

THE MATURE VIEWPOINT

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Special points of interest:

- A news letter needs participants.
- We should have volunteers to take responsibility for various segments of the newsletter.
- We should solicit members participation for articles and interest items.
- People need to get involved.
- The Editor will, for the time being, be Harvey until someone else volunteers.

Friendship

Friends are those rare people who ask how you are and then wait for the answer. ~Author Unknown

A NEWSLETTER FOR SCC

This issue marks the first attempt at development of a newsletter for the SCC organization and its members.

In response to several member comments, it does appear that a newsletter will be a welcome addition to the SCC community.

The overall construct of the newsletter and it's actual title will be up to the members. This issue is simply an example of what we can put together.

In this issue we will have a brief article about a trip that my wife and I took. This story will be simply for example purposes and it is hoped that we can share this kind of information amongst our selves without fear.

The Newsletter will also provide us with a medium for discussion on our organization, nominations for positions within the organization and additional updates regarding these positions.



A beautiful sunset, and a life partner, what could be better?

Additionally, the newsletter can be a location for presenting the financial reports of the organization, if the members wish that to be. However, be very clear, we will NOT print any single donation or dues figures. Personal privacy issues are paramount here and there is no need for that.

Another item that will be in this issue as a suggestion will be a profile of a Member.

These profiles will be submitted by the member upon request by the newsletter editorial board.

Send suggestions to the email shown in the heading of this newsletter.

OUR TRIP TO WASHINGTON STATE

By: Harvey Hodges

September 22, 2006 we left from Dulles Airport on our 10 day vacation to the state of Washington. We visited Ellensburg, in the middle of the state, Marysville, on the western coast, near Everett, and lastly, Seattle.

We have always considered Seattle one of the most beautiful cities in the world and she did not let us down this voyage.

For the ideal view, take the Bremerton Ferry and as you near the middle way point of

Puget sound, look back at the city. Crowned by Mount Rainier with her permanent snow cap, the city of Seattle truly shows why she is known as the Emerald City.

Pictures are included later.

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MEMBER PROFILE—HARVEY

Harvey was born in Louisiana in 1941. He was actually born in a house rather than in a hospital.

Harvey is the eldest of 8 children. Now 65 years old, Harvey has a wife, Charlotte,

three children Mike, Cliff and Kurby and four grand children, Abbey, Becca, Hattie, and Cammie.

These four lovely girls who are the delight of their old grandpa.



Papa Harvey and three of the granddaughters, Becca, Abbey, and Hattie.

Harvey and his wife live in northern Virginia in the County of Loudoun. Loudoun County is one of the top four wealthiest counties in the country and has Harvey's wife says, they are the trailer trash of the county.

Harvey was a computer consultant for a number of years following his

spending a "year or two" in the military and is now considered among the working retired. He continues to work for his old company as a Business Development Director and has the privilege of working with the engineers and scientists of NASA. He travels to the various space centers several times during the year. Harvey is an avid boater and loves to be on the Chesapeake with the Misty Lady. Harvey and Charlotte love to travel and spend every moment they can spare in locations that are unique or exciting, such as Myrtle Beach or Las Vegas.

She is a friend of mind. She gather me, man. The pieces I am, she gather them and give them back to me in all the right order. It's good, you know, when you got a woman who is a friend of your mind. ~Toni Morrison, *Beloved*

WE ARE GROWING

Back in July of this year, 2006, the SCC organization consisted of about 15 members. We had just taken our forum and web site live and were seriously considering how to move forward.

Turns out, our members, as usual came through with the perfect plan for in immediate

future. We would invite special people to come over and join us for an escape from the location we were all posting to at the time.

As of this printing we are fast approaching 70 members and we look to be on target for a growth to the 100 mark.

We got our organization legally registered as a not for profit corporation and now are duly registered with both the state corporation commission and the IRS.

We have a corporation bank account and a corporation mail box. What's not to like?

POINTS TO PONDER

So, we are interested in an organizational newsletter! At least that is the indicators from our board participants. Sounds great to me, in fact, anything that increases the interest in the SCC organization sounds great to me.

Question, for everyone, how would you like the newsletter delivered? We can post it as a PDF file on the web and

people can down load it. We can create an email list of members who want the newsletter sent to them and send a PDF copy of the publication each time it is completed.

How it is transmitted is not the

important part, the fact that we have a newsletter is not the important part either. The important part is that it may be something that we can all contribute to, can all take interest in and can continue to submit our ideas to make it better.



Hey, that lady looks like one of our SCC members.

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

In this segment, we should each issue have a description of a member's location. What the town is, what it is like to live there, interesting things to see and do there.

Doesn't have to be a tourist spot to be of interest. Lots of people simply love going to interesting towns, cities and villages to see where one of our members live.

Let's have a good feature each issue about where we live our lives. We might also have a segment on where a specific member likes to

spend their free time or vacations.

Perhaps it is simply a place where you like to walk along the beach?

Let us know about that spe-



Strolling the beach with no destination in mind.

cial place where you enjoy your leisure time or the great city or town where you live. Who knows, we may all want to visit your town.

So let us know a bit about the location where you live. We



North Myrtle Beach from our condo's balcony.

THANKS TO DAVE AND THOMAS FOR THE SCC FORUM FACILITIES.

As you all should know by now, Dave and his son Thomas are primarily responsible for the SCC Forum message board and it's facilities.

Recently, Dave created a link to the software for a chat room. Harvey had installed that software package, along with a blog software package

and a couple of other programs for our use. Problem was that the chat room was outside the forum board and people were reluctant to log off the forum to go to the chat room. Perhaps now that Dave had placed a link to incorporate the chat room into the forum, we will see more activity.

Dave also has found and connected a WYSIWYG editor for our purposes on the forum.

Thomas keeps the software running smoothly when he can get away from his real job.

Thanks Guys, we appreciate it.

*SCC: A Quiet Place
away from the
Maddening Trolls,
Disruptors, and childish
maunderings of the
rabid right wing.*

TRIP TO WASHINGTON—CONT

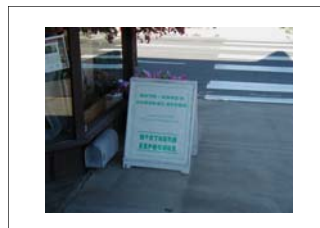
Another neat spot on our visit itinerary was the town of Rosslyn, WA. Now many of you will not recognize the town name, but if you ever watched the TV show Northern Exposure, you will certainly remember the "Rosslyn Café". Well it was not a person name, it was and is named for the town. Yes, there really is a Rosslyn Café. We also visited Ruth Ann's general store. We had lunch

in the Brick House, which is the oldest operating Saloon in the state being in continuous



The Rosslyn Café, from Northern Exposure

operation since the mid



Ruth Anne's General Store.



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The Senior Citizens Consortium Corporation is an organization dedicated to the advocacy of our membership, the senior citizens of the United States of America. We as an organization are oriented at enhancing the enjoyment of our members with forums, discussion facilities, white papers and book reviews. The SCC is also dedicated to assisting our members enjoy life through arrangements with vendors of travel services to provide our SCC members with discounts and special packages for travel.

The SCC is established by members for members, our goal and mission is to always serve our members and to ensure that this mission is maintained, all our organizational offices are to be filled by active members and each person in these positions will be nominated and elected by the SCC membership.

Comments: send an email to executivedirector@maturecommunications.com

MEMBERSHIP SOFTWARE

Harvey, the Executive Director of the SCC organization has been working for several weeks on the development of a software package to use for our membership. This software will serve multiple purposes but it's main function will be to provide a "MEMBERS ONLY" portal for the active members of the SCC.



Ok, so I'm not Brad Pitt, but my family still loves me!

The MAMS package is being developed to also enable us to establish a membership database that will be used for the benefit of our members and the organization. This database will be set up to remind us when a member has a birthday or special anniversary and to send a note to that person. The system will also allow us to offer part-time employment on a

consultancy basis to members as the program grows. The database will also be used to facilitate our members signing up for SCC sponsored trips and conferences.

But, above all, it will ensure that our members are protected from the types of dis-

ruptive people that we encountered on that "other" web site for seniors. We created this site to provide a place of mature interaction between adult people, and to avoid the harsh invectives that we so prevalent on the other web site. The MAMS application will provide us with another level of "firewall" protection from these trolls.

And last but not least, the MAMS application will facilitate the ability for our members to communicate with each other off line, based on a member-selected option that allows one to make that connection.

We could acquire a package already built that does all this, but that costs money.!!!