



The Breeze *of Park Point*

Park Point Community Club Meeting

Thursday, January 15,
7 pm,

Membership Pizza Party at 6:30
Lafayette Community Center

Lafayette Edible Garden

January 18,
5 to 7 pm

Solstice Potluck Dinner
Lafayette Community Center

Park Point Garden Club

Thursday, January 22,
7:00 pm

Installation of new officers
Contact Diane Gould
727-4067



The mission of the Breeze is to
serve the community by:

1. Publishing the minutes and financial statements of the Park Point Community Club.
2. Informing the community of upcoming meetings, events, happenings and projects.
3. Providing a forum for Park Point residents to air their concerns.
4. Sharing the history, stories and anecdotes that make Park Point a unique place to live.

Please join the Park Point Community Club

HOW

Just fill out the Membership Form below, enclose your \$5 dues and mail to the Club. Or even better; bring it to the next PPCC meeting and pizza party, January 15th at LaFayette Community Center.

WHY JOIN

Your neighbors welcome and value your participation. It gives you a vote in all Park Point Community Club (PPCC) matters. And this Club matters: For decades, people like you have helped the PPCC do amazing things:

- protect and care for our Duluth parks and unique Park Point ecology
- offer a Summer Youth Program (formerly provided by the city)
- host a premiere annual Art Fair for 43 years that draws 10,000+ visitors
- host an annual Rummage Sale (Duluth's largest)
- create a forum for civil discussion and a stronger voice on a range of issues
- publish the Breeze newsletter 12 times/year and maintain parkpointcommunityclub.org and the S-Curve "postcard" message board
- renting out Lafayette Community Center and keeping the warming house open for ice skating
- much more—from sharing educational forums, gardening and neighborhood watch to welcoming new residents

Have other ideas? As a member, you can help shape the Club while supporting a non-profit 501c4 that keeps neighbors connected to each other and this place we call home.

More ways to get involved:

1. Help recruit members on your block. Just grab some member forms and start door-knocking. Contact jtsargent7@msn.com for more info.
2. Join a PPCC Committee. See the list of committees on page 2. It's easy, informal and really helps.
3. Propose new activities, ideas or initiatives at our monthly meetings or via the Breeze or website.

For questions or more information, contact:
John Sargent, PPCC Vice President
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Membership form on page 9

The Breeze

Editor: David Bacchus

Submissions for the February issue
are due by Friday, 1/30/15.

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From the PPCC President

Hi Neighbors,

The annual PPCC Membership Pizza Party will be held on Thursday, January 15th, 6:30 pm at Lafayette. Come and meet your neighbors and share your stories. Everyone is welcome.

I am really sorry to have caused this snow shortage by purchasing my very first snowblower. As you may recall, learning to use that slick Ariens was a personal highlight of mine last "forever" winter. My orange machine is tucked cozily in the shed awaiting the inevitable white blast. It is nice to have something to look forward to.....

Judy Dwyer's brilliant idea to interview longtime Park Pointers inspired me to go visit with my great uncle Howard Jacobs, 94, who has lived nearly all of his life on Park Point. I am wondering if there is an older "Pointer" out there?

Visiting with my grandmother Jean's brother, his wife and his daughter was fascinating. I am working on something to share in the Breeze or on the

website or both. Our Breeze editor has some wonderful new ideas for sharing Park Point history and lore. Would you consider visiting with a Park Pointer and creating a story or a video?

My mother-in-law dearest gave me silky, deep purple pajamas for Christmas that I am calling my "Countess of Grantham" wear. I spent a few nights on the beach side of Park Point over the holidays and enjoyed that side of the island's major perk— wandering down to the beach in one's loungewear with a coffee cup in hand. Of course the Countess wouldn't have been caught dead in the supplementary wear- slip on Merrell boots, fluffy down coat, black leather bomber hat - but Klaus certainly didn't mind.

Happy New Year!

See you out and about on our beautiful wintery island,
Dawn & Klaus

PS If you are leaving us for a winter respite adventure, would you consider sending a few pics for vicarious pleasure therapy?
Wishing you fun and safe travels!



From the Editor

2015 is off to a great start for the Breeze! David Bacchus has volunteered to take over as editor of the Breeze. David is a talented writer and local history buff, so it will be interesting to see how the Breeze develops with his contributions. I will continue to volunteer as the graphic designer. My favorite job! Here's to new endeavors and the power of team work!

Natalija Walbridge

New Editor for the Park Point Breeze



As Park Point enjoys her well deserved winter rest, we begin a new year. We are fortunate to have such a beautiful and unique community to enjoy while we reflect upon last year's accomplishments and what we hope to achieve or do differently this year to make our lives more meaningful. New can be scary, I won't lie, and change for some of us can downright be a four letter word. Yet, it can also be an opportunity. It is with this in mind, and not without reservations, that I have decided to volunteer for Breeze duty.

Many of us in the community lead very busy lives. Busy with our families, our jobs, and occasionally precious leisure time. We tend not to allow much time in our schedules to stay up to date on community issues and concerns, check facts, attend council meetings, or even get out for club organized events. Some of us are part timers who don't always have these opportunities and have to rely on hearsay. As The Breeze editor, I will suffer through some of these tasks for you, put on my reporter fedora, and present information I discover to the community. Will I make mistakes? Of course. But, I will learn and grow as a result, as will The Breeze, as will our community. Please speak up. Reader feedback is the only way I have to address concerns that may arise. Keep in mind that I like to hear the good stuff too! Our community members range, on a continuum, from very active to no so active. Therefore, I challenge all of us to "do" something, anything, no matter how small or infrequent, that will make our little island a better place for everyone in 2015. Maybe reach out of our comfort zones a bit and try something new. Maybe even if it's a little bit scary.

Our monthly newsletter and Park Point are important to me. I have enjoyed watching them both grow and evolve throughout the years. Sometimes even for the better. As The Breeze editor, I hope to expand on the great work that Ms. Walbridge has accomplished and continue to keep all of us more informed about the past, present and future of Park Point. If you have any thoughts or ideas to make the Breeze better please don't hesitate to share them with me. You can email me at ppbreezeeditor@gmail.com or snail-mail me at 3604 Minnesota Ave. Please make sure to include the best way to return contact.

Happy New Year!
David Bacchus



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The Apostles' Creed and St. Andrew

The early tradition in the church holds that the Apostles' Creed was first professed by the Apostles on Pentecost. After St. Peter proclaims the first truth, St. Andrew, his brother, adds: "I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord."

There is fittingness about Andrew's professing this truth of Christ, not only because he is Peter's brother, but because Andrew was the first Apostle to follow Christ. As we know from Scripture, Andrew was originally a disciple of St. John the Baptist. He was a man searching for the One to follow, and when the Lamb of God was pointed out to him, he followed in pursuit.

Andrew's profession of "I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord" is not an abstract notion of faith, though. Andrew makes this profession because he has encountered the Person of Christ who has now given his life a new horizon and direction.

In the Gospel of John, after this meeting of Christ, Andrew does one thing: he goes to his brother, Simon, and, as the Gospel records, "Then he brought him to Jesus" (JN 1:42). In Andrew we find the pattern for our own faith; its missionary motion, regardless of the distance. Andrew's encounter with Christ moved him to lead his brother to Christ. Our faith leads us that way as well.

Taken from Father J. M. Sullivan, O.P., who serves as novice master for the Dominican Province of St. Joseph at St. Gertrude Priory in Cincinnati, OH

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Lafayette Community Edible Garden News

On December 21st we had a lovely Winter Solstice gathering at the community center. After decorating and gathering we joined around the Yule log and brought light to our candles and dreams. We considered what we would like to happen in 2015 and shared these thoughts with each other. Delicious Holiday foods and stories were shared. We ended with gifting each other with surprise gifts that as Brooks Anderson said, when he showed us the wooden pig he received, "It's something I don't have!"

Check out more great photos at parkpointcommunityclub.com.



All are invited to January's pot luck and educational event at Lafayette. Randel Hanson is presently the Co-Director of the Program in Environment and Sustainability at UMD and will be our guest speaker. He wrote, "I will present a discussion on GMO's and their role in an Ecological Democracy". You won't want to miss this event and opportunity to enjoy your neighbors and of course great food.

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, January 18, 5 to 7 p.m., monthly potluck dinner.

Sunday, February 15, 5 to 7 p.m., monthly potluck dinner.

Sunday, March 15, 5 to 7 p.m., monthly potluck dinner.

Sunday, April 19, 5 to 7 p.m., monthly potluck dinner.

Park Point Garden Club Celebrates the End of 2014


Every December meeting of the Park Point Garden Club is a celebration. Each member brings two dozen cookies to go on plates that have hand decorated ornaments. They say thanks to officers who have completed their terms. The gift exchange involves complicated movements of gifts to the right and the left before landing in the recipients' hands.

The January 22nd meeting will include the installation of new officers. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

Please call current President Diane Gould, 727- 4067, or future president Harriet Meagher, 722-6762, if you have any questions.




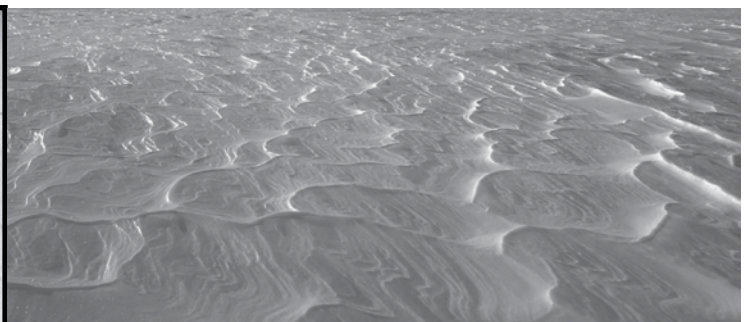
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Be prepared for yet another photo and story about winter in our harbor. This one features a remarkable likeness of an immense, natural jigsaw puzzle. In the early days of December, the polar vortex slid down from the arctic and locked up much of the waterfront in a couple of inches of ice. Next came a thin coating of snow.

I watched a gray fox come racing from north to south...its speed accelerated by a stiff tail wind. There wasn't enough loose snow to fill in its tracks. The result reminded me of a pattern much that of a seamstress having done fancy cross-stitching.



Then the wind and temperature rose in unison and broke up the crazy quilt formation. During the night, the winds sliced off huge floes in sharp, irregular shapes and shuffled them so that none matched the one next to it. The fox tracks were still there but the lines no longer connected. In a technical sense, the shards could be re-connected by simply hooking up tracks, as they appeared before the solid ice field shattered.

A week later, the foxes had to abandon their ice highway and yield the bay to the rogue flock of about a dozen mallards that refuse to migrate as long as some generous Pointers keep feeding them. They rode the last bit of ice until an east wind blew it away.



A recent news story told of new research on bird migration that may explain why large flocks of ducks will suddenly take to the sky in unison, as if responding to an unseen and unheard signal to depart quickly. Here on the Point there are fall days when warblers seem to be almost everywhere, and yet I see almost none the very next day.

With attachment of mini transmitters to southbound travelers, scientists recorded the time the birds departed after first factoring in the weather conditions. During some of the mass exodus times, there was no storm system locally but bad flying weather was gathering as far as six hundred miles to the north. While scientists are not sure of the departure cues, they think the birds may be detecting sounds from storms in a frequency so low they can't be heard by human ears.

Need a little bit of good news to control cabin fever? We're heading toward February, and by the end of next month some of the early spring migrant birds will begin their first movement north. If you check the lengthening of daylight hours in the afternoon, you will notice they are starting to become obvious.

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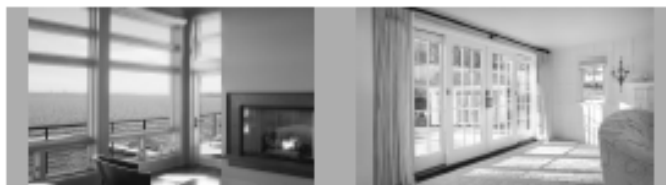


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Park Point Community Club Membership Form

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The Park Point Community Club publishes a list of member names (w/o contact details.)

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Check this box if you agree to be included on the list.

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Check this box if you prefer to remain anonymous.

Call for Park Point History Project Volunteers

Durning my time as editor for the Breeze, one of the most common requests was for more interviews and history articles about Park Point. In discussing this topic with friends and neighbors, I am surprised to find that several people are already conducting interviews and writing stories. It seems like the challenge is making these interviews avialable to more people.

I would like to see if other people are interested in forming a group to publish these stories in the Breeze and perhaps an enhanced PPCC web site. Archiving our rich history will be a major project, but over time could become our most treasured resource.

Please contact me via email natalija.walbridge@gmail.com or US mail 2311 Minnesota Ave.
If we have enough interest to form a group, we'll plan a date to meet in February.

Natalija Walbridge

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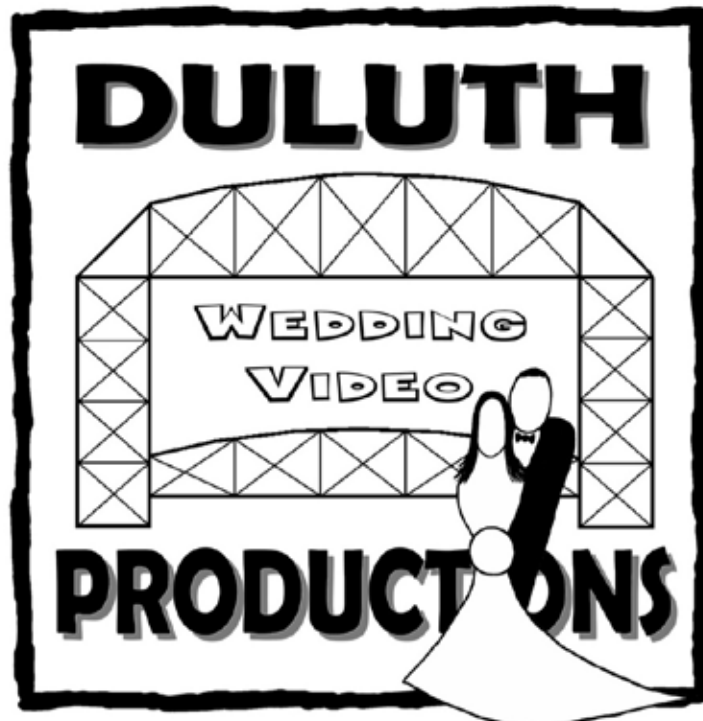
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