

Hi, Shaw Islanders!

Just a few quick messages to keep you up-to-date.

Terri Mason Medical Expense Fundraiser

The potluck/auction fundraiser to benefit Terri Mason was a huge success. Almost all Shaw Islanders participated and contributed one way or another. The auction raised almost \$20,000. With donations, the Shaw community raised a little over \$48,000! What a wonderful community this is!

Orcas Chorale

The Orcas Chorale was tentatively scheduled to perform Sunday, May 1st. They will **NOT** perform for us then. Maybe next year.

2005 Election

Remember the ballots you sent in at the end of last year? Here are the results. You voted 246 to 0 to approve the budget; 251 to 0 to approve the slate of new officers; and 250 to 7 to approve the bylaw change. The new bylaw reads:

"In November of each year the Board shall present a biennial budget to the membership for their consideration and approval. With respect to any matters not budgeted for, the Board is authorized to a) approve any expenditure for the maintenance, repair or replacement of any existing equipment, facilities or services; b) approve any other single expenditure up to \$2500; c) accept and use any designated donations for the designated purpose."

Sorry that it took us so long to report those results. Next year we hope we will be better.

Septic System

Our first large expenditure is a new septic system. The septic system has been making strange noises and strange smells for more than a year. We are about to get that system replaced. Hardy Schmidt was the low of three bidders and will do the work when the ground dries out. The old septic system seems to be letting in ground water and lacks the capacity for our present use. The result is it's unpleasant for outdoor events and a cause for concern at indoor events that produce lots of water (if you know what I mean). Soon we will have the reassurance of a brand-new, functioning system.

4th of July

We will keep the website updated with scheduled events. Go to www.shawislanders.org to check out our website. It is quite handsome and, thanks to Ray Glaze, it is current!

Thank you Shaw Islanders Inc. members!