



**South Whidbey at Home**  
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## November 2015 Progress Report

**Membership & Fees:** The Finance and Steering Committees are refining a fairly revolutionary structure for fees and memberships that truly reflects the egalitarian spirit and culture of South Whidbey. We'll provide details next month, but we think you're going to like it.

**Gatherings:** On November 4<sup>th</sup>, Janice Dilworth, founding director of a Seattle neighborhood program much like what we're developing here, spoke to an audience of 125 curious islanders at The Clyde. Her experiences in running PNA Village gave us all a better idea about how this model works in the real world, and how much richness it adds to the lives of both members and volunteers.

Three steering committee members, Sharon Emerson, Allan Ament, and Steve Burr, attended the annual Village to Village Network convention in Seattle last month. Even better, they brought home Kate Hoepke, the executive director of the San Francisco Village, who spent the next few days sharing advice and information with us. Like Janice Dilworth, Kate was impressed with how quickly we are progressing.

**You Can Help:** we are looking for a few people with specific talents or interests. Just click here [southwhidbeyathome@whidbey.com](mailto:southwhidbeyathome@whidbey.com) to connect with us.

- We need someone with knowledge of computers and communications technology to help us figure out the best ways for people to reach us. This would be a *short-term gig* just to get us set up and running smoothly.
- If you belong to a church, service club, neighborhood association or other group, invite a SW @ Home speaker to visit.
- We need to identify five people who might be willing to answer phones and emails for SW @ Home one day a week starting in June. Do you enjoy problem solving and helping people? Then this job is right up your alley. Training would begin in the spring.

**Thanks to:** Trinity Lutheran Church for donating toward our start-up costs. St. Augustine's Episcopal Church for designating SW @ Home for its special collections in July. Rotary Club for inviting us to speak at their breakfast meeting. Valerie Easton of Half Moon Yoga Studio for asking us to speak at the Haven Collective trunk show and

arranging for a share of the proceeds to go to SW @ Home (and thank you, Haven). Senior Services for their feedback on resources and referrals.

***Who's been doing all this?*** There are a lucky 13 of us on the steering committee, and several dozen working on the finance, media/marketing, members and volunteer services, professional services, structure & governance, technology, social programs, and fundraising committees. If you have time and skills to offer one of these planning committees, let us know. [southwhidbeyathome@whidbey.com](mailto:southwhidbeyathome@whidbey.com).

Our steering committee includes Allan Ament (Vice Chair), Steve Burr, Sharon Emerson, Paul Goldfinger (Treasurer), Eileen Jackson, Miriam Raabe (Secretary), Tia Reese, Helen Taylor, Gary Vallat, Sue Van Etten, Logan Weiler, Marcia Wiley, and Lynn Willeford, Chair. Any of us can answer your questions.

***How can you keep up with what's happening?*** Please Follow [South Whidbey at Home on Facebook](#) —we're posting news, links and other things of interest there, and you can chime in. We are in the process of building a website which we hope to have up by the first of the year. Not online? You can also reach us by mail at South Whidbey at Home, PO Box 557, Langley WA 98260.

***Lighter Side*** The media and marketing committee has been brainstorming taglines to use on the SW @ Home website and printed materials. Here are some that didn't make the cut:

- South Whidbey at Home: Not dead yet
- South Whidbey at Home: Keeping granddad off the roof
- South Whidbey at Home: The best kind of age spot
- South Whidbey at Home: What a long, strange trip it's been

