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In 2003, the Fauntleroy Community Association completed 23 years as the neighborhood's voice on matters of common interest and concern, as a catalyst for uniting residents in community, and as a focal point for enhancing quality of life and environment. To learn more about activities of our 501(c)4 nonprofit organization or about this West Seattle neighborhood, visit our website at www.fauntleroy.net.

ADVOCACY

FCA directors and other residents began our most concerted effort to address traffic issues in the neighborhood. More than 50 residents provided input at a public meeting and others relayed concerns through a special e-mail address (traffic@fauntleroy.net). The West Seattle Neighborhood Service Center helped in gaining active participation by city and state departments. After issuing a report itemizing problem areas, FCA is following up to ensure that all points are addressed.

The three FCA directors comprising our Fauntleroy Ferry Advisory Committee continued to represent neighborhood interests on the South Puget Sound Ferry Advisory Committee. The passage of Referendum 51 set in motion many financial challenges for state transportation, which will impact ferry service and maintenance for the foreseeable future.

COLLABORATION

FCA Director Vlad Oustimovitch accepted a one-year term as president of the Southwest District Council, which brings together representatives of all the community organizations in this part of the city.

In collaboration with Seattle Public Utilities, the Fauntleroy Watershed Council involved 33 volunteers in the annual salmon watch on Fauntleroy Creek and worked with agency partners and beach residents to ensure spawner access to the creek. Coho returns here and throughout the city were low, prompting a decision by volunteers and agency advisers to put more emphasis on enhancing rearing habitat in the creek.

COMMUNICATION

FCA webmaster Chris Nack took the lead in greatly enhancing our on-line communication with residents, city officials, and other community groups. Her inviting photos, complemented by informative text and links, drew an average of just over 2,000 visitors per month.

FCA published three issues of the *Neighbors* newsletter and an annual report. Our e-mail list for immediate news grew to 160 individuals and households; the Morgan Junction Community Association now contributes information to this service.

Thanks to timely alerts from neighbors, FCA continued to provide festive "welcome bags" of information and gifts to new folks in the neighborhood.

JOIN US TODAY!

Your FCA membership is for 12 months from the month you join.

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___ \$10 Single Person

___ \$20 Household or
Business/Institution

___ \$35 Patron

___ Non-deductible gift to
Fauntleroy Fall Festival

___ **Check Total**

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Mail this form with your check payable to the **Fauntleroy Community Association** to **FCA Treasurer, P.O. Box 46343, Seattle 98146-6343.**

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

Horticulture students from South Seattle Community College did spring pruning at Cove Park and at the fish ladder across the street. An FCA volunteer team tidied the park in the fall, and Ann Dawson stepped forward to coordinate ongoing park maintenance.

In cooperation with the watershed council, Seattle Parks completed upgrading all major trails in Fauntleroy Park to improved public enjoyment of this natural resource in the neighborhood.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

The following FCA-supported events brought Fauntleroy neighbors together during 2003:

Cove Park Spring Clean on April 27 drew adults and children to spruce up this neighborhood pocket park.

FCA's annual meeting on May 6 featured City Councilman Peter Steinbrueck, Department of Neighborhoods' Director Yvonne Sanchez, and representatives from monorail and Alaska Way Viaduct projects. Elections, information tables, and delicious samples from five local restaurants and caterers filled out the "Think Globally, Eat Locally" theme.

Beach walk and picnic on June 14 drew dozens of neighbors to Lincoln Park during minus tide to learn about beach life and ecology from King County volunteer naturalists.

Skaret 90th-birthday reception and booksigning on August 6 drew nearly 100 admirers to the schoolhouse courtyard to honor long-time resident Morey Skaret. His accounts of early Fauntleroy published in FCA's newsletter became the nucleus of his book, *Morey's Bench*.

Second annual Fauntleroy Fall Festival on October 19 attracted upwards of 1,000 people to the Fauntleroy Church parking lot and building for children's activities, elder stories, and information tables. FCA joined the church, YMCA, Tuxedos and Tennis Shoes Catering, and other local businesses in sponsoring the popular free event and in raising more than \$2,300 in private and corporate donations to defray expenses.

Third annual drumming on October 26 at the fish-ladder viewpoint called the salmon home with spirited singing and drumming.

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

The number of dues-paying members as of December 31, 2003, was 200.

The balance in the FCA treasury as of December 31 was \$8,822.29.

The FCA Board met every month in the schoolhouse conference room, usually on the second Tuesday, starting at 7 p.m.

Lynn Sealey announced her retirement after more than 12 years as FCA secretary; she will continue to serve on the board.