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Neighborhood Appreciation Day

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awards starting promptly at 9:30

Madrona K-8 Library

This is a time to reach out to our neighbors, to create new bonds, and to express our thanks for our neighbors' place in our lives. Younger members of the community, faculty, and staff at Madrona K-8 School will also be recognized for their contributions.

~ Refreshments ~

Everyone is invited and welcome!

Ask A Busy Person: Pastor Patrinell (Pat) Wright

Pastor Patrinell (Pat) Wright, founder and long-time director of the popular Total Experience Gospel Choir (TEGC), proves the adage "if you want to get something done, ask a busy person." Even though she'd directed 12 Choir performances in the 20 days leading up to and including Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 2014, Pat promptly agreed to an interview for *Madrona News* readers.



Pat Wright

Pat's roots in music and education go back to her mother who taught school and to her father who was a circuit pastor in Texas. Having heard his little one singing around the house, one Sunday Pat's father announced that the congregation was going to hear his girl perform solo. At first the three-year-old deferred, but in keeping with the times when one did what parents asked, Pat complied by singing *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*. Thereafter Pat

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Support Garfield and Win a Tesla

Last year's Garfield Tesla raffle was a big success, so we're doing it again. The Garfield PTSA invites you to support your local high school and show your Bulldog spirit by purchasing a raffle ticket (or 5?!) to win a chance to own the exciting 2014 Tesla S Sedan. This breakthrough electric car, *Automobile Magazine* and *Motor Trend's* "Car of the Year," has a range of approximately 300 miles on a single charge. It also received the highest safety rating for automobiles. For more information about the car see www.teslamotors.com.

Only 1,850 raffle tickets will be sold at \$100 each—excellent odds! The winning ticket will be drawn on March 14 at the Garfield "Raise the Woof!" Auction/Gala at the ShowBox Theatre in SoDo (1700 1st Ave South) from 6:00-11:00pm. Please join us for a gala night of celebration, with entertainment, dancing and fine food prepared by Madrona's own, chef John Platt. (A separate ticket is required for admission to the Auction/Gala.)

You do not have to be present to win the Grand Prize or the three "runner up" cash prizes of \$1,500, \$1,000 and \$500. If you win, you can take either the car or a \$50,000 certified check.

The Raffle supports programs and services that help all Garfield students succeed, from reading intervention for underachieving students, to career and college counseling services that help kids find a positive path after high school. This year we hope to raise \$90,000 for these PTSA-sponsored programs.

Raffle tickets make great gifts! To purchase raffle or Auction tickets, or for more information, please email garfieldptsaffle@gmail.com.

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Madrona Community Council Meeting *Draft Agenda for March 4th

7:15pm at Madrona Playfield Shelterhouse. All Welcome!!

- Madrona Healthy Trees and Safe Sidewalks discussion of the Madrona corridor [guests invited from SDOT and SvR]
- Update on Metro activities
- Treasurer's Report
- Other Business
- Review/voting on Kraus Fund applications (by board members)
- Review/voting on Neighborhood Appreciation Day awards and events (by board members)

Exploring Madrona's Stairs

By Beth Gappert, 29th Ave

On a crisp, mostly clear Saturday morning, a group of about 20 people met at the Garfield Community Center for one purpose – to explore various staircases woven throughout our hilly neighborhood. Couples, single folks, and families bundled against the cold and set out on foot, east on Cherry, north on 29th Avenue, east again on Spring Street, and through the Madrona Woods to Madrona Park. A walking ambassador from Feet First guided our path and stopped along the way to talk about the history of the neighborhood. She pointed out sites such as the historic Garfield High School, the neighborhood gem of Nora's Woods, and the former firehouse now known as the Sally Goldmark Library. We paused at our halfway mark in the Madrona Park to soak in the sun and gaze at the mountains. The tour lasted just shy of two hours, covered over three miles, and ascended and descended several hundred stairs.

Many of the walkers were from neighborhoods far away from Madrona, some from Kenmore, others from Sammamish, and had never been to Madrona. Because the weather was so spectacular, Madrona was able to flaunt its beauty. The mountains and Lake Washington were on full display. More than one comment was made about the spectacular views all the way from 35th Avenue to Lake Washington. Of course, returning to the community center required a significant climb uphill. Some of the smaller participants found all of those stairs to be challenging, but the promise of fresh doughnuts as a reward kept them going.

The event celebrated Feet First's Second Annual Stairway Walks Day and was one of 18 stairway walks held on Feb. 8. The stairway routes were those featured in the book *Seattle Stairway Walks: An Up-and-Down Guide to City Neighborhoods* by Cathy and Jake Jaramillo. Feet First's Executive Director Linda Quinn says "Stairways provide a great way to exercise, improve health, and get to know a neighborhood. Stairway Walks Day encourages people to explore the Puget Sound Region's unique and beautiful neighborhoods by walking." Even for those of us who know the Madrona neighborhood well, the walking tour was a wonderful way to explore quiet streets and staircases that had been previously unknown.

Seller's Market

By Lisa Sears, 38th Ave.

Have you been approached by a real estate company asking if you would like to sell your home? Have you been looking for a house to buy without success? These kinds of activities occur because there is so little available on the market and demand isn't being satisfied. You might say that buyers and their agents are feeling a little desperate. According to Northwest Multiple Listing Service, it is a "seller's market" and this lack of inventory has put the home seller in a position of power. Prices are increasing and multiple offers are the new normal. Houses are on the market for the briefest of time and buyers are scrambling to get there first. First-time homebuyers are getting hazed, often losing out on homes while getting their crash course in home buying 101. If you're considering selling your property, this could be the perfect window of opportunity. I am a realtor with Coldwell Banker Bain.



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Mayfair 2014 Sponsors Contribute to Great Plans For the Day

Mayfair is a major annual MCC undertaking that brings much joy to neighborhood families, reaching nearly 500 Central District families who attend the event. This year the event will be held on May 10, and as usual it begins at Al Larkins Park with a parade to multiple activities planned for the Madrona Playfield. It costs nearly \$4,000 to produce Mayfair including city permits and insurance. MCC members want to keep Mayfair a free neighborhood event and we are grateful to our neighborhood supporters who offset these costs through exclusive sponsorships and support for this 38-eight-year-old Madrona tradition.

Sponsors and events they support for 2014 include:

Seattle Orthodontics is sponsoring the *Recess Monkey Concert*. Recess Monkey is the nationally acclaimed trio of teachers who make music that truly rocks for kids and families. Seamlessly meshing their indie-rock roots with their keen awareness of childhood themes, the band continues to make waves coast to coast. They will perform an exclusive show in the Madrona Playfield starting at twelve noon.

Molly Moon will sponsor the ever-popular *Bouncy Houses* - Mayfair's bounciest event. This sponsorship funds two bouncy houses and helps cover the additional insurance the Madrona Community Council purchases to host the event.

Lakeview Kids' Dentistry will sponsor a new feature--the *Mayfair Photo Booth*. Show off those toothy grins and commemorate the day with photographs of your family and friends. The photo booth will print branded photos along with electronic copies to share throughout social media sites.

Harvard Avenue Preschool will be sponsoring *Face Painting* for the cutest faces in town. This sponsorship offsets costs to cover artists and supplies.

Madrona Dining and Sipping Society will sponsor the *Parade that kicks off Madrona's Mayfair celebration!* This sponsorship package allows all parade participants to decorate their trikes, bikes, scooters, and strollers with balloons, streamers and noise makers and covers all city permitting to close 34th Ave. for the duration of the parade.

Ewing & Clark will sponsor *Pony Rides* that often lead to the longest line of patient kiddos in Madrona. This sponsorship covers the cost of pony rentals and hay.

Cambium Landscape will sponsor *The Reptile Man and Charles the Clown*, Mayfair's wacky clown and scariest reptiles. This sponsorship covers the costs of 30 minute performances each provides near the Shelterhouse.

These sponsorships help to offset Mayfair's expenses, and are greatly appreciated. Madrona Community Council is a registered 501c3 and all donations are tax deductible. Please contact Stacey Kryman (staceykryman@gmail.com) if you are able to help in other ways or volunteer to help in 2014.

Play Madrona Mutt Matchup

By Andrea Matus-Magee, Randolph Place

Who says people always look like their pets??? Match the people to their dogs. The answers are on page 10.



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often sang in church and she taught herself to play the piano. By the age of 14 she was directing the choirs at two of her father's church circuits: at the family's Texas church home of Pleasant Valley and at nearby Walnut Grove. She notes that she didn't have any formal training but just did what it made sense to do, learned by doing, and watched for parental cues. For example, if her mother cried when she sang, then Pat knew she was doing things right. Pat took pride in her parents, feeling special pain when her father passed away only months before he was to deliver the baccalaureate address at her high school graduation. Pat sang that day to the largest class Turner High School ever graduated, silently promising "this one is for you, Daddy."

In 1964 Pat traveled four days and three nights on a Seattle-bound Trailways Bus to help her older sister and family. At the time Pat had no thought of where she'd stay, thinking she'd be in Washington for just a little while. Now some 50 years later, Pat notes "Seattle has been good for me."

Pat also has been good for Seattle and for the many other communities her work has supported over the years. First, she worked for the Seattle Public School system as an ethnomusicologist hired to attract African-American youngsters to the schools' music programs. About 28 students enrolled in Pat's first class at Franklin High School, and that spring she and the music director took the class to perform at the Reno, NV jazz festival. To everyone's delight, the Franklin choir's renditions of *America* and *Lean on Me* won second place at the festival. In subsequent years, Pat's gospel choirs at Franklin, Meany, TT Minor, and Roosevelt schools attracted hundreds of students. Unfortunately, objections to the religious base of gospel music led to Pat's departure from the public schools in 1973. But both Pat and her pupils were firmly committed to the music and that same year the Total Experience Gospel Choir (TEGC) was founded. Once it became a community choir TEGC took on a life of its own as parents who were helping out also joined the choir; the choir became a family affair and still is. Four current members were four-, six-, seven- and nine-years-olds when they joined the choir, but many former members continue to perform. For example, Ray Dalton who sings with Macklemore was once part of TEGC as have three young people who appeared on *American Idol*: Sanjaya Melakah, Karma Johnson, and Leah Labelle. A smaller group of

TEGC members also occasionally sing back-up for Macklemore.

Pat herself also continues to sing: she recorded an R&B album in 1965 that caught on in the US and abroad; she sang the first National Anthem for the Kingdome and the first and last National Anthem for the Sonics and so many times in between that when the Sonics left Seattle they presented her with a No. 40 jersey to commemorate the team's 40 years in Seattle.

Pat was a pastor within the four walls of a church from 1997-2007, but she notes that the ministry became bigger than four walls, partly as a result of Hurricane Katrina. In 2005 with the help of publicity from Nicole Brodeur's *Seattle Times* column, Pat's congregation raised funds and collected needed supplies for many suffering from the devastating hurricane. Subsequently the congregation and the TEGC have traveled four times to Gulfport, MI to rebuild two homes, refurbishing them for former owners down to the last fork, knife, and spoon. At each visit, the choir performs and is cheered all over the area; in 2013 the mayor of Lake Charles, LA presented TEGC the key to the city in thanks for their work.

More recently, the TEGC raised funds to help rebuild Ishinomaki, Japan following the devastating 2011 tsunami there. Pat described her first visit to the Japanese city, noting that the group was moved to see that while everything had been destroyed, the tsunami had laid the church steeple to rest upright on a giant rock.

Pat moved to Madrona after her June 19, 1965 wedding to Benny G. Wright. She chose her wedding date to commemorate that same day in 1865 when African-Americans in Texas learned they'd been freed from slavery. Pat recalls that in the 1960s, African-Americans in Madrona could expect to live only from

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Madison to Jackson and from 33rd to 14th Avenues, and she said there have been racial incidents against blacks in Madrona over the years. She observed that mean things have been done to her property, but she also says neighbors helped lift a big tree off her vehicle after the Nov. 2, 2013 storm. She notes that much is changing in Madrona as more and more African-Americans who'd lived in the Central District move south of Seattle to follow friends and churches. She herself attends Ebenezer AME Zion Church where many whites attend, and today the Total Experience Gospel Choir is 95% white due to the current make-up of the community. But Pat rolls with the times, glad that the music's style is kept alive.

Husband Benny G. Wright retired from teaching American history in Seattle schools, and while Pat herself expected to cut back after 40 years she realized she was having too much fun to do that. So now she thinks she'll keep working with the TEGC for another five years or maybe more. She expects to return to Japan at least one more time, and to take the TEGC to her family's Texas farm to share her roots before traveling on to Louisiana and Mississippi once more. Then she allows that she has a former choir member who studied in Tanzania for her doctorate who wants Pat to visit there. And then, who knows? It is easy to guess that so long as opportunities present themselves, Pat Wright is going to find it hard not to seize them.

Apologies



The Feb. newsletter featured an article titled "Michelle Purnell-Hepburn Remembers" that provided many details about the founding of Liberty Bank. At that time we were unable to include Michelle's photo which we are running here with our apologies to Michelle and readers for not accompanying the article with the photo.



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Seattle Music Partners Fundraiser

By Sarah Westneat, 35th Ave.

Please join Seattle Music Partners, an instrumental music tutoring program, for a great free evening fundraiser. The celebration will include performances by students and tutors, guest speakers, and details of some very exciting news announcing an expansion of our program for which we would like your support. With your help, our students will be able to enjoy even more no cost music-making opportunities in their own neighborhood.

SMP offers one-on-one and ensemble instrumental lessons for children at Central Area elementary schools who might not otherwise have private lessons. The tutors are local high school and college students and community members.

The event is scheduled for March 26 from 6:00-8:00pm at The Northwest African American Museum. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages are provided at no charge. All are welcome so bring a friend. Contact me with questions at SarahWestneat@comcast.net or 250-4998.

Star-Studded Benefit Performance

Mark your calendars for March 9 so you won't miss a full afternoon of entertainment in this benefit performance of artists donating their time to help out the Central Area Senior Center. The Board has been planning a benefit to retire some of the lingering debt and this concert should do just that!

The venue is the Paul Robeson Performing Arts Center at Rainier Beach High School, 8815 Seward Park Ave. S. There is plenty of free parking and the Center's acoustics are excellent.

The show will kick off with a performance by the Rainier High Jazz Ensemble. The participating artists are many: Funke Fusion Band, Darrius Willridge, Debbie Cavitt, Sheila Kay, Leo Camo, Butch Harrison, IFE, Rachel Foxx, Celestine, J Charles, Deems Tsutkawa, C T Thompson, Felicia Loud and the Surround Sound Band. The performance runs from 3:00-6:00pm with an intermission during which refreshments will be served.

Tickets are \$50 each and available through Brown Paper Tickets or at The Central. Don't miss this exciting event and do help to keep The Central alive and well!



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Neighborhood School News

Epiphany School

By Jill Miller, Director of Development

Each year Epiphany School fitness instructors Josh Arsenaunt and Tina Bell encourage students to participate in the Mileage Club, a seasonal activity in which students accumulate mileage by wearing a pedometer all day for three days at a time. One year students amassed enough steps to traverse the trails at Mount Rainer, and another time they made a road trip around Washington state. This year students walked for five weeks and covered 6,038 miles, the distance from Seattle to Sochi, Russia-site of the 2014 Winter Olympics. More than 75 percent of students in grades one through five chose to participate.

Students convert their steps into miles, with a standard of one mile for every 2,000 steps, and track their individual and collective progress on a bulletin board in the gym. For the first five miles, students receive a foot shaped token and a chain to wear around their necks. More tokens and incentives are earned at set intervals, with the highest mileage interval (250 miles) yielding an Epiphany School water bottle.

At the end of the five weeks, participating students are recognized during an awards assembly, with special recognition going to the top-stepping boy and girl from each grade as well as the grade level that led the school in total mileage. While the stated goal is fitness, the Mileage Club incorporates personal responsibility, competition, cooperation, individual and collective goal setting, and many more objectives that contribute to the larger Epiphany School mission: challenging every child to be a confident, curious and courageous learner. For additional information, contact me at 720-7667 or jmiller@epiphanyschool.org.

Madrona K-8

Madrona K-8 has teamed up with WA Green Schools to form a green team. WA Green Schools is a nonprofit that works with both private and public schools around the state to engage students, school faculty and staff and local communities to “create a sustainable region through education experiences that transform school environments.”

To form a green team, a participating school needs to have the

commitment of a teacher, two students, and another school staff person. Madrona K-8’s Ms. Coulter and Ms. Righi along with Mr. Nick and Abby Pierce are planning several projects including reducing the school’s waste stream and using the garden for some of the curriculum. There will also be cross-colaboration between the middle school and upper elementary school students. Learn more about WA Green Schools at wagreenschools.org/

St. Therese Catholic Academy

STCA celebrated Catholic Schools Week the last week of Jan., including events such as a Grandparent Tea and an all school mass. We also showed our appreciation for our neighbors and the businesses of Madrona by delivering primroses to their doorsteps. The week culminated with a family movie night on Friday.

STCA is proud of grade eight student Lucy Mujugira who placed second in the King County Civil Rights Commission’s 15th annual MLK Jr. Essay Contest. All essays were judged on the author’s knowledge of Dr. King and his work in the civil rights movement as well as on the student’s originality of ideas, insight, clarity of expression, organization, and grammar.

The bright and cheerful Valentine hearts that you saw in the neighborhood during February are courtesy of STCA’s kindergarten class. They love delivering Valentine love to all of the businesses that support us.

The 2014 school auction will be held on Sat. March 8 in the school social hall at 900 35th Ave. Doors open at 5:30. Catering will be provided by Where Ya’ At Matt, wine underwritten by Chateau St. Michelle, and beer underwritten by Hales Ales. Items to bid on include gift cards to local restaurants, hotel packages, and baskets full of goodies. The annual auction helps to benefit the school with proceeds going to the general operating fund. For more information please contact the school at 324-0460 or go to the auction website at stthereseatlle.maestroweb.com to view the online catalog or purchase auction tickets.

Registration is now open for the 2014-2015 school year. Please call the school to schedule a tour or inquire about registration. We have openings in Preschool- Eighth grades and welcome all children and their families who want a faith-based education.



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EastPac

Each month members of the broader Central District community meet with Seattle Police Department representatives. Madrona resident Dan Sanchez has offered to attend those meetings as possible and report back to the MCC and the broader community. Any other community member also is invited to these meetings which are usually held on the fourth Thursday at 6:30pm at Seattle University's Chardin Hall, Room 142, at 1020 East Jefferson.

Dan Sanchez's notes from the Jan. EastPac meeting describe an introduction to Capt. Edwards who started in the area as a beat cop for the Central District. He said that Gang Unit officers arrested several people who were responsible for 75 percent of shootings in the CD over the past couple of years. It was interesting to learn that they can identify DNA from skin cells left on weapons. In one case they identified three different people who'd had their hands on the same found weapon.

Councilwoman Sawant also attended the meeting, speaking mostly about the minimum wage as well as her interest in local street level issues; she invited residents to call her office if a pothole needs filling.

In other business EastPac signed off on the Central Transit Community Coalition's letter in opposition to Metro cuts. Additionally the murals once located at 23rd and Union commemorating an early Umojafest parade need a new home—preferably a park. These murals were painted in part by Madrona K-8 students. Those with questions can reach Dan at dansanchez@johnlscott.com

Subsequent to the EastPac meeting, we learned that Capt. Edwards had been transferred and that the new Captain for the East Precinct will be Pierre Davis. Lieutenant Bryan Grenon is staying at the East Precinct as the Operations Lieutenant

Additionally Mark Misiolek was transferred to the Planning and Operations Center and also will no longer be working out of the East Precinct. Officer Casey Sundin will be taking over and can be reached at casey.sundin@seattle.gov.

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Madrona History



Those attending a recent MDSS dinner at Café Soleil discussed their common interest in Madrona history. In particular, the group wondered about individual buildings and homes in the neighborhood. Subsequent to the meeting Mike Walker of Hi Spot Café provided pictures he'd been given, including the one appearing here that depicts the NE corner of Union and 34th Ave. in 1937. Bob Seale kindly scanned and sent the photos to *Madrona News*. MDSS members wonder if the lineage of that particular spot can be reproduced as a first step toward improving current knowledge of Madrona history. Readers are encouraged to contribute their insights by sending a message to Madronanews@gmail.com. Bob Seale subsequently suggested the possibility of running photos of the same Madrona house taken at two very different points in time. Any thoughts on this or other ones or neighborhood history are welcome.

A Year with



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March 2 Amazing Grace
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March 23 His Grace to Me Was Not Without Effect
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Update on Proposed Metro Cuts

On Jan. 31 the Madrona Community Council joined many other organizations and individuals as signators of the Central Transit Community Coalition letter to the King County Executive, King County Council members, the Mayor and City Council members, and Metro. The letter expresses grave concern about the severe impact of proposed Metro cuts and restructuring. Signators asked that those in a position to make decisions reject Metro's proposal for route restructuring and elimination and requested that Metro meet potential budget constraints by other means such as reducing frequency and time of day service if needed. Among central points the letter also addressed are:

- the network of existing Metro routes is essential to the functioning of the entire community
- changes Metro proposes are so intertwined there will be no way to unravel damage done if adopted

The Coalition further noted that a more equitable approach to meeting current budget constraints is to retain the existing network of transit service so no one loses a route they depend on.

On Feb. 4 the King County Council held its only scheduled hearing on a proposed Transportation Benefit District (TBD) and funding proposal of a flat \$60 car tab and 0.1% sales tax increase to provide funding for Metro (60%) and roads (40%). The County Council is scheduled to vote on the TBD on Feb. 10 with a public vote on the ballot measure expected for April 22.

In March Metro will receive income projections based on sales tax revenues at which point they may refine current proposals and take a new look at what to cut. However, contrary to the wishes of the Central Transit Community Coalition, Metro intends to present its package of cuts to the County Council in the first part of April. The Coalition is pushing on not bringing the cuts forward until after an April vote.

Much remains to be done by and for the public. There will be a public hearing on low income fares (as yet unscheduled), and there may be additional public hearings. On March 22 the First Hill Improvement Association will host a forum at Town Hall from 10:00am-noon to discuss transit decisions such as Rapid Ride and what is driving Metro's proposal to reroute the No. 2 bus. First Hill remains the gateway to downtown for the Central Area and No. 2 and 3 bus routes run through First Hill.

Prior to the anticipated public vote on April 22, it is important to voice your concerns and provide support to prevent the proposed set of Metro cuts and restructures. Now is the time to send your comments to Council@kingcounty.gov and KCexec@kingcounty.gov. Be sure to ask for a response; cc the Coalition at ctccolalition@gmail.com to help the group advocate from a position of community strength; their position is strengthened by numbers. Join the Coalition's mailing list at ctccolalition@gmail.com so you will receive information as it becomes available.

Madrona Dining and Sipping Society

By Audrey Seale, 38th Ave.

MDSS last dined together at Cafe Soleil, taking the opportunity to toast three local celebrities who'd attended:

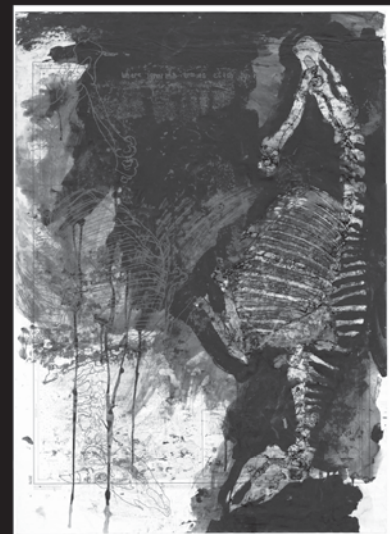
- Larry Okene who got the prize for having traveled the longest distance for the MDSS dinner (from Luxembourg)
- Junius Rochester our own historian who told several very interesting stories
- Casey Losh whose family/company supports small business that make our neighborhood so interesting and unique

Part of our discussion that night centered around Madrona history with many sharing their interest in learning more about the neighborhood, including the background on historic homes and businesses located throughout Madrona. A related article in this issue showing the juncture of Union and 34th in a 1937 photo further explains what those gathered at Cafe Soleil had in mind.

On March 9, Bistro Turkuaz will host an MDSS dinner to begin at 5:00pm. Those interested will receive an evite invitation, but to get that invitation and RSVP you need to be on the MDSS distribution list; sign up with me at audreyseale@comcast.net.

The Red Cow restaurant located on 34th Ave. had its "soft" opening on Feb. 7. The chef there says he looks forward to welcoming MDSS as soon as the restaurant is ready for us. Stay in touch to learn more.

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Artist: Elizabeth Ockwell

Neighborhood News and Notes

On Feb. 8 St. Clouds Restaurant donated a portion of their evening proceeds to College Access Now (CAN) programs that are dedicated to making college admission and graduation possible for talented, motivated, and economically disadvantaged students. For more information about CAN, visit: www.collegeaccessnow.org

Leschi Community Council's March 7 meeting will provide an opportunity for neighbors to learn more about threatened elimination of the No. 27 route to Leschi, a neighborhood that has had continuous transit service from 1888, the year before the Washington State constitution was finally ratified. Various "expert" voices will weigh in on Metro cuts proposed for the No. 27 route, and residents will learn what they can do. The meeting is scheduled for 7:00pm at the Central Area Senior Center, 500 30th Ave S.

Rachel Katzenellenbogen, Carolyn Gronlund, and Gina Owens report that plans are well underway for the 6th Annual Dine Out for Madrona K-8 scheduled for April 8. Save the date to dine out when participating restaurants donate to Madrona K-8. Look for more details in next month's newsletter.

Mary's Place—sponsor of Julia's Place homeless shelter at Madrona Grace Presbyterian church—received the 2013 Non-Profit Of The Year award for its work providing day and night shelter to homeless women and children in King County. The award came from the Greater Seattle Business Association (GSBA).

Madrona author Suzanne Edison recently published a poetry chapbook titled *The Moth Eaten World*. According to one reviewer for

the work "Suzanne Edison talks about a subject no one wants to talk about: the sick child.... She describes the accoutrement of illness with a cleverness that invokes sticks in the sand instead of IV poles, angels instead of nurses, always in the presence of a mother's partially cloaked desperation, and her fervent desire to "stitch you back whole" once again." The book is available from Finishing Line Press (finishinglinepress.com).

Many thanks to Julie Hansen for distributing copies of *Madrona News* to businesses and organizations each month for years. Julie has passed the distribution job along to Tom Niccoli. Welcome Tom.

At their Jan. meeting, MCC members discussed reviving the Madrona BBQ as a summer community activity. Later discussions with Jerry Arbes and Anne Knight reveal that at one time the Madrona event included a BBQ competition among neighbors that brought out a diverse set of participants. When that ended some years ago, Audrey Seale organized a BBQ that was catered by Armadillo followed by a BYO picnic in a subsequent year. Are there any readers who remember highlights of past BBQs? Any out there who want to help organize a BBQ for coming years? Be in touch at madronanews@gmail.com.

Green Plate Special Registration Begins

Although Green Plate Special traded their temporary home at Union and MLK Jr. Blvd. with a permanent one south of Madrona at 2115 25th Ave. S. (adjacent to Treehouse for Kids)

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this not-for-profit remains open to all middle school youth in grades 5-8. Student volunteers honored Martin Luther King Jr. Day with Seattle's Mayor Ed Murray and his staff at the garden for an afternoon of service that involved pruning and otherwise preparing the garden for spring planting.

Spring after-school registration is now open for programs during which youth will plant, care for, and harvest a variety of vegetables, and will learn to cook healthy meals with the vegetables they grow, experiencing everything from feeding worms to making omelets. Classes are free; transportation; class size is limited to 16 students per class in the following sessions:

- April 22 - June 17, Tues. from 2:45 to 5:30pm
(transportation from Washington Middle School to the garden is provided)
- April 24 - June 12, Th. from 4:00 to 6:00pm
(transportation from Madrona K-8 is provided)

To register, families can go to greenplatespecial.org or contact Laura Waltner at lwaltner@greenplatespecial.org or 228-8645.

Mutt Match-up Answers: Alfredo and Daisy, Max & Twinkle; Joan and Simba; Paul and Sammy

Curmudgeon's Corner: Superbowed Over

By Malcolm Harker, 37th Ave.

Damn my cheap Walmart glasses! I thought the sign outside

the Madrona Alehouse said Soup Bowl Special - but inside it was like everyone had forgotten to take their meds. "No man - it's the Superbowl; Go Hawks!!" So I watched the giant screen. The commentator seemed obsessed with some guy wearing an orange shirt, called Peyton Manning. Then points started piling up for the other guys. I never got the point of points for moving the pile of bodies back and forth a few yards, but points mean prizes. Manning turned out to be a loser; I thought Americans ignored them?

Then it was "The Jeep Half Time Show," so I hung around to see the trucks. It was a rock show! Music is my thing, so I hung some more - the Alehouse has great beer too. There may be life on Bruno, but the Chili Peppers weren't Red Hot - a 50-year old bass player called Flea? You can scratch that.

I skipped the second half and headed downtown for more music, keeping the score by counting the cheers from passing cars and bars. The show at Jazz Alley was delayed until the audience regained its cool. "Please keep your table conversation to an intimate level"? You must be kidding! When local jazz guitar hero Bill Frisell finally took the stage, he looked mildly embarrassed: "I'm from Denver, but it's not my fault." It wasn't.

This just in: The latest plans for the new SoDo basketball stadium include wheels - but not for the roof, like Safeco Field. These wheels will be under the stadium, so when the team is sold, they can haul it away.

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WEEKLY RECURRING EVENTS:

- MONDAYS** 1:00pm – 3:00pm **Let's Play Seattle!**—Playgroup for kids under 5. MLK Community Center, Jennie.burton@gmail.com; meetup.com/letsplayseattle
- MON & THURS** 6:00am – 7:00am **Bootcamp Class**—Get up early and get fit! Madison Park Physical Therapy. For details contact Nikki Lundin www.nikkfitt.com
- TUES & THURS** 9:30am – 10:30am—Drop the kids at school and workout with us! Madrona Playfield, Garfield Track, and other neighborhood locations. For info contact Rachel@UnstillLife.com
- WEDNESDAYS** 1:00pm – 3:00pm **Open/Free New Moms Circle**—at NOOK: Pilates and Movement Studio. Leatha McKenzie on NookPilates@gmail.com or 557-8881
6:30pm – 7:45pm **Rachel x Two**—Fun/social track workouts for all levels of runners. Garfield High School Track, group runs. RachelD@RachexTwo.com
- WED & FRI** 8:30am – 9:00am **Meditation**—Guided silent meditation led by Pieter Drummond. Epiphany Chapel, pieter@stonegroundmeditation.com
- THURSDAYS** 10:00am – 12:00pm **All Threads Together**—Conversation, knitting, crocheting, needlepoint. Epiphany Library, Trish Stone, twallstone@yahoo.com
11:00am **Family Story Time**—Bring your preschoolers and toddlers to enjoy stories, rhymes, songs. Madrona Library, 684-4705
6:00pm – 8:00pm **Wine Maker Reception & Free Tasting**—Support our local winemakers at Bottlehouse, 1416 34th Ave www.bottlehouseseattle.com
7:30pm **ALANON Meeting**—Great Hall, Epiphany Episcopal, 1805 38th Avenue, 324-2573
- FRIDAYS** 7:30am – 8:30am **Madrona/Leschi Citizens Against the War**—Quiet demonstration, 23rd & Union, Kathy Barker kbarker715@comcast.net
- SATURDAYS** 2:00pm – 4:00pm **Free Wine Tasting at Madrona Wine Merchants**—1127 34th Avenue. For more information consult www.MadronaWineMerchants.com
- WEEKENDS** 9:00am – 5:00pm **Donate Used Goods**—Northwest Center Big Blue Truck. Grocery Outlet parking lot. www.bigbluetruck.org

- Mar 1 9:00am–3:00pm **Neighborhood Work Party for the Leschi Natural Area**—Rain or shine we will meet at the Park entrance at 36th Ave and East Terrace. Gloves and lunch provided for participants. Contact Bunny and Fran Wood 323-2296 or Diane Morris 322-7648
- Mar 3 9:30am–10:15am **First Mondays with Mary**—Join Madrona K-8 principal Mary McDaniel for an informal conversation regarding the school. <http://madronak8.seattleschools.org>
- Mar 4 7:15pm **Madrona Community Council Meeting**—Everyone welcome! Madrona Playfield Shelterhouse. Holly Smith, ho2lye@yahoo.com
- Mar 4 6:30pm–7:30pm **Seminar at Aegis on Madison: Getting Your Affairs in Order**—A look at the legal documents that are important to have in place as you age. Guest speaker Attorney Rebecca King of Northwest Elder Law Group. 2200 E. Madison St.
- Mar 5 7:00pm **Leschi Community Council Meeting**—Re: No. 27 Bus at the Central Area Senior Center, 500 30TH Ave. S. Diane Snell for more information
- Mar 8 **International Women's Day**
- Mar 8 11:00am–3:00pm **Resource Fair for Seniors**—Twenty local resource providers for seniors and guest speakers will provide info related to retirement living, local support, fitness programs, etc. St. Joseph's Catholic Church at 732 18th Avenue E.
- Mar 8 2:00pm–5:00pm **Madrona Art Walk**—See art work displayed and listen to live music at a variety of Madrona businesses. Contact BOOM Madrona: madronabusineses@gmail.com
- Mar 8 8:00–10:00pm **Lenten Prayer Concert**—St. Ignatius Chapel, Seattle Univ. contact Em Olsen, olsenem@seattleu.edu, 296-5372
- Mar 9 3:00–6:00pm **Benefit for the Central Area Senior Center**—Paul Robeson Performing Arts Center (Rainier High School) 8815 Seward Park Ave. S. \$50 tickets available through Brown Paper tickets or at the Central Area Senior Center
- Mar 18 6:30pm–7:30pm **Seminar at Aegis on Madison: How to Speak Alzheimer's**—Tips in communicating with a loved one with Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia. 2200 E. Madison St.
- Mar 19 9:00am–1:00pm **Homeless Cooking Wednesday**—Bring a knife and a cutting board. Donations of fresh food (no protein) and money always welcome. St. Clouds Restaurant. Contact John Platt, john@stclouds.com
- Mar 22 10:00am–1:00pm **Friends of Madrona Woods Work Party**—Meet at toolbox, Spring and Grand, or contact Peter Mason peterma5@msn.com
- Mar 27 6:30pm–8:00pm **EastPac Meeting**—Discuss activities and issues within Seattle's East Precinct. Seattle University's Chardin Hall, Room 142, 1020 E Jefferson. Contact Stephanie Tschida cheeda11@gmail.com



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