



The Village View

December 15, 2023

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Coming Up:

Community Holiday Open House – Sat Dec. 16, 4-11PM, Edmonds
Pathwork, Sunday, December 17, 7pm via Zoom
New Year's at Sahale – Dec 30-Jan 1
See inside for further information.

Dear members and friends of the Goodenough Community,

It's good to be growing again!

2023 will go down in Goodenough history as the year we realized how deeply the teachings of our founders, John and Colette Hoff, are rooted inside each of us. We are blossoming individually and collectively as we evolve from being “students of the masters” into a self-reliant community.

We're celebrating these accomplishments this year:

- At a March retreat, core Community members looked at what has worked best for the community, and what needs improvement. We recommitted to the three areas in which the Goodenough Community has had a magnificent impact:

“The Work”: teachings on self-development and harmonious relationships, put into practice in innovative environments such as the Human Relations Lab

The Community: committing to a covenant of personal and relational development has formed us into a warmly-bonded community, in itself a reason that people remain engaged

Sahale Retreat Center: A place for us and our guests to be nourished by the land, the Community, and The Work in action.



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- A new **Steering Committee** has been hard at work identifying and resourcing specific initiatives to move these three “pillars” of the Community’s work forward.
- Our **Summer Gathering** focused on engaging each of us personally in building the next version of our Community. A major achievement was the adoption of our first-ever [Community Code of Conduct](#), guidelines intended to keep members and visitors safe at Community events. Oh - and we ate, drank and made merry!
- Spring work parties and completion of the new woodworking shop prepared the way for a successful guest season at the **Sahale Retreat Center**, which operated at capacity and held its own financially.

We have so much to look forward to in 2024. Among other highly-anticipated events, our **Women’s Culture** is set to resume regular meetings come January. And from July 7-12th, **we’ll deep-dive into learning together again...**mark your calendar for this year’s Summer Gathering at Sahale!

Needless to say, a growing Community requires growing resources. Our retreat center’s growth depends on construction of more housing and attention to property upkeep. We are ready to build a well to optimize management of our water resources. And within our Community’s home, we envision creating ever-richer gatherings to explore and teach what we do so well: growing into the best version of ourselves within the warmth of conscious community.

I can’t wait to see what we can build together. **Will you support our work with a generous [financial donation?](#)**

May you be embraced by the warmth of community this holiday season!

Tom George, President

Goodenough Community Board of Directors



You Are Invited: Second Annual Community Holiday Open House

Saturday, December 16, 2023, drop in anytime - 4PM until 11 PM

Location: Home of Tom George, 8708 182nd Place SW, Edmonds WA 98026

By Elizabeth Jarrett-Jefferson

Some of our community traditions are also in transition. Instead of our True Holidays celebration, which has been held annually in December for many years, our community is now hosting a holiday open house---designed to carry forward our time honored traditions of connection, relationship and peace---so that you may drop in at your leisure, relax, see friends, have a good conversation, share stories, or simply enjoy a libation and holiday treat. Family, friends, and children are all invited. Please bring your favorite holiday treat to share as well as your favorite libation (some will be provided as well). We hope to see you!



Rock N Roll Holly



Traditional Holly

Are you interested in the future of the Goodenough Community's women's program?

An Invitation from the Women's Leadership Circle

We invite you to a women's gathering **from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on January 20, 2024**. Please mark your calendar now and look for a Zoom link from Elizabeth Jarrett shortly beforehand.

This event is shaping up to be a milestone in the life of the women's culture of the Goodenough Community. If you have enjoyed the women's programs, **you will want to be part of this.**

Like the community as a whole, the women's program is refreshing itself, seeking insights into what participants find most valuable, and encouraging participants to step into design and leadership roles.

In this interval until January 20, please be thinking about the women's program.

- What have you enjoyed most?
- What would you like to see in future programs?
- Who would you like to see in leadership?
- How would you like to contribute to the future of the women's program?

Your thoughts and dreams will shape our January event and the future of the women's program. We are looking forward to learning what is in women's hearts.

Happy holidays!

News and Upcoming Events from the Goodenough Community – A Short Recap with more details.

Our next Village View – Late January

Our January Village View editors are Hollis Guill Ryan and Elizabeth Jarrett-Jefferson.

Community Holiday Open House – December 16, Saturday

As we did last year, our community is hosting an Open House as we transition from our previous True Holidays celebrations. Plan to come relax and connect with friends, family, and others, remembering that relationship is the heart of what makes each of us and the Goodenough Community thrive. The only effort you'll need to expend is partaking and enjoying appetizers and libations! Everyone is invited.

- **Date:** Saturday, December 16, 2023
- **Time:** 4:00 to 11:00 PM
- **Location:** Home of Tom George, 8708 182nd Place SW, Edmonds WA 98026
- **Details:** Please bring a substantial appetizer and a beverage to share.
- **Contact:** Elizabeth Jarrett-Jefferson or other members of the Community Lifeways Team (Rose Buchmeier, Marjenta Gray, Pam Jarrett-Jefferson, & Hollis Ryan).

New Year's at Sahale – Saturday, December 30, to January 1.

Come mark the New Year at Sahale! Featured will be dishes from the Deep South, especially prepared by Sam Staatz; dishes inspire include good luck and prosperity for the new year. Please let [Elizabeth](#) and [Sam](#) know of your plans to attend – arrival times and departure times help us plan for meals and lodging. There will be a suggested donation for the weekend.

Mark your calendars and stay tuned for further information:

- **Saturday Zoom Gathering of the Women's Culture** – January 20, 2024, 10AM to 1:00 PM.
- **Spring Gathering of the Goodenough Community** – March 15, 16, and 17, 2024. We will also mark the 64th birthday of Pam Jarrett-Jefferson.
- **Summer Gathering of the Goodenough Community** – (held last year in early August and instead of the HRL) – July 7 – 12 (Sunday through Friday). Focus: Community building & creativity.



Programs and Events of the Goodenough Community: *An Overview*



Throughout the year we offer programs and events that help you participate in your own development, learn about relating well with others, and help you discover your potential for having a good time in life and with others. As we work through this period of transition, we have limited or changed our offerings, but check this page for the latest information. Information about future programs and events also will be found on our website: www.goodenough.org and in future *Village Views*.

The Goodenough Community's governing body, the General Circle



Currently meets weekly on alternate Monday evenings, 7 PM on Zoom. For additional information, contact [Elizabeth Jarrett- Jefferson](#)



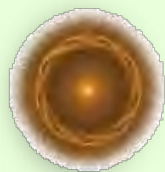
The Women's Program is a long-established and ever- growing way for women to enjoy each other's company, learn about themselves as women, and even perhaps to experience the Divine Feminine. *Please see information about our January 20 zoom meeting (above).* For information, contact [Hollis Ryan](#)



The Third Age - Those aged 60 and older have customarily been gathering every other month, Friday evenings, at 7 PM by Zoom. Contact [Kirsten Rohde](#) for more information.



The Men's Program - Our Men's Circle is an expression of brotherhood and practice, with wisdom gathered from our own lives, other men's work, advocates, and the founders of this circle. A men's service weekend at Sahale is coming up – TBA date. For information, contact [Norm Peck](#)



Pathwork, A Program of Convocation: A Church and Ministry. Pathwork offers a spiritual home in which to rest and to share your heart and mind as you move through these unpredictable times.

Participants come together and find support and encouragement, gaining wisdom from the world's faith and wisdom traditions. All are welcome to join. Meetings are held via Zoom on alternate Sundays: 7 to 9 PM. Our next session: Sunday, December 17.