

# 2001 ANNUAL REPORT

**In its 21st year, the Fautleroy Community Association continued serving the residents of this special part of West Seattle. For the many volunteers, who day in and day out, breathed life into the organization, that was quite an achievement.**

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## COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

Completion of a curb bulb at Fautleroy Way S.W. and S.W. Wildwood Place culminated a five-year effort by residents Alexis Zolner and Jill Hansen (backed by the FCA Board) to slow traffic on the residential end of the arterial.

Installation of another curb bulb - this one at the north end of Lincoln Park - was done on an emergency basis after FCA raised an alarm about the growing ferry queue, which many days clogged Lincoln Park Way, blocking driveways, and endangering residents along the narrow street. After Seattle Transportation balked at doing anything, Director Gary Dawson (chairman of the Fautleroy Ferry Advisory Committee) and President Bruce Butterfield sought support from the Department of Neighborhoods and got it. Seattle Transportation then agreed to apply funds from Washington State Ferries to construction of the bulb to keep the queue on Fautleroy Way S.W. After more leaning, the city installed basic signage telling drivers what to do.

At our neighborhood-developed Cove Park in Fautleroy Cove, artist Tom Jay capped his art installation at the park with a bronze Raven, the "trickster" credited in native lore with stealing the sun and creating the world. FCA Director Mardi Clements rallied 32 volunteers to the park on April 1 for the annual neighborhood "Spring Clean" work party.

The FCA Board provided enthusiastic support for creation of the Fautleroy Watershed Council, a umbrella organization created in July to guide stewardship of natural areas in the neighborhood, particularly Fautleroy Park and the Fautleroy Creek corridor. The council adopted an action plan in September.

## ADVOCACY

FCA and the Fautleroy Watershed Council joined forces to protect returning coho from major renovation of the ferry terminal scheduled for fall 2002. With support from Seattle Public Utilities and the city's Department of Design, Construction, and Land Use, FCA Director Gary Dawson and council executive-committee member Judy Pickens were able to negotiate an earlier start date and several provisions aimed at reducing and monitoring spawner stress. The community's database on the annual return and respected participation on the South Ferry Advisory Committee gave Fautleroy a strong hand in the negotiations.

The FCA Board and the Saffron Cow hosted Mayor Paul Schell in August during his tour of neighborhoods in West Seattle. FCA's presentation on the need for comprehensive traffic-management services from the city emphasized safety concerns about the ferry's car and vanpool queues.

## COLLABORATION

FCA collaborated with Block Watch captains to provide attractive gift baskets as door prizes at 10 area block parties on August 7, Seattle's "Night Out Against Crime." FCA consultant Lynn Olson solicited quality items from individuals and gift certificates from businesses to give the baskets a strong local flavor.

## NOT A MEMBER?

Join your neighbors in being an active member of your community association. Dues are for 12 months from the month you join. Call any officer for more information.

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ADDRESS .....

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- \$10 Single Person  
 \$20 Household  
 \$20 Business/Institution

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FCA Director Jill Hansen continued to work on finding a permanent solution to the summer buildup of seaweed in the cove and associated release of nauseous hydrogen sulfide gas. FCA provided residents with a "stench hotline" to call at Seattle-King County Public Health.

Encouraged by member Linda Cox, the FCA Board worked with the Southwest District Council to create a letter about the effects of increasing aircraft noise on residential neighborhoods. The letter went to public officials and the Federal Aviation Administration.

The Board improved the community's access to public-safety information and resources by appointing an FCA representative to the West Seattle Community Safety Partnership. The Board also initiated discussions with the city aimed at improving pedestrian safety along Lincoln Park.

## COMMUNICATION

FCA published an annual report and three issues of our *Neighbors* newsletter. Special features took a collective look at businesses in the neighborhood, reported on plans for Lincoln Park Annex, and provided a "clipable" list of community resources. Neighborhood safety, city services, and area social programs were covered in every issue, as were upcoming community events (using guidelines adopted by the Board). President Bruce Butterfield faithfully provided a perspective on current topics and Morey Skaret regularly spun a yarn from the past.

At year's end, Christine Nack took responsibility for FCA's Website (initiated by directors Mary and Mike Ashby) and began developing a more expansive presence at [www.fauntleroy.net](http://www.fauntleroy.net). The goal is make it a very professional, community-wide resource, with information about not only FCA but also the watershed council, Fauntleroy Park, streamside education, and other interested groups and programs.

To reach more members quickly, Secretary Lynn Sealey gave priority to enlarging FCA's e-mail list. In keeping with the Board's commitment to protecting member privacy, recipients' e-mail addresses do not appear on transmissions.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

FCA sponsored two community-wide events during 2001:

- April 12 Nature Night focusing on native birds of prey
  - May 24 Annual meeting focusing on earthquake preparedness
- In addition to speakers, each of these events provided an opportunity for community groups and city programs to have information tables.

## TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

As of March 27, 2002, FCA's total dues-paying membership was 240. During the year, the Board worked hard to recruit and involve new members and make sure that FCA events reflected member feedback.

The FCA Board met monthly (except August and September) in open session at the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse. Tuxedos 'n' Tennis Shoes Catering and Fauntleroy Church also generously provided FCA and its affiliates with meeting space during the year.