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## Meetings

Tuesday, March 7, 2000

TOPIC:  
General Meeting Agenda

LOCATION:  
Library at TOPS Seward  
School,  
2500 Franklin Ave. E.  
6:30-7:00  
Open House  
7:00-9:00  
Presentations  
and public comment

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## *Nelson Mandela and Graca Machel come to Eastlake*

On December 10, Eastlake had its most distinguished international visit ever. At a press conference limited to journalists, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation hosted former South African president Nelson Mandela and his wife Graca Machel. They were in Seattle to accept from the Gates, McCaw, and Rotary foundations a total of more than \$30 million for health care and economic development in Africa. A world statesman of the highest order, Mandela emerged from decades of imprisonment by the apartheid regime without bitterness, to lead South Africa into a renaissance of democracy and reconciliation.

Mandela said that political prisoners have a lot of time to think about rebuilding their country, and that "if you are in a leading position in a country, you don't have time for revenge." At the press conference Larry Adeyemi of Africa Forum News praised Mandela for his example in deciding not to run for reelection and for willingly relinquishing power.

Machel is an inspiring figure in her own right, having lost her first husband, Mozambique President Samora Machel, in a plane crash in South Africa at a time when he was negotiating with the apartheid regime. She served as Mozambique minister of education and is now chancellor of the University of Cape Town. When Mandela shyly declined to answer a question about their 1998 marriage, Machel touchingly volunteered: "What we are to each other is for any one of you. It is that you have their hand. And if you have that hand it is strength to him and to you, so that you can carry on. If you love somebody, just love him very much."





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## Business Notes



by Chris Leman

Congratulations to the neighborhood's first espresso stand, **Eastlake Espresso**, for its grand reopening in a sheltered new location at 2366 Eastlake Avenue E. (just south of Pomodoro Ristorante). Owner Allison Wegner has served such luminaries as Dale Chihuly, John Keister, Chris Cornell, and MTV personality Kennedy. • And best wishes to Ellen Chevalier, who after nearly nine years as owner-operator of **L'Elephant Espresso**, has sold the business. Ellen leaves at the end of March to travel and live in the Southwest. L'Elephant, enthusiastically reviewed by John Hinterberger, is in a quaint converted garage at 2946 Eastlake Ave. New owner (and long-time customer) Michelle King plans to expand the hours and open up on Sundays. • On January 24, it was announced that the **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation** has become the largest philanthropy in the world, with an unprecedented \$21.8 billion in assets. The Foundation employs 120 at its headquarters at 1551 Eastlake Ave, and has particularly focused its giving on education, libraries, and public health. • Lisa Revelle (lisa@wooska.com) works from her floating home for **Wooska.com**, a web retailer (www.wooska.com) featuring unique items from small and innovative manufacturers. Five to ten per cent of the purchase cost is donated to nonprofit organizations, even for purchases made through Wooska from Amazon, Sharper Image, and other popular sites.

A new advertiser in the Eastlake News is the public-spirited **Evergreen Bank** (301 Eastlake Ave., 628-4250), much-patronized by neighborhood businesses. Evergreen's bank machine at the Quick Stop Grocery and Deli (2352 Eastlake Ave.) is among the few that does not charge a fee. • The **Citysearch** web site recently carried a highly complimentary restaurant review of **Serafina**: "On any given night, families, neighbors and lovers crowd into this dim, candlelit space. The real allure is the spot's lasting virtues. A favorite pasta that never changes. A friendly bartender who knows your name." • Two of Betty Morris' tenants at **2335 Minor** wrote in to thank her for keeping the building and yard looking great. We always welcome nominations of the good, the bad and the ugly in landlord stewardship. • Our continued sympathy to **State Farm** agent Ezra Teshome (2928 Eastlake Ave., 322-3910) for the loss of his friend Tarekegne Worku in a senseless 1998 parking garage shooting. The gunman was recently sentenced to 26 years in prison. • And condolences to the **Pocock Rowing Foundation**, which lost its board member Gordon McWilliams in an avalanche at Crystal Mountain.

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## Peg and Tom Stockley mourned, missed

by Chris Leman

The January 31 Alaska Airlines crash cruelly took two of this neighborhood's most cherished citizens. Margaret (Peg) Stockley was born in Seattle in 1937 and grew up in the Montlake home where her mother still lives; Peg's father was an insurance agent who suffered from Parkinson disease for many years. Her mother is a talented dressmaker who in 1934 did her own wedding gown, also worn by Peg's daughter in her 1985 wedding.

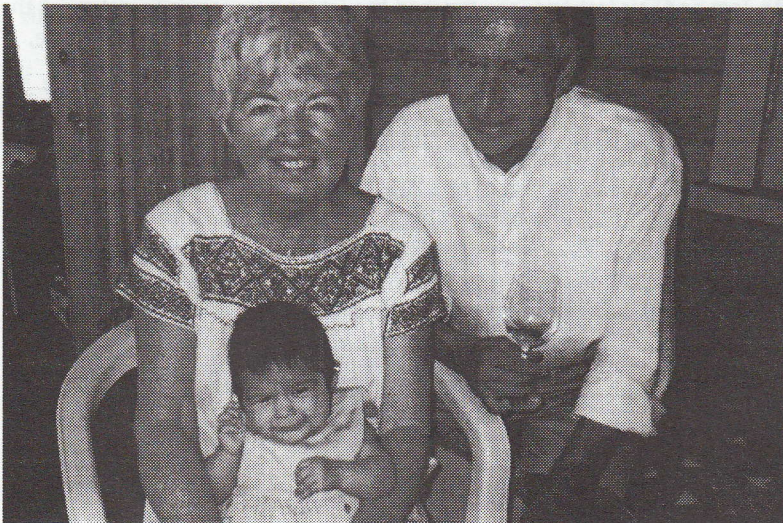
Tom Stockley was born in 1936 in Bremerton, and later lived with his parents in the back of the Stockley Store the family operated in Port Orchard. His first news job was at the Bremerton Sun—general reporting, obituaries, and a humor column. Peg and Tom met at UW while completing journalism degrees, married in 1959, and moved to Monterey and then Anchorage for his two-year Army stint. In a lighthearted 1969 biographical sketch, Tom wrote "I was inducted and married in almost the same month. ... I was a chaplain's assistant (don't laugh) and, at that time, the only Protestant assistant to a priest in the entire Army."

As a child, Peg had played on the houseboats of Portage Bay and it was at the UW that the Stockley's discovered the houseboats of Lake Union. As Tom wrote in an article about the houseboat community in the July 1997 edition of *Horizon Air Magazine* "then it was a place where poor students rented housing for a song. We partied there and the water frequently washed indoors when too many gathered on one side of the houseboat."

Tom's next job was for the Bay area magazine *Peninsula Living*, where writing and book review assignments piqued Tom's lifelong interest in the art and industry of winemaking. In 1967 they came back north, raising daughters Paige and Dina in a home in Clyde Hill where they remained for 15 years. That house was too far from the water for their taste, and in spring 1982 they moved to a simple old houseboat with a colorful past and no bathroom door. In the 1997 article, Tom recalled: "The year was magical, as everything was new to us. We called one another to the window if a large boat went by or even a kayaker, anything that moved or floated. We laughed when the house rocked slightly from the wake of a passing ship. ... Winter came to the lake and we huddled around our antique wood-burning stove. We felt as cozy as waterbugs in our floating nest."

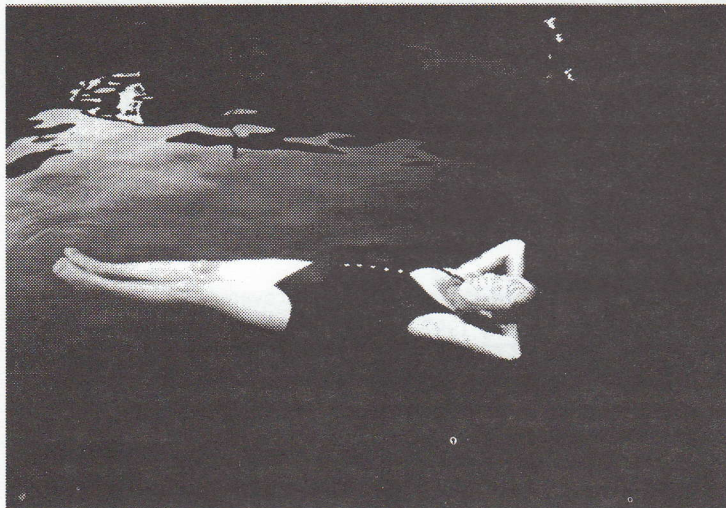
Peg and Tom never lost their love for houseboat living. Peg was known to jump in the lake many times on a warm day, with Tom not far behind. Their minimal material possessions left room for an endless stream of family, friends, parties, and meetings. They were devoted to their daughters, cellist Paige Stockley and poet and mother Dina Moreno; to Dina's husband; and to their granddaughter.

As Peg and Tom had no brothers or sisters, Paige and Dina and their grandmother now have few near relatives. They have decided to keep the houseboat in the family, and we look forward to seeing them often on the dock.





## *Peg and Tom Stockley mourned, missed - continued*



At the *Seattle Times*, where coworkers prized his unerring affability and patience, Tom Stockley worked as *Pacific Magazine* editor, feature writer, restaurant reviewer, and wine columnist. The success of his column (America's oldest in continuous publication, and an important influence on the U.S. wine industry) allowed him in 1989 to leave salaried employment for more magazine writing (much appearing in the *Times*) and wine judging and to spend more time on the beloved houseboat with family, and in travels with Peg.

Peg's journalistic career encompassed the *Times* as well as the *P-I*, *KOMO*, *Pike Place Market News*, and *Lake Union Review*. But perhaps her most distinctive contribution was as writer and editor for nonprofits like the *Seattle Youth Symphony* and *Floating Homes Association*. Publicity is the lifeblood of volunteer groups, and Peg was a master at it, and a passionate believer in grassroots volunteerism. She could never say no to help still another auction, tour, street fair, petition, or public meeting—or to find a lost cat or console a heartbroken friend.

Peg's cheerful enthusiasm touched all those around her. She represented houseboaters in the countless meetings that produced the *Eastlake Neighborhood Plan*. Just days before leaving with Tom on their last trip, she finished the latest minutes as Secretary of the *Eastlake Community Land Trust*, and was asking the *Seattle Parks Department* about renaming *Lynn Street Park* after *George Neale*, who in an earlier generation had helped save the houseboat community.

Reflecting their particular concern for preserving *Eastlake's* diversity, since 1993 the Stockleys had shared a board position on the *Eastlake Community Land Trust*. The family has suggested the *Eastlake Community Land Trust*, *Eastlake Community Council*, or *American Parkinson Disease Association (APDA)* for donations in their memory. Checks to APDA can be sent c/o *UW Department of Neurology*, P.O. Box 356465, *Seattle, WA 98195*, mentioning in memory of the Stockleys. The *Eastlake Community Council* board welcomes suggestions on how best to spend ECC memorial donations, to "*ECC—Stockley Memorial Fund*," c/o *Eastlake Community Council*, 117 *East Louisa St. #1*, *Seattle, WA 98102*. The *Eastlake Community Land Trust* has established a *Peg and Tom Stockley Memorial Fund* to realize their dream of some housing permanently affordable to those on low incomes: c/o *Treasurer Duane Richardson*, 1926 *Fairview Ave. E. #201*, *Seattle 98102*.

Peg and Tom helped many, some they never knew. Those left behind will remember them always with tears and laughter, for brightening and blessing this life.





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- Neighbourhood History - complete with historical and recent photos.
- Eastlake Organizations - Descriptions and Contact information for some of the many groups working in Eastlake including the ECC and a link to our neighborhood plan.
- Shopping, Dining and Services - A section devoted to promoting neighborhood businesses of all shapes and sizes. If you'd like to have your business listed here please contact me, below.

Our website was retooled and reinvigorated by local author and web site designer Beth Means. Beth generously donated her time and skills to create an all new graphics and layout for the site. Local neighborhood superhero Chris Leman helped expand the history section. Daniel Solomon, owner of oo.net a local internet service provider, has been an incredible help by offering free hosting for the Eastlake website. Thanks Beth, Chris and Daniel for all your efforts to get us back online!

The site is intended to be a neighbourhood resource. If you'd like to have your organization or business added to the site, or have ideas or suggestions please contact us. We're also looking for a volunteer to help with ongoing maintenance and upgrades to the site. We're flexible so take on as much or as little as you like.

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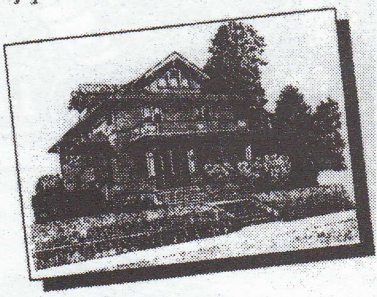
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**Volunteer sought for UW  
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A resident is sought to represent the Eastlake Community Council on the City University Community Advisory Committee (CUCAC). Eastlake has one of twelve community seats on an advisory committee that also includes representatives of the UW faculty, students, and staff. CUCAC, which meets monthly on second Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., is providing community input to UW and City officials on a revision of the university's comprehensive plan. Emerging issues including formalization of an existing freeze on added UW leasing south of Roanoke Street to the Steam Plant; revising leasing limits so that (as is not now the case) they cover UW-affiliated groups such as University Physicians; and UW expansion and parking garages that will cause major increases in traffic across the University Bridge. For more information on this volunteer opening, contact current ECC representative Chris Leman, 322-5463 cleman@oo.net.



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- 7.) I have a headache.
- 6.) I'm completely self-motivated to exercise.
- 5.) I'm having my appendix removed this week.
- 4.) It's too convenient - my location and parking excuses won't hold up.
- 3.) I can enjoy the same health benefits watching infomercials.
- 2.) Someone saw Elvis there.
- 1.) Fear! Fear! Fear!

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## Eastlake Community Council Membership Drive

The Eastlake Community Council has recently kicked off a membership drive. We're looking to build our membership to help support the many exciting projects going on in the neighborhood. Here's a sample of what's going on:

Franklin Avenue Green Street - The Street is almost complete. Its almost time for us to start planting, watch for more information soon.

Eastlake Corridor Improvement Project - A section of median for Eastlake, a sidewalk for Newton, more trees, less trash, what could be better.

Rogers Playfield Playground Equipment - Improving the play opportunities for young children.

Land Use - As always the crack team of ECC Land Use buffs continues to review and comment on major land use issues in the neighborhood.

Eastlake News - We'll be publishing the bimonthly Eastlake News until we run out of months, or funds, whichever comes first.

Your membership dues go directly to supporting these projects and more. The ECC is all volunteer so every dollar goes straight to work on neighborhood projects. The Eastlake Community Council currently has about 100 paid members. We'd like to triple that number in the next six months to ensure the best support for ongoing projects. If you've never been a member or have let your membership slip now is the time to sign up. We appreciate all the support we can get.

To Join, simply fill out a membership form on the back of this newsletter and mail it to: ECC, 117 E Louisa ST PMB 1, Seattle WA 98102. Please consider making an additional donation. Donations to the ECC can be tax deductible; contact ECC Treasurer Mary Lou Pederson (709 1453) for more tax deductible information.

Thanks for your support.

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