



The Village eView

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Colette Hoff, Editor

Coming Up:

Pathwork, November 19

Council, November 20 All invited!

True Holidays Celebration, December 2

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Introducing . . .

A Workshop on Sociocracy, April 26 to 29, 2018

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CALENDAR

In this issue of the eView, you will learn what Sociocracy is and more about workshop presenter, Diana Leafe Christian. Sponsored by the Goodenough Community and NICA (Northwest Intentional Communities Association), the workshop will teach a new form of community governance. Editor

WHAT IS SOCIOCRACY AND WHY DO YOU NEED IT?

What is Sociocracy?

A quick answer to the question, What is Sociocracy? is that sociocracy is both:

- **A social ideal** that values equality and the rights of people to decide the conditions under which they live and work, and
- **An effective method of organizing** collaborative and productive organizations as associations, businesses, and governments, large and small.

In English-speaking countries, as a method of organization sociocracy is often called **dynamic governance**, but around the world is simply called **sociocracy**. Its founder called it the **Sociocratic Circle-Organization Method (SCM)**.

On-Line News of the Goodenough Community System

The American Association for the Furtherance of Community

Convocation: A Church and Ministry

Mandala Resources, Inc.

Sahale Learning Center

The EcoVillage at Sahale

Not Just a Statement of Values

Sociocracy shares the values of democracy

- freedom and equality, and
- the right and responsibility of self-determination.

But sociocracy doesn't just state values. It goes deeper. It is a method of organization and decision-making that ensures those values are implemented. Its principles and practices are very different from parliamentary procedure and majority rule. Majority rule can lead to a divided society and promotes competition and dominance instead of cooperation and equality.

A Whole System Science Approach to Governance

Sociocracy is a whole systems approach to designing and leading organizations. It is based on principles, methods, and a structure that creates a resilient and coherent system,. It uses transparency, inclusiveness, and accountability to increase harmony, effectiveness, and productivity.

Sociocracy was conceived as applied **Sociology**. Sociology is a social science that studies social groups and how they function. It was to be a governance method based on information from sociologists. Sociocracy, developed with research and experimentation, has shown that people who live and work together are more likely to make good decisions for themselves than anyone else.

Sociocracy guarantees a society in which freedom and equality are determined by the people who have an active role in creating the conditions under which they live and work.



Consent Is Required for Policy Decisions

Requiring consent for policy

decisions ensures that no member of a group or circle* can be ignored. All circles make the policy decisions that *directly affect their own responsibilities*. They are not reserved for top management, officers, or boards.

Policy decisions are agreements about how an organization will work. They govern how resources will be used, who will do which jobs, the standards of quality, etc. Within the policies of the larger organization, for example, the loading dock circle will decide the policies governing how the loading dock will work on a day-to-day basis.

Consent means “no objections.” Giving consent does not mean unanimity, agreement, or endorsement of the proposal. **Consent is given to moving forward, to supporting the policy as “worth trying until we have more information.”** Or “I can work with it.” Requiring consent ensures that a policy will be followed by everyone until there is reason to change it. Like budgets, policies are rarely in force forever.

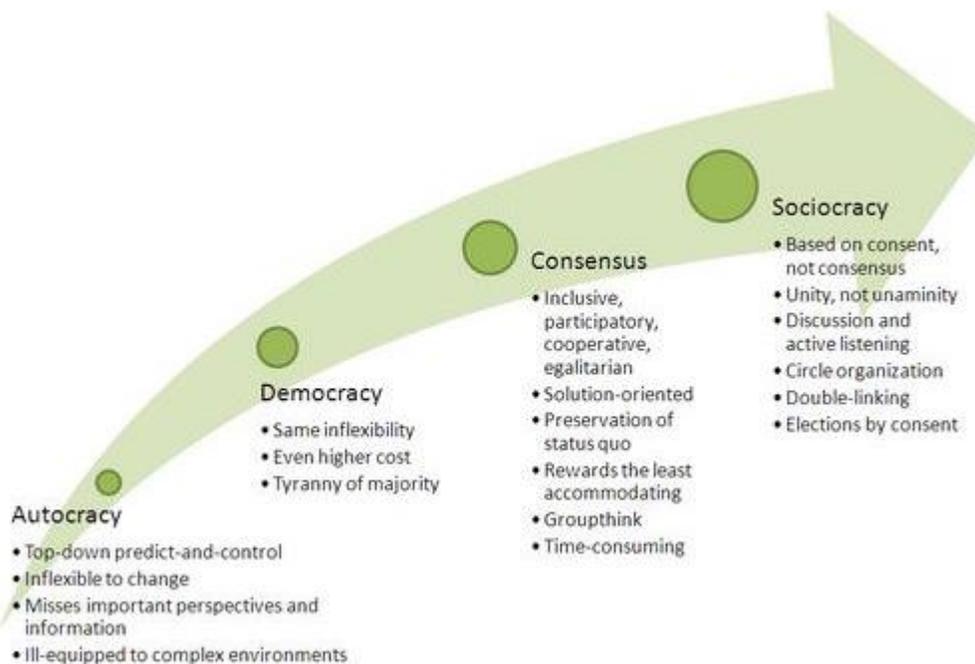
As a member of any sociocratically governed organization, you are guaranteed of your ability to collaboratively decide your living and working conditions as a citizen, as an employee, as a member, as a neighbor, as a student.

Coordination and Management When Everyone Makes Policy Decisions

Within the policies of the larger organization. all work groups, chapters, departments, committees, etc., make their own policies. Day-to-day operational decisions are governed by policy decisions and are most often delegated to the leader of operations.

When a policy affects more than one circle, it is delegated to the coordinating or general management circle. The general management circle is composed of operations leaders and elected representatives from each circle. Each member of the coordinating circle has to give consent. This protects the circles from decisions that would affect their ability to do their work.

Instead of a board of directors, a sociocratic organization has a **top circle** that fulfills many of the functions of a traditional board except that it does not have absolute control over the organization. The top circle includes members of the coordinating circle, the president or CEO, and outside members who add financial and professional expertise. The responsibilities of the top circle include long-term planning and financial decisions that affect the organizations future.



So What Is Sociocracy?

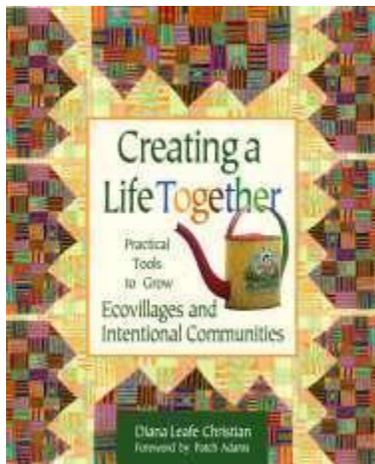
It is a governance system designed to protect and apply the values that democracies cherish. Unlike current democracies, it is also a governance structure designed to make sure those values will be applied as equally as possible for everyone.

Search these words for more information on What is Sociocracy? and Why You Need It: consent, consensus, democracy, dynamic governance, majority vote, policy decisions, Sociocratic Circle-Organization Method (SCM)

The above is from a very interesting web site: <http://www.sociocracy.info/about-sociocracy/what-is-sociocracy/>



Diana Leafe Christian



*Diana's mission is to help intentional communities get started successfully, function effectively, and achieve their goals. She has learned what works well from founders and long-time members of more than 170 communities worldwide — ecovillages, cohousing neighborhoods, housing co-ops, shared group households, income-sharing communes, and more. She is author of *Creating a Life Together*, (2006), (now translated into six languages) and *Finding Community* (2007)*

Diana teaches workshops, offers consultations, and presents keynote addresses and breakout workshops for conferences internationally.

She teaches workshops on Starting a Successful Ecovillage or Intentional Community, and on Sociocracy (also called Dynamic Governance), to intentional communities and member-led groups. She is an Associate Member of The Sociocracy Consulting Group (TSCG) and was formerly a Sociocracy trainer for the board of **GEN International**. Her third book will be about how groups can use Sociocracy for better meetings, to get more done, and to feel more connected. She also teaches the N St. Consensus Method for groups that would like to use consensus.

Diana is a certified as a trainer for Gaia Education's Ecovillage Design Education (EDE) course, and a Board Member of GEN-US (Global Ecovillage Network-US) and GENNA (GEN-North America). She wrote chapters for the Gaia Education/EDE books *Beyond You and Me* and *Gaian Economics*, and the GEN book *Ecovillage: 1001 Ways to Heal the Planet*. She has written articles for *Communities* magazine, *GEN Newsletter*, the *Communities Directory*, *GEN Newsletter*, *Permaculture Activist*, and *Permaculture* magazines. She was editor of *Communities* magazine

(1994-2007) and publisher of *Ecovillages* newsletter (2010-2012). She is a member of Earthaven Ecovillage in North Carolina. You can see an excellent You Tube video of Diana doing a presentation at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kwSI3I99-Rk>



In order to prepare for this Spring Workshop, the **Community Council** is hoping you will join. Having new members with new ideas is essential for not only the future of the Goodenough Community, but also we want many to learn the new governance model of Sociocracy.

Currently, the boards of Convocation, The American Association for the Furtherance of Community are building membership to ensure the visions and missions of each organization can be manifested.

The Goodenough Community Council: A Growthful Opportunity

Tom George

I joined the Goodenough council, and now I know what I want to be when I grow up. Much older. In seriousness, I am honored to have been asked and have had the Goodenough Community in my heart for many years, so saying yes was easy. It has been fun and interesting to be a part of the process of evaluating programs, events, Sahale, Lab, etc., and learning about the details that go into the decisions. I am always impressed by the breadth of talent and experience in the room.

The meetings begin with a consistently delicious dinner and the opportunity to catch up with whomever is present. There is always a full agenda, with special assignments being agreed to through the course of the meeting and reports from previous assignments. We review and evaluate events and weekends and someone always notes the details so improvements are in the plans. I have felt included, listened to, appreciated, and encouraged, and see this as another part of my personal growth path. That is what I mean about growing up and growing older in this way with you fine people. Being on the council gives me a vehicle to express my love for the people in this community and the land we care for.

You are invited to visit and/or join the Council of the Goodenough Community. We are entering a new and exciting time in the life of our community and **your** participation would be most valued. At the recent Council Meeting, a decision was made to encourage attendance by hosting a **monthly meeting** to all who are even a little bit curious.

You are invited . . .

The Goodenough Community Council

Kirsten, Barbara, Hollis, Bruce, Elizabeth, Marjorie, Tom, Jim, and Colette

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This Monday, the Council poured over the ideas generated by the recent visioning weekend. All ideas are being taken seriously and teams are being formed to develop goals and strategies in several areas. In particular:

- Revenue producing activities and entrepreneurial endeavors through Mandala Resources, Inc.
- Governance – We are open new possibilities.
- Education/mental health/ human development with a focus on developing curriculum aimed at passing on learnings accrued over time as well as developing a mentoring program.
- Outreach to encourage more participation.
- Web site and technology team which is in the midst of creating a new web site for the community
- Watchcare and eldercare knowing we are all aging

Marjorie shared her experience of being “new” to the Council in October 19 issue of the eView. Her words speak for other leaders on our Council:

Council meetings and organizational weekends offer benefits beyond getting together to accomplish work. Like all other experiences in community, these are opportunities to connect with others and to practice relational skills . . .

In the past year or so, I have attended most Council meetings. I’ve felt appreciated for my questions, perspective, and just being there. Attending these meetings has helped me stay connected, which helps my sense of well-being. I’ve enjoyed learning about organization, and get to have a say in group decisions.

I remember John saying that taking leadership roles can accelerate growth, and I believe that is true. My roles on the Women’s Leadership Team, as Creativity Facilitator and Small Group Co-Leader at Lab, and as a member of the Council, have required me to be my best and learn skills I wouldn’t have learned any other way!

Council meets at our Barton St. Community Center in West Seattle at **6:30** with dinner, ending at 9:30. The next meeting will be **Monday, November 20** which will be the first monthly gathering.



Festival of Light

Words by David Spangler; Music by Milenko Matanovic



This is the festival, the festival of Light,
Sing for the candles burning brightly in the night.
Sing for the light of love that guides our destiny.
Sing for the light of life that builds community.

Sing for the wise ones, men and women who
Light up our way with visions that are true.
Sing for the children who are candles of the dawn,
Giving us the promise that our light will carry on.

This is the festival, the festival of Light.
Sing for the love that shall make this world ignite,
Aflame with a beauty that awaits in every heart.
Sing for the will that can make that fire start!

Follow the Light that leads within us to the birth
Of love and harmony and peace for all upon the earth.

We are the festival, we are the Light,
We are the candles burning brightly in the night.

We are the festival, we are the Light!
We are the candles burning brightly in the night.

We are the festival, we are the Light!
We are the candles burning brightly in the night....

A long time ago, Barbara Brucker introduced this song at the Christmas season. We are happy to bring it back and it will be part of the program.

It is a perfect song for the theme for this year's True Holidays Event:

Celebrate the Light of the Season.

The New Troubadours was a musical band formed by David Spangler and his friends during their days in Findhorn, Scotland. These beautiful and varied recordings, made in the 1970s, capture the spirit and creativity of those times, and are resonant with the spiritual values that accompanied the birth of the Lorian Association.

<https://lorian.org/community/>



True Holidays Celebration – December 2

We invite you to The Goodenough Community's **True Holidays celebration** this year on **Saturday, December 2**, from 6 to 11 PM, at the Mercer Island Congregational Church. Please save the date – and watch the *eView* and your email for more information to come. The True Holidays party is a fun and family-friendly community event that has become an annual tradition for many, including those beyond the Goodenough Community. For more information, contact Kirsten Rohde, krohde14@outlook.com



During the evening, we will have the chance to reflect on the kind of holiday season we'd like to have as well as being able to spend time with friends, co-workers, and families (all in one place!) There are planned activities for children, plus food, libations, and a fun silent auction (See attached bid sheet.) . **This year we are again happy to feature contra dancing!**

True Holidays' Silent Auction

Kirsten Rohde

Hello Dear Friends,

Our beloved True Holidays annual event is almost here (**December 2, 6-10 pm, Mercer Island Congregational Church**), and now is the time to begin in earnest to think of how and what you might like to donate to our Silent Auction. As you know, our True Holidays celebration, with all its related activities, is a wonderful time to rally your energy for the holidays by thinking of what might brighten your own holidays and those around you.



Learn how to make....

Join me on a walking tour of...

A guided birdwatching walk...

Last year we had a very successful auction. The “experiences” offered received a lot of attention----some examples from last year to get you thinking were a sailing trip, a poker party, a cooking experience, gourmet Sherpa hiking experience, and a Make and Serve your own Hallmark Martini.

We welcome your

unique contributions. Other quality items for auction are also welcome: a personal work of art, one of a kind decorative object, etc. Please let me know of your intention to donate to this wonderful event with the attached **Bid Form** that Colette has attached to the *eView* email. You may contact me with your ideas and interests; we can talk over an experience that



you have in mind. It is helpful to know in advance what will be offered for the auction, so we can plan space and keep good records.

Remember that all donations are tax deductible.

Thank you! Kirsten: krohde14@outlook.com



Winter Solstice Bus Trip – Saturday, Dec 16



Join friends and family for a wonder-filled day-long journey embracing the longest night of the year.

A time of play and relaxation with family and friends!

Notice this year's new schedule!

- At the Eastgate Park & Ride, we board a heated bus at **9:45 AM** and travel through snow-laden trees, craggy mountains, and iced streams over Snoqualmie and Blewett Passes
- Along the way, we will stop at Blewett Pass for sledding, snow play, and walks in the woods.
- At **2:45 p.m.** a horse-drawn sleigh ride awaits us at Eagle Creek Ranch near Leavenworth, followed by an early dinner and brief program in the lodge.
- We will then re-board the bus and go to the Bavarian Christmas village of Leavenworth to enjoy the lights, shops, and treats.
- You will be informed what time to return to the bus.
- Our warm bus returns us to the Park and Ride lot around 10:30 to 11:00 PM.

[Please register with Elizabeth now On-line registration available soon!](#)

HOLIDAY PLANNING

Thanksgiving at Sahale

You are invited to join us at Sahale for Thanksgiving this year. Friends and family are welcome. We will provide turkey and stuffing. Bring your favorite Thanksgiving dish! **Dinner will be at about 4 pm.**



Sahale is a cozy place to be in November and you are welcome to stay over as well. For our planning, **please be sure to RSVP to Kirsten Rohde:** krohde14@outlook.com.

And because it is so cozy, we are inviting you to join on Friday and Saturday for some time with **creativity!** Bring your own project: sewing, knitting, a gift to make, a writing project, a painting . . . whatever you choose. There will also be a couple of football games on TV. (War Eagle! Editor's note), lots of leftovers, and good conversation. Hope you can come! As always, **RSVP** (hoff@goodenough.org)



Christmas Day Open House at Sahale

Join us at Sahale on **Christmas day** in the afternoon and welcome others to join. Happy hour is at 5pm with dinner to follow. We will provide food and drink and invite anyone coming to bring a dessert or a side dish. **Please RSVP at hoff@goodenough.org.** You are welcome to spend the night.

This year at **Sahale we will host a fun gift exchange** full of surprises that everyone can join in, regardless of age or economic means. If you are planning to come to join us for Christmas at Sahale, please bring one creative gift that is wrapped but doesn't need any tags. Just a wrapped gift. We will have a game for exchanging these gifts. There is no need to spend anything; you are encouraged to make something as a gift! If you do purchase a gift, please limit spending to under \$15. Guaranteed to be fun and you'll learn more about your friends and what kinds of things they are drawn to when the game play begins!



A Wonderful Celebration

Colette Hoff

Long ago, we decided as a community to celebrate decade birthdays. This gathering of more than 60 people was truly an exceptional experience! The dinner was wonderful, the desserts were works of art, champagne flowed, flowers were beautiful, and the energy in the house was very happy.

I am full of gratitude for the incredible spa adventures you treated me to and my future travel fund is very well-seeded. Your generosity is most received! I felt connected to old and new friends who came and enjoyed stories and toasts.



A poem from Lynette was perfect!

We are all gathered here, to honor you today
And show how much we care
With food and fellowship, in our own special way
But gee, what words do I choose to express to you
How you've touched my life each and every day
With your thoughtful words and gestures
Within a community you've built and are a part of
That enrich so many of our lives
You are truly an inspiration, a woman who walks her talk
Who lives her life with truth and grace
You may be a woman of small stature but is mighty in her plight
You stand your ground and can on occasion roar
For causes that feel just right
Hail to you wise woman, you truly are a lady
To simply coin a phrase, "you've come a long way baby"

Thank you for taking time to listen, And always offering an ear for me to bend
But for most of all Colette, allowing me to call you . . . friend.

Old friend, Bruce Tarlo





Granddaughters, Sophie 11 and Lili 8 and Grandson, Wiley 19 mos



Lots of memorabilia around the room



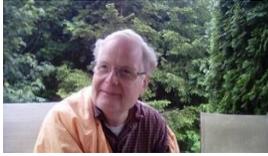


Cakes by Amie Aylward



Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!
To all who made the party so wonderful.
To all the lovely Facebook greetings
I am truly blessed!

Love,
Colette



The deAnguera Blog: Sociocracy



Drai shares a letter she helped John write



Enjoying the John S and Jim T Birthday

Sociocracy: a form of decision making requiring consent from all members of a circle. I first learned about it on one of the nights we watched a video on the Global Ecovillage Network. I have to admit I was impressed. So much organizing work being done all over the world by GEN. The video was professional quality.

The concept actually first originated in 1851 according to Wikipedia. I was surprised to learn that there was a Wikipedia entry about sociocracy. Apparently people have been thinking about it for a long time.

Trust between all members of a circle is necessary for sociocracy to work. Everybody's opinions need to be taken into account. No majority rule.

For me such a circle would need to be small unlike our Congress which could have well over 100 members. We would need to know each other pretty well. Our social life should revolve around each other. Our community is pretty successful with all the birthdays and holidays we celebrate together.

Recently we celebrated the birthdays of Colette Hoff, John Schindler, and Jim Tocher. As you can see from my photos we had a lot of fun together.

I visualize members being drawn out by facilitators trained for this role. People would actually be **listened** to.

Imagine a political philosophy where my desires would be drawn out the way we draw each other out during Lab. As far as I know no current religious or secular Philosophy does this. They all tell me their truth without listening to me. Why does no one out there care for what I think?

For democracy to work, one needs blocks of politicians with followers, political parties. These parties compete with each other to see who can win the most votes. We have two political parties who are so much alike that they are run by most of the same rich people. I am convinced political parties are designed to manipulate us.

Since sociocracy is supposed to consider the interests of all people that makes political parties obsolete. Parties only consider the interests of some people.

We have a sociocracy here at Sahale with our decision teams. Most of our meetings are open to all members of our community.

What's the next level up? Possibly the Northwest Intentional Communities Association. We have been to some of their meetings and have some connections with Songaia and Ananda. As more people express an interest in our way of life we will grow. That's when higher levels of circles can appear in our sociocracy.

One can scale up the circles to cover the entire planet. One planetary circle can represent the whole world.



Liu dancing a gig – the happiest person that night? He represented our state of happiness. That's essential for sociocracy.

Our dear friend Liu has moved on after about 2 months of winning our hearts as a workaway.

 Sahale Learning Center added 2 new photos. November 12 at 7:58pm

and so today, another goodbye and journey well. Our beloved brother Liu moves forward on his path. We smile from ear to ear for all that he has brought to this community, the land and our hearts. He is a high energy, effective, self-starting worker with humor...there was not a day in the last 8 weeks that we did not hear his contagious laughter wash over the forest. And a sacred old soul indeed. He is on a mission to learn music and art... from youtube (lol)... so on any different day you would hear him coming then see him walking down the path, one day with a drum, another day with a mandolin, another day a harmonica... He would strum and sing by the night fires with us and he left 3 original thought paintings in secret spots around the land. We are better for knowing him. We are already grieving the empty hole he will leave...and we begin the wait for his return. THANK YOU 谢谢 Liu! Blessings on all your days. And in Liu style...an AntiHiaku...

Liu.
Here.
Gone.
Indelible.

 Liu Xiaoliu Wow, so many beautiful words, thank you so much, thank you sahale for holding a sacred space full of wild life, full of resources, full of beautiful souls with wisdom, humor, and caring for each other, so many inspirations. I felt home , comfortable, fun, peace. Thank you for trusting in me and allowed me to express and explore my self and. I will spread words around and let people know about the Legend of mystical land of Sahale 😊. Oh yeah amazing chefs here. 😊

Drai arranged a game for the John S and Jim T birthday on Saturday November 11. See how well you know each man: (Answers on last page)

JIM TOCHER OR? JOHN SCHINDLER

- JIM** OR **JOHN** I was an ordained deacon in my church at 12.
- JIM** OR **JOHN** I can sing the song “Oh where or where has my little dog gone?” in Spanish.
- JIM** OR **JOHN** I got a bb-gun at 7 and I shot a squirrel just to try it. After, I cried and cried, it was really traumatic. To this day it still bothers me.
- JIM** OR **JOHN** At age 18, I went climbing a mountain alone without telling anyone where I was going.
- JIM** OR **JOHN** At age 6, I went climbing a mountain alone without telling anyone where I was going.
- JIM** OR **JOHN** At about 4 or 5, I was playing with my cousins and did not want to stop and go in the house to use the toilet, so I shit in my uncle’s wood pile.
- JIM** OR **JOHN** My favorite movie is the *Sound of Music*.
- JIM** OR **JOHN** I discovered at an early age that a piece of cardboard does not make a good thing for flying from high places, I went from the roof to the ground very fast and broke my arm.
- JIM** OR **JOHN** I once fought 3 Canadians in one night and lost.
- JIM** OR **JOHN** The first vehicle I owned was an old pick-up.
- JIM** OR **JOHN** I picked up an unused rifle shell and asked my distracted mother (who was concentrating on sewing) “Can I go hammer this?” She said “Sure!” So I went into the street sitting cross-legged and the 3rd time I hit it ...BAM! I got powder burns and thankfully the bullet went somewhere else and NOT into me - my mother ran out of the house in a dither
- JIM** OR **JOHN** In high school some marching band kid’s hat got stolen. This was almost sacrilegious. Once we found out who the thief was, me and several guys kicked the kid while he was lying on the ground, like that saying “Kicking a guy while he is down.”
- JIM** OR **JOHN** In choir practice one day Mrs Jenke stepped close to me and listened and said “you are just not making any sound”...but I was trying... eventually I found my voice.
- JIM** OR **JOHN** At 17 I wanted to see how fast my parents car would go. I got it to 108.
- JIM** OR **JOHN** In 9th grade I missed state tournament for Pole Vault by 6” – I did however set the school record.

- JIM OR JOHN** Once I stole a political campaign sign. The opposition saw me and a low speed chase occurred, all the way to my house. I had to go to court.
- JIM OR JOHN** Climbing in Yosemite at 10, I found myself on a steep incline that was sliding and becoming steeper. It was about to take me with it. It was a several hundred feet drop. I sat on my butt with my bare feet ahead of me and my hands behind me and crab scooted back up that mountain because I did not want to fall all the way down. It would have been the end of me.
- JIM OR JOHN** At 16 in my parents car with 2 other guys, I tried to pass someone. Another car tried to pass too. We ended up with 3 cars trying to pass. It was dangerous and I knew I should just hit the brakes and fall back, but I didn't. I nearly put all of us in a culvert.
- JIM OR JOHN** I was exploring alone in my truck and had a tire problem. I walked for miles to get help, only I did not ask for help. I just got the stuff I needed and walked back to fix it myself. While making the repair I hurt my hand, pretty bad. So then, not only did I have a car problem, but I had to go to the hospital and take an extra hour and a half to get my hand fixed.
- JIM OR JOHN** Symphonic orchestras are one of my favorite things to attend. I love *feeling* that music.
- JIM OR JOHN** I was coming back from a theatrical performance and I turned right on red, even though the sign in front of me said don't. I got pulled over but he policeman let me go... I think because with my stage makeup on he thought I was a good kid just made a mistake.
- JIM OR JOHN** My 5th grade teacher told my mom I had the most foul mouth she had ever heard.
- JIM OR JOHN** My favorite stage play is Annie Get Your Gun.



Offerings and Events

Pathwork

Joan Valles

Pathwork, a program of Convocation: A Church and Ministry, meets from 7 to 9:30 p.m. on alternate Sundays as an interfaith circle of practice under the leadership of Colette Hoff.

This autumn the Pathwork circle is going to continue working with Lab, partially drawing upon the work of Rick Hanson and his book, *Buddha's Brain*. **Anyone who is interested in continuing work begun at Lab or anyone wishing to explore the idea of using your brain to change your mind and move beyond habitual patterns is invited to join.** You need not have attended Lab to participate. For those who attended it's an opportunity to enhance the experience; for those who did not, it's an opportunity to learn about this transformative work.

The next Pathwork circle gathering is on November 19, with subsequent dates Dec. 3 and 17 in the Community Center in West Seattle. Check the eView for confirmation of these dates or possible changes. For additional information, contact Colette (hoff@goodenough.org).

Third Annual Friends of Sahale weekend January 12-14, 2018

Kirsten Rohde

In 2016, the Council of the Goodenough Community decided that all that happens at Sahale, including visioning and planning, would best be reviewed by the group of people most connected to Sahale – residents, volunteers, frequent visitors, and other community members. We termed this group, “Friends of Sahale” and had our first weekend at Sahale in January of 2016. A second weekend followed in January of 2017. We will be holding our third weekend this coming January and all are invited who have an interest in the life and future of Sahale.

These weekends are a time for appreciation and celebration, brainstorming and dreaming. We learn together about strategic planning, the art of discussion and decision, and the value of appreciating what we have accomplished. At the first weekend we reviewed the activities of the past year, roles, goals, projects and accomplishments. We looked at finances and had our first of many conversations about the future of the aging white tent. We reviewed aspects of Sahale including the retreat business, the forming Home Owners Association, and the EcoVillage residents and projects. The need for structural improvements and funding these was a major topic of discussion and a list of possible upgrades was created to be forwarded to the community annual meeting in March.

In 2017 we worked on goals and objectives for Sahale, thinking many years into the future. The Capital Campaign fundraising for Sahale improvements and the status of several of the projects was reviewed. Three ongoing teams are working on:

- Aesthetic, including safety, accessibility,
- Land Stewardship;
- Infrastructure and building projects.

The financial report was very positive for Sahale with an emphasis on the ongoing need to **expand** the number of people who are making monthly contributions to support a major Sahale expense: the mortgage.

Please consider coming to this year's Friends of Sahale weekend. This weekend is an invaluable opportunity to share reflections, ideas, creativity and dreams; help with planning and visioning, work in groups to strategize ways to accomplish goals, enjoy each other's company, and share many

Want to come to a Death Over Dinner dinner ??

Libby Carr Bruce recently met Libby at a NICA meeting.

Many of you know (and some may not) that I have been thinking about hosting a special dinner gathering to discuss the topic of our death. Having had a near death experience (drowning) in my early 20's, I know that people are curious about the subject and often want to talk about it, but frequently don't know how to begin that conversation, or even what it is they really want to discuss.

A couple of years ago, I came across the website www.deathoverdinner.org and after reading every page, I thought it was brilliant in that it provided the invitation format and ideas on how to host such a dinner and have such conversations. It's also designed so anyone can host such a dinner, all free of charge.



[Death Over Dinner - Let's Have Dinner and Talk About Death](http://www.deathoverdinner.org)

www.deathoverdinner.org

How we want to die – represents the most important and costly conversation America isn't having. We have gathered dozens of medical and wellness leaders to cast ...

I'm sending you this email as one of my friends, relatives, clients, neighbors, or even acquaintances to see if you might like to receive an invitation to attend my first dinner which I (and some friends) are planning for the Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend (Nov 25, 2017) which is not far away.

I'm sure I'll be hosting other dinners in the not too distant future as well. Please let me know asap if you'd like to receive an invitation, either for the first dinner or for a subsequent one. Also, if you are interested, please let me know which time frame would work for you. Feel

free to share this email with others and get back to me (or have them contact me) to indicate their interest.

To really understand what I'm talking about, please go to www.deathoverdinner.org, click on About, and then click on Launch Video. There you will see the creator of this website tell his story that brought this about. It's a great story --- and based on the Story section of the website, it has done a lot of good for many many people. [<libbycarr007@gmail.com>](mailto:libbycarr007@gmail.com)

NICA Monthly Meetings

We've been having NICA Board Meetings on the 3rd Monday of each month, usually meeting @6:30 PM at Bengal Tiger, an Indian restaurant in the Roosevelt/Grn Lake area of Seattle. We settle in and order food, then start the business meeting at 7:00 PM, and try to wrap up by 8:30.

Fossil Fuel Free Community

Belfair Library 10:00 AM on Nov. 18th

Kirsten Rohde

I am attending, will you join me on **Saturday, Nov 18** for a Fossil Free library meeting. Meet others in your community who want to organize to build local power and take climate action. Working together, we will end the use of fossil fuels and transition our world to 100% renewable energy for all. Find out what you can do in your city or town to begin to build the Fossil Free future we need -- and connect with other activists equally passionate about this work. Please RVSP so we can send you updates and last minute details.

Can you join me? Click here for details and to RSVP: <https://actionnetwork.org/events/fossil-fuel-free-community> Thanks and pass the word!

The Lex is available!

Hollis Ryan

Many of you will remember helping us renovate The Lex, our son Sam's home near Columbia City. You helped us clean and paint, and you helped Sam move into his home more than a decade ago.

Now, Sam is moving, and The Lex is for sale. Perhaps you'd like to see it:

Click the following link to view the listing:

<http://www.matrix.nwmls.com/DE.asp?k=3578676XMBFQ&p=DE-87363262-613>

You can help once again by spreading the word that this cozy home is for sale. If you know anyone who would like to live near Columbia City, near public transit, in a vintage home with a large fenced back yard and spacious kitchen ... let them know about The Lex! The home is well suited for group living, with a finished basement and a finished attic.

From the eView Thanksgiving Archives...let this not be a baste of your time



Ode to Thanksgiving

To our national birds

The American Eagle

The Thanksgiving Turkey

May one give us peace in all our states

And the other a piece for all our plates

Calendar of Programs and Events, 2017 - 2018

What makes community meaningful and fun?. The richness of life in community comes in many ways – getting together informally over a meal ... celebrating a significant birthday with long-time and newfound friends ... working together in a creative endeavor ... collaborating in a work party ... thinking deeply with others about what it means to be fully alive and connected with ourselves, each other, and Spirit ... and more.

In the Goodenough Community, we recognize such ways to connect as expressions of living life fully and in communities of all kinds. Throughout the year we offer programs that help you participate in your own development, learn about relating well with others, and discover your potential to have a good time in life and with others.

We welcome your interest and your participation, and hope that you will join us at any – or many! – of this year’s events. More information about programs and upcoming events can be found on our website: www.goodenough.org



The Third Age: Those of us age 60 and older have been gathering every other month, Friday evenings in Seattle. **Future meetings: January 19, March 2, June 1.** Contact Kirsten Rohde for more information:

krohde14@outlook.com

The women's program is a long-established and ever-growing way for women to enjoy each other's company, learn about themselves as women, and even perhaps to experience the Divine Feminine. Contact Hollis Guill Ryan for more information and directions to our West Seattle community home: hollisr@comcast.net. Dates: **Saturday 10 – 2 in West Seattle: January 20, March 3, June 9. Womens Weekend: April 13-15 at Sahale.**



The men's program is an expression of the best wisdom men have gathered from their life together—about what is a good man and how he could best express that in his own life. The fall gathering at Sahale will be combined with the white tent take down and continue into the rest of the **weekend as a men's gathering. October 6-8, June 8-10** at Sahale. Contact Bruce Perler for more information: bruce_perler@hotmail.com



Pathwork, a program of Convocation: A Church and Ministry. On alternate Sunday evenings an interfaith circle of practice meets between 7:00 and 9:30 p.m. under the leadership of Colette Hoff. This is a time to learn together about our personal development, to talk out our chosen practices for the development of a spirit filled life, and to learn the skills of joining with others in service.

In the spring of this year, we studied the religion of Islam in our desire to understand this major world religion that is in the news so much. Our intention in studying Islam has been to help counter the negativity sometimes expressed towards Muslims by gaining understanding of their faith.

Gathering are at the Community Center in Seattle: Nov 5, 19, Dec 3, 17, Jan 7, 28, Feb 11, 25, Mar 11, 25, Apr 8, 22, May 6, 20, June 3, 17.

Contact Colette Hoff for more information: hoff@goodenough.org



True Holidays Celebration, Saturday, December 2, 2017

Be part of this fun-filled family-oriented evening, and prepare yourself for the winter season (whatever faith tradition you follow) that fills your heart.

Contact: Kirsten Rohde, krohde14@outlook.com



Winter Solstice Bus Trip, Saturday December 16, 2017

Board a bus, play in the snow, shop in Leavenworth, have a horse-drawn sleigh ride and enjoy an abundant dinner.

Contact: Colette Hoff hoff@goodenough.org

curious! Please contact Kirsten Rohde krohde14@outlook.com for more information.

The Goodenough Community Council meets alternate Monday evenings in Seattle to discuss the day-to-day activities of the community and engage in planning, evaluation, and more. Contact Colette Hoff if you are interested: hoff@goodenough.org
Council meetings are November 6, 20, Dec 4, 18, Jan 8, 29, Feb 12, 26, Mar 12, 26, Apr 9, 23, May 7, 21, Jun 4, 18



Quest: A Counseling and Healing Center

Our belief is that mental and emotional health is a prerequisite for spiritual well-being, collaboration, and the expression of compassion. Quest’s counseling and education programs, open to all interested individuals, focus on empowering individuals, couples, and family groups to be happier and more effective in relationships. Call Colette (206-755 8404) or at Sahale – 360 275-3957. In Seattle, Colette meets with clients at the community center, 3610 SW Barton Street, Seattle 98106, as well as at Sahale.

Answers to the John OR Jim Game from page 16

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