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Spring 2021

A Birder's Guide to Eastlake

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Eastlake Community Council

President's Letter

In March 2020 most of us would not have realized that the next 12 months would require new skills and procedures for almost everything we do.

Our businesses have had challenges that seem unmanageable. In spite of it all, we are still here and still optimistic about the future. The return to "normal" is to be determined but it will happen. We will keep you informed as plans come together. Please watch the website, blog and Facebook for updates.

The ECC board is happy to announce that our new website will be up by the time you read this. We invite you to let us know what you think at: info@eastlakeseattle.org. There are a few tweaks to be done, including a logo for all of our communication formats. It should be easy to become a member, make a donation or volunteer. Announcements and current topics will also be front and center.

Our committees have been meeting and will soon be posting information about the projects that have been selected for this year. There is never a shortage of opportunities and we look forward to seeing feedback and socially distanced participation as they move forward. A virtual community meeting and neighborhood clean ups will be first on the list.

Good ideas for the community abound but it is the people in the community that make these ideas a reality. This is certainly a time when we need to feel like we are making a difference and participation is key. From feedback to work parties there is a lot to do. Please join in.

Detra Segar, President
Eastlake Community Council



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New Website for The Eastlake Community Council

After years of hoping, dreaming, thinking, working and planning, the Eastlake Community Council has a new website. We're still at the old address - eastlakeseattle.org - but we have a whole new, modern, easy to navigate look and feel.

ECC President Detra Segar, who spearheaded the effort, said the idea was to make the site as functional as possible. "If you want to know about Eastlake, you click here and the information you want is easy to find," she said.

The website would not have been possible without Joe Murphy, who volunteered to lead us through all

the ins and outs of the new website which uses Squarespace. Joe moved to Eastlake in July and immediately volunteered to help. He is a software engineer with many years of experience in web design and maintenance. joseph.henry.murphy@gmail.com.

The new website includes features like easy links to local resources including Eastlake groups, emergency preparedness, land use and transportation and more. See Page 3 for a preview!

Find the ECC Website at:
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A Message from the New Editor of The Eastlake News

Hello fellow Eastlake Residents! My name is Angela Shier and I am excited to take

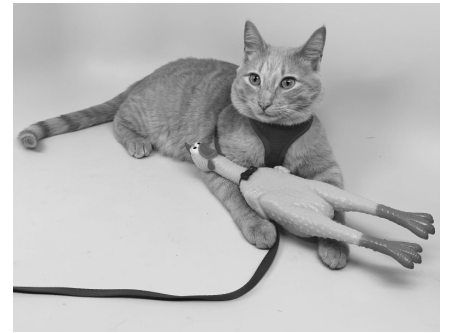
on the role of Editing and Designing this quarterly paper.

As you would have read in the Winter Issue, Judy Smith has stepped down from producing the physical copy of the paper in order to focus more on The Eastlake News Blog. She did an amazing job Editing and Designing the paper over the past ten years and there are definitely big shoes to fill here. A BIG thank you to Detra Segar, Steve Dunphy and of course, Judy Smith for being so welcoming and helping me learn the ins and outs of The Eastlake News for this issue!

A little bit of information to introduce myself: I was born and raised in the Seattle area and have lived in Eastlake with my feline son, Oliver Beans, for nearly four years. I am a writer, digital artist, and Internet culture researcher. I also love to roller skate.

I hope you enjoy this Issue of The Eastlake News. Keep an eye out on the ECC Facebook Page for updates regarding deadlines for the upcoming Summer Issue. The Issue will be the 50th Anniversary of The Eastlake News so you know it's going to be an exciting one. For questions and content submissions, you can contact me at: info@eastlakeseattle.org

Thank you for reading!
-- Angela Shier



Oliver Beans and Rubber Chicken from Archie McPhee



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Eastlake is a diverse Lake Union neighborhood with a strong and active residential core, a strong business and retail district, a thriving creative community and even a historic industrial area. The Eastlake Community Council, founded in 1971, is an energetic group of volunteers coming together to inform, involve, and improve Eastlake. We're making Eastlake an even more rich and vibrant neighborhood, unlike any other. We sponsor community meetings about important topics, but we also organize fun stuff like a kids Egg Hunt and a summer movie in the park, as well as Spring and Fall gatherings in neighborhood restaurants.

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Eastlake Updates *By Steve Dunphy*

It looks like a bridge!

The Fairview Avenue North bridge is beginning to look like a bridge. Seattle Department of Transportation crews are beginning to pour concrete on the roadway part of the bridge as the project nears its expected opening in the spring.

- Continue installing anchor bolts for utility poles and the bridge railing, and receive first delivery of bridge railing
- Install electrical conduit for bridge deck lighting
- Remove temporary support structures and pour concrete
- Install SPU water system improvements

When will the bridge open? A spokesperson for the project said in mid-February that “we don’t have more details on the schedule at this time, but expect information to be available in the next couple of weeks.” Stay tuned.

There are some discussions under way in the community about planning some sort of party to celebrate the opening of the important span. While the pandemic made construction somewhat easier because of reduced traffic on Eastlake Avenue, the bridge is still a key to the success of the neighborhood.

Meanwhile crews:

- Continue building forms and installing reinforcing steel for the bridge deck



A view from above of the continuing work in the Fairview Avenue North bridge. Crews were beginning to pour concrete for the bridge surface. Seattle Department of Transportation Photo

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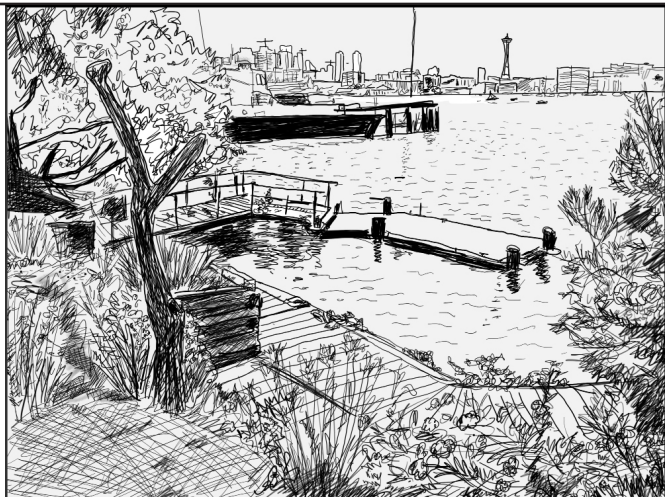
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An osprey nest?

Momentum is building for the creation of an osprey nest as part of the restoration work at Terry Pettus Park at Fairview Avenue East and East Newton Street. In January, the Eastlake Community Council received a donation of \$500 from United States Seafoods for the project.

In a thank you note to the company, the ECC said “combining your donation with the \$500 that had been donated by the Seattle Seahawks several years ago will result in an amount that should cover the cost of the nest construction in the new addition to Terry Pettus Park. We have notified the park design

group of the additional funds.”

In its review of a September community meeting, Seattle Parks and Recreation said:

- Support (from the community) was shown for potential future wildlife nesting platform
- Findings support the use of new platforms by wildlife (i.e. osprey) within human-occupied areas; a ten-foot clear radius below the platform is provided in the design. An email received after the public meeting noted that a pole in the water would be better for both birds and humans.

Houseboat anthology coming

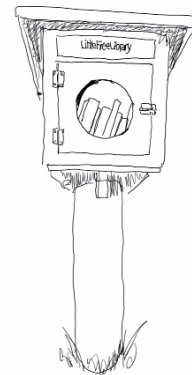
Look for a new anthology on houseboat living this summer. A group of houseboat residents is contributing articles, photographs, poems and remembrances to Peanut Butter Publishing, also headquartered on a houseboat.

The collection is filled with all kinds of tales from the lives of the residents. One recalled waking up in the middle of the night one winter to the sense that his house had tipped. Sure enough, a snowstorm had dumped enough snow on the roof unbalance the house.

Long-time residents recall

at least one house under construction that tipped completely over in a snowstorm.

Another tells the tale of a “Lake Union Monster” on the day it “ate the duck in front of Bob’s video camera.” Sounds like a must for any Eastlake



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Birding In Eastlake

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My Eastlake list over 35 years includes 59 species that I've seen or heard in the 'hood: on land, in the water or flying overhead. I will launch a group list on ECC's website starting with my own list (attached here), with the hopes that we can expand it as you send in your observations.

It's early spring. The local Anna's Hummingbirds are already on territory. Males fly their crazy, J-shaped aerial display, both to define their territory and to impress one or more females. Once he is successful at mating, he's done — the female does the rest of the work, building her nest, brooding her (usually two) tiny eggs, and raising her young. Their nests are hard to find, but are a treat to watch if you are lucky enough to locate one nearby. Proliferation of feeders have encouraged this former California hummer to move north over the last few decades. They now are common year round. Our other, native hummer is the Rufous Hummingbird, which migrates south for the winter and typically only passes through Eastlake in the spring on its way to nest in the mountains. I'm not aware of any Rufous nests in the neighborhood, but it is possible.

American Robins are starting to sing from the tree tops, the males setting up their territories and attracting their mates for the season. While some flocks of Robins hang out through the winter, we are not sure if these are locals or maybe birds from farther north, while many of our nesting Robins might spend the winter farther south — it is likely a mixed bag of residents and migrants. Song Sparrows, one of the few local birds that sing all winter, are really belting it out now as they define their territories. House Finches, Black-capped Chickadees, Northern Flickers and Bewick's Wrens are pairing up, building nests and preparing to raise a new set of young. Spring is a wonderful time to hear their songs and calls.

On the lake, Canada Geese are selecting their nest sites among the houseboats or shoreline already. They usually keep their pair bonds over multiple years and stay together to raise their young, often in multi-family groups. Mallard ducks, who don't mate for life, have paired up over the winter

and are also settling in to nest. Typically the male Mallard hangs out just long enough to ensure that his DNA has been passed along, then leaves the rest of the family-raising to the female. A few Gadwall ducks also nest along the shoreline, but in much smaller numbers than the common Mallard.

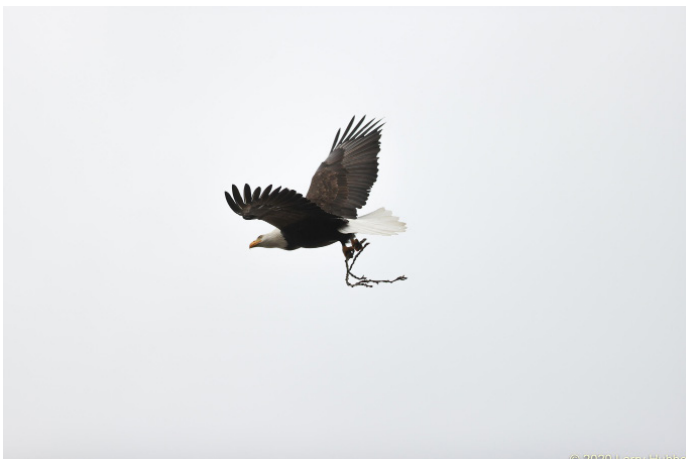
We have three nearby pairs of nesting Bald Eagles, all over at Union Bay on Lake Washington. When we see the occasional adult eagle (with white head and tail) roosting in the tall trees along Eastlake's shore, I suspect it is most likely the male of the pair who have started nesting at the southeast corner of the Montlake Cut. Since two more established pairs of eagles control most of the Union Bay territory, this new pair at Montlake are forced to hunt more to the west, in Portage Bay primarily but also along our Eastlake shore. Since it takes up to five years for a Bald Eagle to fully mature, we also have some of the "teenagers" hanging around, some looking motley as they slowly grow into their adult plumage.

I ramble, but I hope if you have read this far you are interested in birds and can help us to build a more robust neighborhood list; map out who's nesting where; and explore the many nuances of our local birds. Email me with your sightings and questions at: galvind53@gmail.com

I will build future columns around the seasons but also around your questions and observations. Once the pandemic is behind us, we can get together for local bird walks to help each other out with identification details, learning bird songs, and enjoying urban nature.

--Column by Dave Galvin, Seattle Audubon Master Birder, houseboater since 1986.

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Photograph of "Monty" the Eagle by Larry Hubbell



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See Dave Galvin's growing Bird List on page 9 and on The Eastlake News Blog: eastlakenews.org

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Eastlake Bird List

Dave created a list of the Birds of Eastlake with 59 Species (and counting). Try spotting them on your next neighborhood walk!

Crows and Jays:

- American Crow
- California Scrub-Jay
- Steller's Jay

Swallows:

- Barn Swallow
- Violet-green Swallow

Chickadees, Nuthatches and Tits:

- Black-capped Chickadee
- Bushtit
- Chestnut-backed

Chickadee

- Red-breasted Nuthatch

Finches:

- American Goldfinch
- House Finch
- House Sparrow
- Pine Siskin

Starlings and Waxwings:

- European Starling

Wrens and Kinglets:

- Bewick's Wren
- Golden-crowned Kinglet
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet

Thrushes:

- American Robin

Wood Warblers:

- Orange-crowned Warbler
- Townsend's Warbler
- Yellow-Rumped Warbler

Towhees, Sparrows,

Tanagers and Grosbeaks:

- Dark-eyed Junco
- Song Sparrow
- Western Tanager
- White-crowned Sparrow

Pigeons and Doves:

- Rock Pigeon

Cormorants:

- Double-crested
- Cormorant

Kingfishers and

Woodpeckers:

- Belted Kingfisher
- Downy Woodpecker
- Northern Flicker

Grebes:

- Pied-billed Grebe
- Western Grebe

Waterfowl:

- American Wigeon
- Bufflehead
- Canada Goose
- Common Goldeneye
- Common Merganser
- Gadwall
- Greater Scaup
- Lesser Scaup
- Mallard
- Ring-necked Duck
- Snow Goose

Hérons:

- Great Blue Heron
- Great Egret

Hawks, Eagles, Falcons:

- Bald Eagle
- Cooper's Hawk
- Merlin
- Osprey
- Peregrine Falcon
- Red-tailed Hawk

Rails and Coots:

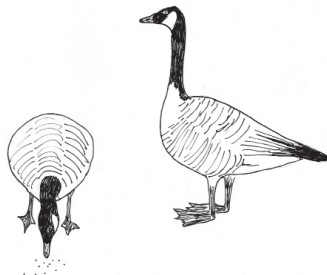
- American Coot
- Sora

Gulls and Terns:

- Caspian Tern
- Glaucous-winged Gull
- Mew Gull
- Ring-billed Gull

Hummingbirds:

- Anna's Hummingbird
- Rufous Hummingbird



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- what other items should be in an emergency kit,
- how and why to turn off your water after a major earthquake,
- how and when to turn off the gas to your home and very importantly
- how you and your neighbors can be a resilient force after a major disaster,

Then plan a one-hour SNAP disaster-preparedness presentation for your neighbors. SNAP is a program of the Seattle Office of Emergency Management (OEM) that helps neighborhoods get organized. They encourage people to not only prepare themselves and their families, but to talk to their neighbors about how they will work together to make sure everyone in the neighborhood is safe and cared for. You can Zoom it with your neighbors or maybe it's a good outdoor activity on a nice day.

OEM has put together an online toolkit, SNAP (Seattle Neighborhoods Actively Preparing), that provides practical, step-by-step ideas for organizing you and your neighbors as a building or a block, for example. There's even a presenter's guide. The Toolkit, Presenter's Guide and Resources are available at <http://www.seattle.gov/emergency-management/prepare/prepare-your-neighborhood/seattle-neighborhoods-actively-prepare#onlinetoolkit>

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Restaurant Bingo pays off for Eastlake Eateries

By Steve Dunphy

You have to hand it to our Eastlake restaurants for being as innovative and inventive as possible during the pandemic-related restrictions.

The most recent example was Eastlake Restaurant Bingo. Eastlake restaurants teamed together to offer Restaurant Bingo - the idea is to bring business to the neighborhood eateries that have been struggling through these Covid times. Customers could fill out bingo cards with visits at each restaurant - or with take out - earning prizes for completing rows, X's or a full card - a \$200 gift card for the full card.

"We were just trying to have some fun," said Lisa Wojnar, co-owner of Otter Bar and Burger with her husband, Jim Hagander, who started the program. For the month of February, players could pick up a bingo card at any participating restaurant, spend \$20 (\$10 at Eastlake Coffee or 20 Oz Tea) and have their card stamped. In the first week, the contest already had its first winner, a resident who filled out a

row. The participating restaurants: Johnny Mo's, Sebi's, Eastlake Bar and Grill, Little Water Cantina, Sushi Kappo, Pomodoro, Pecado Bueno, Pazzo's, Son of a Butcher, 14 Carrot, Eastlake Coffee, Serafina, 20 Oz Tea, Haymaker, Thai Siam and Otter Bar.

Some are not on the list, mostly because they were closed when the idea was circulated. The Zoo, for example, is now open though it is not on the list. It is one of the oldest places in the neighborhood, having served customers here since 1947. The Zoo itself has been inventive - when the regulations said a bar could only serve food, you could get a pint and a corn dog (or two) at the Zoo.

Restaurants have had to be creative to survive. Otter has a large, covered patio in the parking lot. Eastlake Bar and Grill already had an outdoor patio as did Little Water Cantina. Pomodoro created an outdoor space in the rear of its restaurant. Pazzo's created an outdoor area

next to the restaurant and Pecado Bueno's outdoor patio in the rear of the restaurant came in handy. Several, like the 14 Carrot, took advantage - if you can call it that - of the closure to do some remodeling.

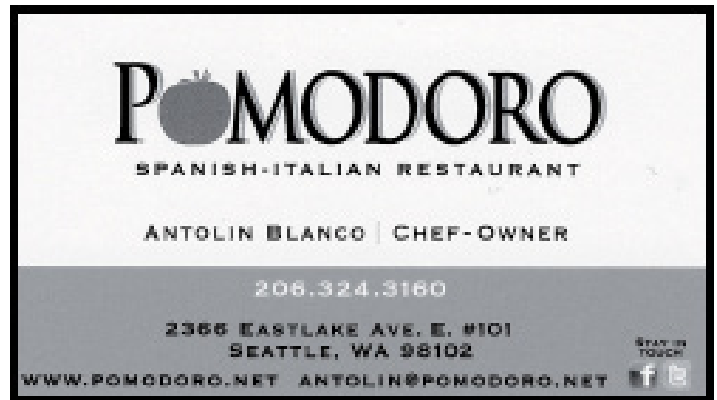
While trying as hard as they can to survive, none of these businesses can turn a profit with 25% indoor seating - recently allowed at 25 percent capacity - and effectively 25% outdoor seating. These business owners are knowingly losing money and the neighborhood needs to support them regularly.

With the new openings,

comes more pressure on staff.

"Staff has to enforce rules to ensure everyone's safety," said Taylor Whitney of Pazzo's. "Respect anything asked of you. Remember many places are running tighter staff under new strange regulations and can be busy or stretched thin, or just stressed."

For a list of all the restaurants in the Eastlake area, see the Eastlakenews.org blog.



Pomodoro	Johnny Mo's Pizza	Pazzos	Haymaker
Little Water Cantina	Pecado Bueno	Eastlake Coffee	Sebi's
Otter Bar	14 Carrot	20oz Tea	Sushi Kappo
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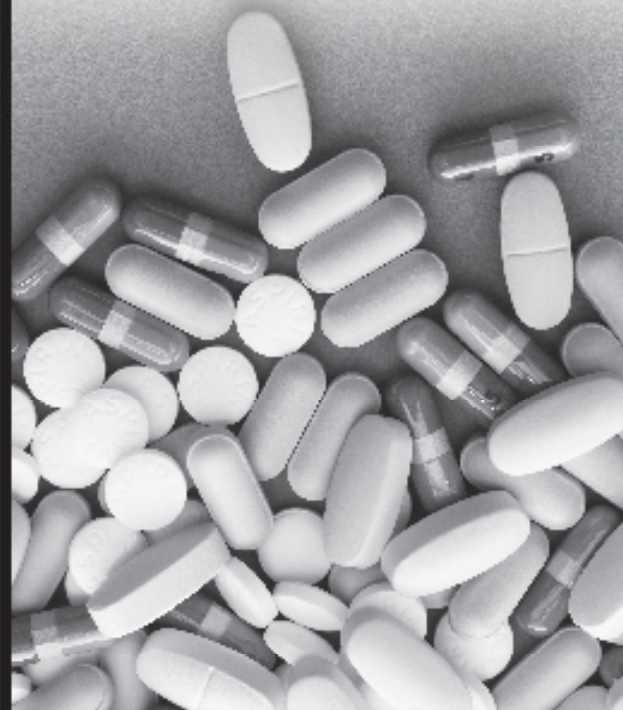
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A Snowman Showcase: Welcoming Spring after the February Snow Storm

By Angela Shier

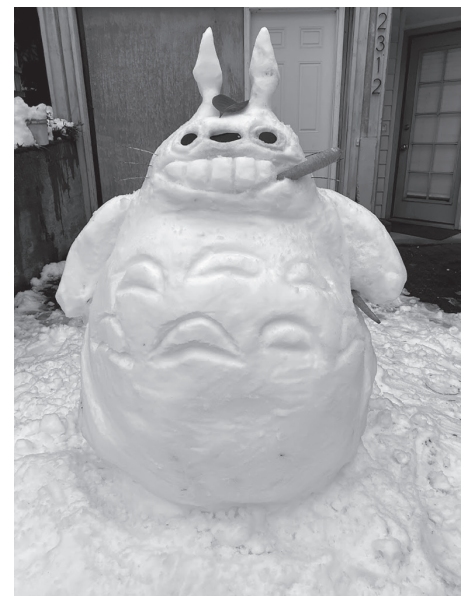
Valentine’s Day weekend Feb 12-14 saw at least 9 inches of snow. For the first time since summer it felt enjoyable to spend time outside and safely interact with the neighborhood. It felt as though 11 months of quarantining prepared us all to unleash our creativity onto the snow. From the time it began snowing, the neighborhood felt energetic. The light bouncing off of the snow and sky kept it bright well past sundown.

Late night snowboarding and sledding down Lynn indicated an exciting weekend to come. Walking around the neighborhood on the 13th, the main snow day, one could easily find countless snowmen being built, sledding, and neighbors chatting with masks on and strangers offering a helping hand when vehicles got stuck on the roads. It was a glimpse of

what “normal life” can feel like, a feeling that seems hard to come by during the past year.

It was difficult to ignore the sheer amount of snow creatures that had been assembled. Just at Terry Pettus Park on the Saturday night, I spotted at least 20 small snowmen perched along the dock and railings.

Here’s to a swift end to winter and a sunny Spring & Summer.



*Top Right:
Snow Totoro
(or Snotoro) on
Minor*

*Bottom Right:
Snow Venus, or
“Snow Human”
on Lynn by Dan
Wiegand*

In Memory of Joel Moses Dhanapal, 1949-2020

by Chris Leman

Joel Dhanapal, the longest-serving staff person ever at Pete's Supermarket and Wine Shop, assisted Chris Leman with the Eastlake News winter issue's memorial article about the store's longtime owner, George Kingen. Just a few weeks later, Joel himself passed away unexpectedly at home at the age of 71. With permission from the family, Chris adapts here their wonderful memorial article, with additions from other sources.

Joel was born and grew up in Madurai in the mountainous state of Tamil Nadu in the far south of India. He was proud of being from South India, which he called the true India as it was never conquered by invaders. He spent four formative years at Kodaikanal International School, founded in 1901 in a spectacular natural setting. Treasured memories there included hiking in the mountains, playing tennis and chess, and singing and playing classical organ and piano.



*Joel Dhanapal upon his
High School graduation*

22 years at Pete's, he enjoyed working with suppliers and with customers, who knew him for finding the perfect bottle for their taste while also expanding their horizons about wine and the world.

On the web are many remembrances of Joel. Among them: "such a warm and welcoming presence at Pete's", "one of the nicest and friendliest people I have known



Joel Dhanapal in a recent photo.

during my lifetime", "I feel fortunate to have had just a bit of this kind man's time. He was a good soul, a good man and I will miss him. I don't think I'll be able to walk into the store again without crying." And "You made me smile for 30 years."

Joel wrote hundreds of illuminating articles about wines and other topics; many are available on his LinkedIn page. He liked wines from all over the world but his heart was

with Burgundy, Bordeaux, and Pol Roger champagne. Many in

the wine world became part of the family. He felt there was nothing better than sharing a great bottle with friends. Joel loved to travel and meet new people, visiting or revisiting England, France, Australia, Norway and of course India. He could talk with anyone and everyone. He enjoyed telling stories, doing impersonations of people and accents, and giving hugs.

No services will be held at this time. The family explains, "we can't imagine a gathering where people could not hug and share a glass of wine. A Celebration of Life will be held as COVID permits. At that time, we will share stories, hugs, and a glass of wine to toast Joel."

In mourning the loss of Joel Dhanapal, the Eastlake community joins his wife of 47 years, Pamela, his sisters Priscilla Mohl and Shanti Mills, nieces, a nephew, numerous cousins and many others who became family. Remembrances may be made to his favorite charity Direct Relief, or to a charity of your choice. A guest book is available at obituaries.seattletimes.com.



Joel Dhanapal with his Mom and Dad

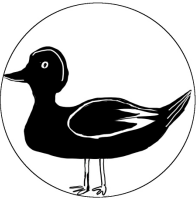


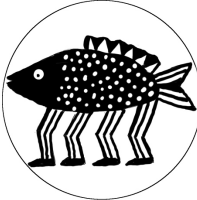

Eastlake Future's Fund

The Eastlake Future Fund, at the end of January, is almost half way to our goal thanks to everyone in the neighborhood.

The Eastlake Community Council Board has pledged \$3,000 toward a challenge grant to match donations for general support of our work in the coming year. That means if you become a member today, any amount you

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Watch for more information about how you can join us in making Eastlake an even better place to live, work and play.

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The Eastlake Community Council is volunteer run, so dues and donations go a long way, and your involvement is welcome and needed.

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