1922. The tour will include a look at carefully executed upgrades done by the home's current owners. \$45 general public; details and registration at www.historicseattle.org.



RECYCLE ROUNDUP

The Green Committee at Fauntleroy Church will sponsor its semi-annual free Recycle Roundup on **Sunday, April 28, 9 am-3 pm** in the church parking lot. The crew from 1 Green Planet will be there to take tons of recyclables for responsible return to the resource stream. Watch www.fauntleroyucc.org for a list of what will be accepted and what will not.

MUSIC, MUSIC. "Saints and Sinners" will be the theme for the spring installment of **Sweet, Sweet Music on Saturday, May 4, 7:30 pm** in Fellowship Hall at Fauntleroy Church. Music Director Bronwyn Edwards and the Bronettes will be on hand, as well as other West Seattle talent. \$5 at the door includes dessert. Watch www.fauntleroyucc.org for details.



FALL FESTIVAL FUND-RAISER. On **May 7, 5 pm-closing,** Endolyne Joe's will host the annual "dine out" fundraiser in support of the Fauntleroy Fall Festival. Invite friends and family to join you for a meal off the menu and Joe's will donate a percent of sales to the festival. In addition to great food, expect a bit of silliness and drawings for door prizes.



EXPLORE THE BEACH. A beach naturalist will be at Lincoln Park on the following dates this spring for a free guided exploration at very low tide:

- May 25, 10 am-1:30 pm
- May 26, 10:30 am-2:30 pm
- May 27, 11 am-3 pm
- May 28, 11:30 am-3 pm
- June 6, 10 am-12:30 pm
- June 8, 10:30 am-1 pm



ARTSWEST CONTINUES FCA DISCOUNTS

ArtsWest is continuing its 15% ticket discount on Fauntleroy Night at the theater. Upcoming second-Wednesday dates are March 20 for "Next Fall" and May 8 for "33 Variations." Mention FCA when you call the box office (938-0339) to reserve your seats.

If you have season tickets, you may switch them to Fauntleroy Night to enjoy the performance (and perhaps dinner before) with your neighbors. You'll find a synopsis of each play at www.artswest.org.

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Ruffles and cowboy boots were Riley Hill's choice of attire as she and brother Owen (right) planted trees in Fenton Glen behind Fauntleroy Church. They were among the children and parents who added trees and shrubs to enrich the shady habitat and protect the banks of Fauntleroy Creek. Forest steward Steve Hodson (behind) assisted during the February work party.

With his daughter, Georgia, and fellow volunteer Wolfe Schaaf, Steve added 200 plants to adjacent Fauntleroy Park over the winter, secured through the Green Seattle Partnership. *Photo courtesy Ben Ackers*

REPORT DOCUMENTS VALUE OF CITY'S TREES

Trees are a huge part of what attracts residents to Fauntleroy and other Seattle neighborhoods. They add beauty around our homes and along our streets, and trees are a big part of the experience of visiting our parks.

A recent report goes beyond their aesthetic value to examine many other ways that trees contribute to our city.

Seattle's Forest Ecosystem Values report published last summer by the Green Cities Research Alliance documents the number, species, and replacement value of trees in the city, their contributions to the ecosystem, and their principal threats.

Here is a look at some of the findings detailed in the report:

Roots, stems and branches of trees store carbon dioxide, then release it slowly into the air or soil after the tree dies. Living trees also filter CO₂ out of the air and convert it into plant tissue (what researchers call "sequestration").

Using sophisticated software, researchers examined Seattle's urban forest, including industrial properties, residential landscapes, and natural areas, and found that the city's trees and tree-like shrubs store nearly 10 metric tons of carbon per acre and sequester an additional .7 metric tons of carbon annually per acre. By so doing, our urban forest removes an estimated 2 percent of the city's total annual CO₂ emissions.

If polluters wanted to mitigate for this amount of carbon using Seattle's trees, the price tag would be an estimated \$10.9 million for stored carbon and another \$768,000 annually for sequestered carbon, at a market price of \$5.45 per ton.

Beyond carbon, the leaves and roots of trees improve air quality by intercepting and absorbing pollutants, a process the report values at \$5.62 million annually. Trees in residential and commercial landscapes also save roughly that amount every year in electricity and natural-gas bills to heat and cool buildings.

The report is chockfull of additional information; find it at www.forterra.org/files/Seattles_Forest_EEcosysteme_Values_Report.pdf.

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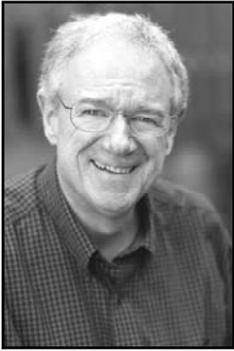
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REFLECTING ON THE PAST DECADE (PLUS) IN FAUNTLEROY

Bruce Butterfield, FCA president

As I step down after 12 years as your president, I recall many "best" moments during my tenure, especially those times that affirmed a full-court press - rather than years of meetings and lawsuits - as the swiftest way to smother a bad idea.

Many of us provided informed and passionate testimony on a number of occasions when Fauntleroy's quality of life or environment was threatened. Most recently, we spoke loud and clear at last summer's "No Zip Line!" meeting. *"No way - not going to happen!"* the neighborhood said.

Without FCA's immediate and dogged protests, the RapidRide station at the ferry terminal would have protruded on BOTH sides of the street, effectively blocking all traffic when busses were at both stops.

On several occasions, we spoke up when the ferry system wanted to expand the size and scope of its terminal here. Without our voices, the dock could now be two or more lanes wider, with a second slip spewing traffic onto our residential streets.

You might also recall the recent suggestion that a combined-sewer overflow tank be placed under Lincoln Park's south parking lot. *"No way!"*

The Fauntleroy Community Association is halfway

through its fourth decade. The years have flown by as, collectively, we accomplished a great deal, particularly as we advocated for the neighborhood. We haven't just blocked bad ideas; we've established wonderful assets throughout the community:

- We created Cove Park - and are having a say in how it is re-created after pump-station construction.
- We have sponsored annual Spring Clean events.
- We have gotten crosswalks, lights, and other traffic-calming systems installed and dangerous sidewalks fixed.
- We won Neighborhood Matching Fund grants for community-led projects and several grants to restore Fauntleroy Creek and enhance native habitat.
- We created the Fauntleroy Fall Festival and turned our annual business meeting into the Fauntleroy Food Fest, both aimed at cultivating community. As we planned the first fest, someone said, *"Keep the meeting part to about five minutes, then let everyone have fun!"* It's been a success each year.

I'm excited about the future of FCA and proud to see new leadership step up. We'll vote on the new slate at the Fest on March 19. I'm not leaving FCA; I hope you'll vote me in as a member of the board.

I extend my sincere *Thank you!* for entrusting me to lead FCA for 12 wonderful years – and for all you do to support the organization and participate in making Fauntleroy a wonderful place to live.

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