



SEMIAHMOO LADIES CLUB NEWSLETTER JULY 2010

website: www.semiahmooladiesclub.com

President's letter:

Every Last Cuckoo by Kate Maloy was the June book of choice for the Semiahmoo Ladies Book Club. Most of my life I've been a reader but I'm sporadic. Months can go by with nary a book completed and then suddenly I'll have three on the go at the same time. I've just completed *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*, sneaking it in during the gray hooky playing days of our yet to arrive summer. I get a little resentful at finishing a great book which leaves me wanting more and having to go on to another writer's gifts. Another new group to meet and learn about, a different style of writing to accustom to. The combination of my mood and the new author's gift usually suck me into the next read by the end of the first chapter. *Every Last Cuckoo* captured me from page 1.

Every Last Cuckoo is about you. It's about me. It's about our husbands, our friends, our children and grandchildren. It reminds us of how layered and interconnected we all are. It's about death and loss, about hardship, nature and pain – but there's a balancing of beauty, intuition, hope, relationships and their wilting and blossoming. Maloy shows us how not to get stuck. The words "When a door closes, another opens" ring through her cherishable book and re-opened my eyes to the people around me.

It's human nature to look at others as how they relate to us. But dig a little deeper and layers peel to the core of a whole other being. Strangers unearth a wealth of sharing if we allow them. My early hotel career unearthed such a stranger. His name was George Thomson. George was the grumpiest guest ever. He stayed with us at least twice a month for a 3 day stay. The "Good morning Mr. Thomson's" were never met with more than a rude grunt and scowl – the perfect challenge for stubborn 23 year old me. Be friendly, be professional, he's a guest I thought. During a Sunday morning checkout after the usual grunt I looked across the lobby and saw a lady and two little girls waiting. "Are those your little girls?" I asked "They are gorgeous!" Mr. Thomson looked around and back at me and melted. His soft spot discovered he started to open up a little at a time. A trust cemented and he stayed only in hotels where I worked and would make his reservations only through me. Mr. Thomson was unusual and would have been easy to dislike if one didn't dig. His parents died when he was 13 (layer) after that he raised himself (layer) he put his sister through medical school (layer) he became an engineer (layer) he owned an extremely successful company (layer) he was a husband and a father (layers). Mr. Thomson had few overt social skills and they only appeared when others drew him out – probably due to losses in his younger life. He was from Aboriginal people (layer) and we became friend (layers). George Thomson died some time ago – but I still think of him. He taught me not to discount someone because they don't march to my drum. One person and persistence do make a difference.

Every Last Cuckoo reminded me of George and of his layers, of my friends from the South and in Semiahmoo and of all they are and all they do...of all your layers. I recommend this book. Don't you find it little sad when the last chapter of a good book ends? It's like losing a friend...but then, there are new friends and new adventures to discover – so you'll excuse me if I don't grieve too long. What are your layers?

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Monthly Social

Belle Flora Inc. is Bellingham and Whatcom County's finest floral and home interior shop. Family owned and operated since 1945. Second generation florist Janice Oberg-Barrett bought the business from her parents in 1970. They are located in the historic Daylight Building with over 2600 square feet of space. Their knowledgeable staff of designers has over 50 years of combined experience. Each gift is professionally designed and delivered to ensure the highest level of quality and service



Bellingham, WA

Janice Oberg-Barrett, Owner

Topic:

Unique Floral Designs

Demonstrations of various Floral Designs, everything that you need to know to make a beautiful Fresh Floral Arrangement.

Date: Thursday, July 15th

Place: Pierside, Resort Semiahmoo

Time: 11:30 A.M.

R.S.V.P.

Jo Ann Howe, jbhowe@mac.com or Kathy Korelin, KathyKorelin@gmail.com

By: 6/ 14

Look for the Evite that is coming your way

Menu

Wild Mushroom Strudel with Merlot Reduction

Grilled Chicken Salad- Mixed Greens topped with Julienned Chicken Breast, Orange Supremes, Berries.

Carrot Cake with Caramel Sauce.

If you have special menu requests, please let Jo Ann or Kathy know when you R.S.V.P.

Other important social events for July:



July 1 through July 18

Symphonic music at its finest

Featuring renowned musical director Michael Palmer and the internationally acclaimed Bellingham Festival Orchestra www.bellinghamfestival.org



Our Concert Series

<u>Group / Performer</u>	<u>When</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Description</u>
Greta Matassa Quartet	Sun, July 11, 7:30pm	Blaine PAC	by donation	Greta Matassa, vocals; Clipper Anderson, bass; Darin Clendenin, piano; Lou Abbott, drums.
Faculty Concert	Mon, July 12, noon	G Street Plaza		Dave Keim, tbone; Ed Donohue tpt; Nick Biello, sax; Clipper Anderson, bass; Darin Clendenin, piano; Lou Abbott, drums
Classics Plus Faculty	Tues, July 13, noon	G Street Plaza	FREE	

Classics Plus and Faculty	Tues, July 13, 7:30 pm	PAC	by donation	
Instrumental Jazz Preview A Few of My Favorite Things	Wed, July 14, noon	G Street Plaza	FREE	
A Few of My Favorite Things	Wed, July 14, 7:30 pm	Blaine PAC	by donation	Instrumental Jazz with: Greg Hopkins, trumpet; Nick Biello, saxophone; Dave Keim, trombone; Larry Holloway, bass; Lou Abbott, drums; Randy Halberstadt, piano; Chris Woitach, guitar.
Bellingham Youth Jazz Band	Thur, July 15, noon	G Street Plaza	FREE	Directed by Mark Kelly
Big Band Benefit	Thur, July 15, 7:30 pm	Pavilion at Semiah moo Golf Club	\$30	
Student Showcase	Friday, July 16, noon	G Street Plaza	FREE	
Student Showcase	Friday, July 16, 7:30 pm	Blaine PAC		ALL students perform with all faculty; including Greg Hopkins' arrangement of the Benny Goodman classic, "Sing, Sing, Sing!"
Let's Rock	Sat, July 17, 11-noon	G Street Plaza	FREE	
Vocal Jazz, Big Bands, CL+	Sat, July 17, 1-4:30 pm	G Street Plaza	FREE	
Jazz Combos, CL+ Combos	Sat, July 17, 1-4:30 pm	H Street Plaza	FREE	
Student Performances & Street Fair and Visual Arts Competition for Kids	Sat, July 17, this year! 11 am thru 4:30 pm	Blaine Boardwalk	FREE	Jazz music featuring students from this year's festival will be playing on both the G Street and H Street Boardwalk plazas simultaneously.

**The Blaine Jazz Festival is presented by the Pacific Arts Association
and the City of Blaine, in cooperation with the Blaine School District.
Sponsors include Smuggler's Inn and The Northern Light.**



SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday July 17th, 2010
Blaine Boys & Girls Club Dinner & Auction

Enjoy a summer evening on the shores of Semiahmoo Spit overlooking Drayton Harbor while supporting the youth of Blaine & Birch Bay. All money raised stays local!

**Tent Flaps rise at 5:00pm for the silent auction.
Dinner, live auction & dessert dash to follow.**

Tickets are \$60 each and include: hosted beer & wine, appetizers, dinner & table wine.

For more information contact branch director Karin Schulhauser at kschulhauser@whatcomclubs.org or call 306.332.3008

THIS EVENT IS PROUDLY SPONSORED BY:



July 17th, 2010

All Hands on Deck!

Boys & Girls Club of Blaine Annual Dinner & Auction

Greetings,

The Boys & Girls Club of Blaine will host its Annual Bids for Kids Auction on **Saturday, July 17th, 2010**. This annual dinner and auction is the Blaine Club's largest fundraising event of the year. Our goal for 2010 is to raise over \$80,000 to assist in meeting the needs of our community's youth. We average over 100 Club members every afternoon in just less than 2500 square feet of space! The need is great. Without community support we wouldn't be possible!

Approximately 200 of the community's finest citizens attend our auction each year. This event is not only an opportunity for the Club to raise money, but it also provides an opportunity for businesses such as yours to increase awareness of the products and services you provide. It is our hope that you will consider making a donation to our event. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Whatcom County is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization. Your contribution may be tax-deductible. Our tax ID number is 91-0836427.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Whatcom County have been providing service to children in the community since 1946. For over 63 years the level of excellence with which we provide our programs has been nationally recognized time and again by Boys & Girls Clubs of America. Our Clubs offer programs based upon the physical, emotional, cultural and social needs as well as the interests of the youth we serve.

****Many of our members will be attending the auction. If you are looking for other members to join at a table, mention that you are a member of the ladies club when buying tickets. Antje has volunteered to help coordinate this, please contact her for assistance. awortman@comcast.net**

Interest groups

KNITTING CIRCLE (and crafts)

Gathers on the 2nd and 4th Monday afternoons each month, 12:30-3:00 PM. Novices or seasoned knitters or stitchers are welcome to drop in. The gathering place is the Semiahmoo Marina store unless noted. For more information and to be sure of location, please contact Audrey Schroeder via email: aschroed2@comcast.net. Ask to be put on an email list for notification and updates.

BOOK CLUB

The group meets on the last Monday of the month at the homes of various members. July's meeting will be our yearly dinner @ 6:00 pm in the Palmer Room. Please bring suggestions for the next year's books. Contact Jenni by July 20 to make a reservation. Please make a selection of chicken or salmon for your dinner.

For more information, contact: Janis Hollaway (371-8285) jjhollaway@comcast.net or Jenni Packwood (371-7592) jenni5@comcast.net



BRIDGE CLUB

The group meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday afternoon. Call Shirley Converse (371-5288) for location of play.



QUILTING CLUB

Meets twice monthly, 1st and 3rd Mondays from 12:30 PM - 5:00 PM. For location of the meetings or to be put on a list for e-mail notification of location, last minute changes, field trips or other news contact Sylvia Hayden ([371-7145](tel:371-7145)) mshayden2@comcast.net

Weekly event - Wednesday morning coffee @ Semiahmoo Resort

Pat Gilson will be the hostess for the month of July. Please think about volunteering to be a hostess in future months.

Meet on Wednesdays from 10:00 - 11:00 AM at the Coffee Shop at The Semiahmoo Resort and chat with your friends and acquaintances. Members of the community are invited to come to make new friends and find out more about the



Semiahmoo Ladies Club.

OTHER NEWS:

4th of July Used Book Sale

Blaine Public Library, 610 3rd Street

Sale to Public Starts at 10 a.m. on Friday, July 2

[Mark your calendars](#) and don't miss out! [Stop by, find that perfect book for a great price and](#) maybe even buy a canvas book bag for carrying all of those purchases!

* **Hardbacks** * **Paperbacks** * **CDs, DVDs and More** *

Dates and Times: Thursday, July 1 _____ 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. **Friends First Sale** *
_____ Friday, July 2 _____ **10 a.m. – 6 p.m.**
_____ Saturday, July 3 _____ **10 a.m. – 6 p.m.**
_____ Sunday, July 4 _____ 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
_____ 3 p.m. – 4 p.m. **½ Price Sale**

* Not a Friend? Join now and get first look/choice at our book sale!

All proceeds of the sale go to the Friends of the Blaine Library

Note: If you have books you want to donate to our sale, please drop them off at the library no later than Wednesday, June 30. If you want a charitable donation receipt, ask any staff member for one when you drop off your books.



Do you know of someone who needs a note from us?

Do you know of someone who is ill? having surgery? lost a loved one or friend? just needs a hug? PLEASE let Vi Reidenbach (Corresponding Secretary) know! She would like to hear from any of you so she can send an appropriate card or flowers.

Contact Vi at sfrasermac@msn.com or 371-8598

If you or anyone you know is ill or is caring for someone with a challenge, we have a Semiahmoo "Sunshine Network" for assistance/meals, call MaryHelen at 371-0614



If you could save a life, would you?

Each day patients in our local hospitals battle cancer and leukemia, need surgeries, and suffer traumatic injuries which require blood transfusions. With less than an hour of your time, your 1 blood donation can help up to three patients.

Please give the gift of life and donate at:

Blaine Community Blood Drive

Friday, July 2nd (there will be another opportunity in late August in Birch Bay)

9:00 am – 2:30 pm

(Closed 11:30 am – 12:30 pm)


In the Cost Cutter Parking Lot 1733 H St.

Walk-ins welcome. To schedule an appointment contact schedule@psbc.org or 800-398-7888

Five Easy Steps to Blood Donation

- 1. Eat a healthy meal & drink plenty of fluids at least four hours prior to donating.*
- 2. Complete a health history questionnaire & screening interview*
- 3. Undergo a brief health check of blood pressure, pulse, temperature and iron level.*
- 4. Relax while one unit (about one pint) of blood is collected.*
- 5. Enjoy refreshments while remaining seated for about 10 minutes.*

JULY 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29 Lois Bradfield B'day	30 10-11am Coffee 	1 Happy Canada Day 	2	3
4 	5 12:30 - 5pm Quilting club	6	7 10-11am Coffee 	8 Bridge club Dorothy Amundsen B'day	9	10 Penny Corcoran B'day
11	12 12:30 - 3pm Knitting Club	13	14 10 - 11am Coffee 	15 11:30 Luncheon 7:30pm Big Band Benefit @ Pavilion Bobbie Dolph B'day	16	17 Boy's & Girls Club Auction and Dinner
18	19 12:30 - 5pm Quilting Club	20	21 10-11am Coffee 	22 Bridge club	23 Pat Mitchell B'day	24
25 Jenni Packwood B'day	26 12:30 - 3pm Knitting circle 6-9pm Book Club Dinner	27	28 10-11am Coffee 	29	30 Madelene Geuther B'day	31
1	2	3	4 10-11am Coffee 	5 Jeanne Rousselot B'day	6	7

NEW MEMBER



Leila Humphrey

Contact information available from board members