

Marrowstone Island Community Association (MICA)

January 16, 2024
at Nordland Garden Club
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Attendees: Room was full, to capacity, even on a stormy cold evening.

Presidents Call to Order

President Gary Rowe opened the meeting at 6:30 welcoming the attendees to the first MICA meeting of 2024.

Gary asked if there any new people attending the MICA meeting for the first time. Four responded in the affirmative: Mr. Jessica Lowe [Jeffery Scott], Mike and Becky Mulligan, Randy Jones, Barbara Mcgraff. Gary welcomed all to their first meeting hoping that they would come again.

Gary asked for a show of hands on the number of years attendees have lived on the island. There were people that have lived on the island for over 10 years, 20 years and even 30 years.

MICA Introduction of Guests and Committee Reports

Please use this link for complete details of the presentations.

Video Link - MICA Introductions & Committee

Updates: <https://youtu.be/u604MigDLx8?feature=shared>

Vice President, Jessica Lowe, introduced an opportunity and a future specially scheduled meeting:

As a member of the Jefferson County community you can inform the development of services for the new [Jefferson County Children's Advocacy Center](#). Click for the survey to measure your Attitudes, Perceptions and Knowledge of Child

Abuse: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/safechildren>

SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, February 15, 6:30 - 8:00pm @ the Garden Club to hear a special presentation from Mike Glenn/CEO of Jefferson Healthcare and Bruce McComas to discuss the new hospital expansion, and specifically about radio oncology. The hospital is in the midst of an effort to purchase the Linear Accelerator, key to delivering radiation treatment for many kinds of cancer. Come hear directly from the CEO regarding their expansion plans and how this will improve our access to needed healthcare services. See a video here from Bruce: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=ReW57IKwCGk>

Treasurer Report

Gary gave the treasurers report on behalf of Barry Lerich who was on his way to a vacation trip to Antarctica:

MICA Funds:

- MICA General Checking Balance \$1,687.95
- Sound View Cemetery Checking Balance \$8,974.40
- Sound View Cemetery CD Balance \$15,615.84

Cemetery Report

Cynthia Rowe opened the cemetery report stating that the new section is open and that the burial site fees are \$500. In 2023, 23 people were interred. There are 128 available spots in the cemetery. The committee is still waiting to hear the results of their application for a grant proposal for replacing the current sign with an upgraded sign. Tim Tibbles was introduced and accepted a new member to the cemetery committee.

As an aside a team on the island is looking for additional volunteers to help monitor for shellfish toxins. Please reach out to me if you have any questions or want to participate? Thank you!

Membership Committee

Bob Jaffe spoke on behalf of the membership committee. He thanked the 17 people who just signed up their MICA memberships. More to come from the membership committee soon.

Nordland Garden Club

President Carol Woodard ill and could not attend. Another member mentioned the upcoming plant sale in April.

Marrowstone Island Foundation

Bud Ayres introduced Jim Nurenberg as the new president:

- Elections to occur in March for new board members.
- Letter to state why a person should be considered for a posting are due before the third week in February, 2024.

Bridge Naming Committee

Colleen Ebken presented an update on behalf of Patricia Earnest:

- MIF, MICA, and Garden Club members participating in the culling of the names down to 3 for final island vote.
- MICA attendee ask that the entire list be presented for information at the time of final island vote.

Friends of Fort Flagler

Mark Secord reported:

- June Thompson is new to the membership committee
- Exciting year coming up
- The WWI theater funding is supposed to be in Governor Inslee’s final supplemental budget and may need people to write letters of support

Naming of the Bridge Between Marrowstone Island and Indian Island

Colleen Ebken presented for Patricia Earnest about the details of the unique opportunity that Marrowstone Island residents share with the Tribal Cultural Communities and Naval Magazine Indian Island.

Evenings Presentations

Please use this link for complete details of the evenings presentations.

Video Link - Scott Mauk/Superintendent of Chimacum Schools: <https://youtu.be/uIbDCLsa4BA?feature=shared>

Scott Mauk presented a very informative overview about the student body of Chimacum, effects post - pandemic, how our community can help and future plans.

Video Link - Nordland Store Update: <https://youtu.be/UG9Ay2XOBVs?feature=shared>

Exciting updates from Barcy Fisher and Patti Buckland on the opening of the Nordland Store.

2023 Citizen of the Year Announcement

Judith Collins made the announcement that Barry and Ellen Lerich were the 2023 COY’s. This is the 50th year of this honor. Judith read the names of all living past COY for Marrowstone Island. Barry and Helen were not at the meeting as they were on their way to Antarctica. Judith was going to call them the next day to tell them about the exciting news before their ship set sail.

Closing

Gary closed the meeting at 8:30 and thanked everyone for attending in with the bad weather that we were experiencing.