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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Remember when summer started on Memorial Day, and lasted a full three months? An entire quarter of a year just to catch June bugs in a jar or cut out paper dolls? Unheard of today! Yet what a benefit that "down time" was: how good for our growing brains, how stabilizing for our emotional life, how enriching for our imaginations as we invented games and ways to get into trouble!

I think God kinda liked it better that way. I know I did! Give yourself a break this summer. Take some time just to goof off! God will breathe a sigh of relief. And so will you!

Mia Scherich.

CALENDAR

Luncheon

Thursday, June 5
Clubhouse, 11:45 AM

Board Meeting

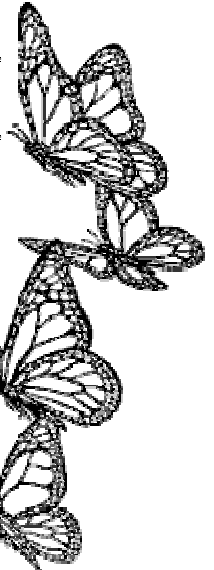
Tuesday, June 23
Clubhouse, 1:00 PM

Summer Garden Picnic

Thursday, August 6
Location TBD

Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 25
Clubhouse, 1:00 PM



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To:

Editorial

SUMMER'S DANCE

Summer is dancing up to us, twirling her bright sun and colorful days. Open all the windows and let in the natural light. Welcome the fresh air. Banish all the heavy look of winter.

When I was a child my mother celebrated summer by changing the look of our home. The heavy wool patterned rugs were cleaned and rolled up and stored. The light beige of a thick straw carpet covered the gleaming wood floors. She covered all the furniture with white slipcovers. Out came the glass vases that would hold flowers from our garden. The heavy draperies were laid away and light sheers hung at the windows. The window boxes in front were planted with pink and white petunias. The patio in back was swept and cleaned awaiting dinner outside.

My father was the gardener and had also built us a goldfish pond in the back yard against a trellis profuse with day lilies. The yard was covered with flowers. The glider on the screened-in side porch was cleaned and ready to be used. That was my favorite place because behind it was a thick wisteria vine and its perfume was heady and wonderful. There was no air-conditioner and the Virginia summers were very hot.

My mother was a stay-at-home, as were all the other mothers on our street. Today is quite different. However, we can all welcome summer, and all of its gifts.

BOOK NOOK

THE LIFE AND MUSIC OF HILDEGARD VON BINGEN
by Barbara Newman

This is an interesting book about a fantastic woman. She was born in 1098 to members of Nobility. Named after her father Hildelbert, she was the last of 10 children. Her health was always precarious and she had visions at age three. She was sent to live in a convent. In 1113 she became a nun and was made Abbess of the community. She continued to have visions that were followed by illness, but she never divulged them. In 1141, she had a vision of "blinding light" and was told to "tell and write" of what she saw in her visions. She painted mandalas (the one I think is the most wonderful is "The Wheel of Life"). She wrote many books, some on natural science, one of which is a medical encyclopedia which includes an herbal, a bestiary and lapidary. She never studied music but wrote wonderful words and music. She died in 1179. Her drawings and music are beautifully chronicled in this book. You can get her music on CDs.

LAYETTES

"These were the prettiest bags we have ever done, and the colors all went together beautifully," said Doreen Vodicka, who is in charge of the layettes that the club provides for indigent mothers. The Layette ladies, Corrine Hieb, Virginia Kaiser, Barbara Roberts, Una Duignan, Shirley Ward, Peggy Stephenson and Doreen put together 13 bags. They met at the clubhouse on Thursday May 28th.

POET'S VIEW

LOVE IN HIS EYES

She knows she doesn't look as young as Elaine
Nor does she have the beauty of Jane
She's has a little more fat than Mary or Pat
She knows that she is really quite plain

She sees him looking, with the rest of the guys
Giving admiring stares and straightening their ties
And she's without make-up, lashes or curls
And has not the cleavage like those other girls

Shouldn't this bother her, you ask in surprise
No because when he looks at her, he has love in
his eyes.

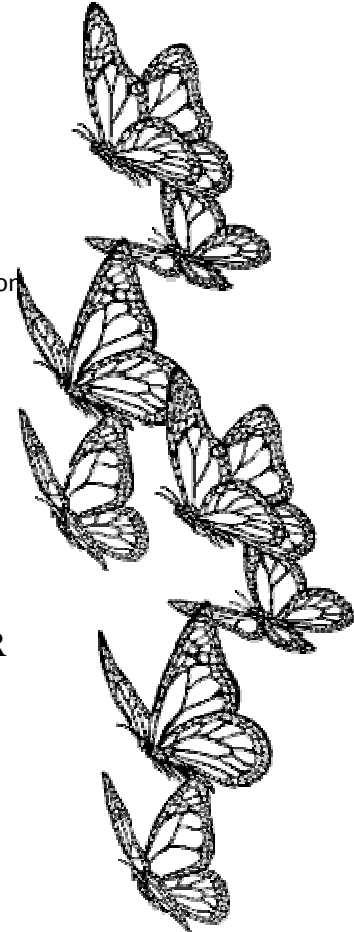
~ Gwen Langwell

EASTSIDE ARTS

Siff International Film Festival
June 1 – 7, KPC
22 movies – call for information

Ballet Bellevue
Saturday, June 20
Sammamish PAC, 8:00 PM
425-455-1345

~ Gwen Langwell, Chair
KC District Arts Committee



COOK'S CORNER

PICKLED CUCUMBERS

1 English cucumber
1/2 tsp sea salt
1 Tbsp finely minced fresh ginger
1/4 cup white distilled vinegar
1/4 tsp. sugar

cut into round slices, put in bowl with salt. let stand 30 min. stirring now and then. drain off liquid, stir in rest of ingredients. refrigerate for 2 hours or overnight. if you have a garden and grow cukes, keep this recipe because the little ones are perfect for this. they taste like summer.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But this wasn't it.

~ Groucho Marx

GROUCHY GRAMMARIAN

PETULANT adj. sulky, irritable

Not even the Grouch can be petulant on a sunny summer day.