

GMVUAC Member Biographies (06/17/2019)

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Steve Hiester

GMVUAC Chair, Train Show Committee Chair, and Economic Committee Vice Chair; and has been a member of the Council for 12 years. 22-year resident of the Maple Valley area and 35-year resident of South King County. Graduate of the University of Washington with a BSCE and City University with a MBA. Professional engineer (Structural) and serves on committees for the American Society of Testing Materials (ASTM) and an active member in the Structural Engineering Association of Washington (SEAW). Likes golfing and fishing.

Peter Rimbos

GMVUAC Corresponding Secretary, Growth Management Committee Chair, King County Comprehensive Plan Update Coordinator, and serves on the Transportation Committee. 38-year resident of the Maple Valley area. A member of the Area Council for 15 years. Educated at Lehigh University (PA). BSCE and MSCE with major in Structural Engineering. Twenty-four years experience at Boeing as a Principal Engineer and Project Manager. Married, no children. Involved in local and county community issues and likes to garden, hike, and read.

LarKen Buchanan (Resides in the River Heights Community Area)

GMVUAC Environment Committee Chair. Resident of the same piece of property all but 3 years of my life when I lived in Fairwood. I have attended all 13 years at Tahoma, graduating from Tahoma High School in 1982. Graduated GRCC in 1986. Attended U of W and received certificate of Project Management. Have worked for the Boeing Company since 1985. Married my soul mate (Ken) in 1994. I enjoy the outdoors, especially when it involves animals – especially equines. I really enjoy helping make my community a better place in which to live, work, and play. I volunteer for the Return to Renton car show to raise funds for at-risk kids in the Renton School District. I wanted to be a part of my community in which I live, so I volunteer my time for the GMVUAC.

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Hobart

Lorraine Blacklock

GMVUAC Public Relations Committee Vice Chair. 24-year resident of Maple Valley. I was born and raised in the southwest, where I attended International Business College. My husband, Wally, and I moved to the Seattle area in 1989. Wally and I have been married 36 years and have one son, who is now in college. Due to the nature of my husband's job we have lived in England, France and Germany. I am a member of Sequoia Baptist Church of Kent and am part of the church leadership team. I also serve as church clerk. I love DIY, especially when it involves tools!

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Warren Iverson

CHRISTIAN. Lifelong resident of Hobart. Tahoma school graduate and UW School of Business. Owner and operator of Hobart Food Market; own and operate a Hobart cattle farm with my brother since early 70s. Founding member of the GMVUAC and also a founding member of the Cedar County movement. I am active in RURAL Rights and issues including septic rules and water wells, about which I am very passionate as they affect how we will live in the RURAL Area. I strongly support the ability to build one house on one vacant legal lot but I do not support subdivisions or 4 to 1 projects in the RURAL Area.

Adam N. Sterling

Former GMVUAC Recording Secretary. Born in Spokane and raised in Hobart since the age of 3, Adam is a video game and constitutional law enthusiast. Tahoma Senior High class of 2003; B.S. in Psychology and B.A. in Japanese from The Ohio State University 2006, magna cum laude; M.A. in Public Policy from Doshisha University (Kyoto) 2013; J.D. from the University of Washington School of Law, class of 2018 (ranking top 5%; Order of the Coif). Between educational pursuits, Adam was first employed as a game tester for Nintendo, then as an assistant language teacher in Japan, and most recently as a Japanese translator again for Nintendo.

Luke Hansen

GMVUAC Growth Management Committee Vice Chair. Lifetime resident of unincorporated King County, growing up on Tiger Mountain; moved to Maple Valley in 2011, and have been in Hobart since 2014. Married to my wife, Sena, for five years and we have a very young daughter. For the last seven years, I have worked with in-home respiratory equipment with a focus on sleep medicine; currently working as an equipment coordinator for a large medical clinic in Seattle. I am looking forward to contributing to the community where I live. I enjoy yard work and home projects, while spending time with family and friends.

Ravensdale

Susan Harvey

GMVUAC Transportation Committee Chair. 37-year resident of Ravensdale. Born in Seattle, grew up in Renton. A member of the Area Council for 9 years. Attended Whitman College, Louisiana State University, Oregon State University, and have an MBA from City University. Retired after nearly thirty years' experience working at Boeing Commercial Airplanes as a Procurement Agent, Internal Procurement Auditor, and Facilitator. Have two sons; one resides in Ravensdale, the other in Spokane Valley. Involved in community issues and likes to travel, garden, and swim.

Rhys A. Sterling (Resides in the Hobart Community Area)

Former GMVUAC Vice Chair; and former Bylaws, Environment, and Public Relations Committees' Chair. Farm boy from Oneida, NY. Moved to Washington in 1971.

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Resident of Hobart since 1988. Married (Joyce) with two adult children (Adam and Mary). Educated at Clarkson College of Technology, Potsdam, NY (BSChE); University of Washington, Seattle, WA (MSE); Gonzaga University School of Law, Spokane, WA (JD). Professional Engineer (Civil, 1976) and Attorney at Law (1983). Employed by Washington State Department of Ecology from 1972-79 as Sanitary Engineer and District Supervisor in Eastern Washington. Previous employment also in private consulting business and law firm. Winding down private/solo law practice and looking forward to community service through GMVUAC.

Mike Thompson (Resides in the Hobart Community Area)

GMVUAC Vice Chair, and Public Relations Committee Chair. Resident of Maple Valley for four years. Joined the GMVUAC in March of 2018 and serves on the Growth Management Committee. Currently retired from American Airlines after 33 years of service (qualified as a B-777 Captain). Graduated from the US Coast Guard Academy in 1975 with a BS in Marine Science. Completed 11 years of Active Duty and 16 years as a Reservist. Coached Soccer for 15 years and served as the President of Cascade Soccer Club for 10 years. Currently in fourth year as President of the Cornerstone Homeowners Association. My wife, Jeanie, and I have been married for two years. We have 8 boys between us and two grandsons.

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River Heights

Sue Neuner

GMVUAC Treasurer, and Environment Committee Vice Chair. Lived in area since 1979, and in current house since 1984 on the Cedar River. Currently a pharmacist at University of Washington Medical Center. Two adult children who attended Tahoma School District. Past involvement with Girl Scouts, Marauders with the Maple Valley Soccer Association, and community volunteer on several task force groups for the Tahoma School District.

Hendrick (Hank) Haynes

GMVUAC Economic Committee Chair. Pacific NW resident of about 60 years. U.S. Army veteran, and University educated (8+ years @ Highline CC, WWU, and UW). Work experience includes U. S. Army (Supply), Vista (Community Services), Exxon Corp. (Energy), Boeing MR&D (Research), Wolfpak Marine Corp. (Water Jet Marine Propulsion), MSE Corp. (Transportation Energy Management Systems), and real estate broker. Entrepreneur starting four companies, including marine products design and manufacturing, and as to which he holds several patents. Currently semi-retired but still active business owner developing marine products. Senior Vice Commander of DAV unit, and volunteer Honor Guard at the Tahoma Veterans Cemetery. Interested in promoting business opportunities in and compatible with the rural area.

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Celia Parker

GMVUAC Recording Secretary. Born in Chicago. Moved to Richland, WA, in 1969 and in 1972 moved to Spring Lake. 1975 Graduated Tahoma High. Educated at Green River CC (GRCC), Seattle Central CC Custom Apparel. 2007 UW internship at Tulalip Tribes GIS dept and awarded best Senior project. 2008 B.S. Degree in Computing and Software Systems UW, Bothell, minor in Geography GIS mapping & Remote Sensing and awarded best team GIS project UW, Seattle. Nov. 2008 job Snohomish County's Community Transit GIS bus stop database update project. 2010 Microsoft technical writer contract. Dec. 2013, Costco, Issaquah .NET Developer contract. April 2016 FTE at Microsoft as a Content Developer in Windows Protocols documentation. I have an older brother in New Mexico with grown children (1 boy, 3 girls). I love to go camping and whitewater kayaking. Member of and American Whitewater Association (AWA), Paddle Trails Canoe Club (PTCC), Washington Kayak Club (WKC), and River Safety Council.

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