



Your 2005 Marketeers, photographed at Greenlake Playfield, July 12. Front Row: Jenna Beam, Audrey Lawrence, Michelle Catalano, Albert Garrett, Greyson Eudy, Megan Lee. Back Row: **Coach** Marshal Klabo, Craig Nelson, Ryan Williams, Ian Golash, David Doe, Brison Grey, John Healy, Emily Nelson Not Pictured: Brenda Piaz, Carol Binder, Mike Nelson, John Macklin

## THE MARKETEERS LOG

By "BOOM-BOOM" LEE

**July 7** (v. Faux Shizzells): Marketeers win, Faux Shizzell! The Marketeers amped-up from the previous BIG win (v. The Slackers) looked to put their organic produce into it and played a solid game. Emily Nelson's dad came in late and his intensity as a third-base coach brought enough Marketeers around the bases to put together the team's first winning streak and biggest pounding of the season (9-3).

**July 12** (v. Jabu's Tavern): Marketeers almost win. Due to a scheduling issue (or something) on the Queen Anne Playfield the Marketeers ventured out to the bright lights of the Woodland Park Recreational Center (where the Marketeers won it all in 1992) for an important game with a 9:15 start time. Our team

in the electric-blue turquoise took the field, ready, with a few added weapons. The intense Garrett took the mound, ready to mow the entire field by himself. Beam and a few key players' venture to the batting cages bolstered the Marketeers' bats and spirits. Both teams put together countless rallies and after the red dust cleared and the vocal umpire made his last call the Marketeers lost a very solidly played game. (11-14)

**July 21**, The Show Down Round (v. Hornall Anderson): Marketeers win! Oh Yeah, The Marketeers win! The sun was burning and the melting 82-degree heat wouldn't let up. The visiting Marketeers bucked up, ready to take all the fervidity their kitchen had to offer. It was

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## Senior Center: helping others part of Market's charter

By JOHN LIVINGSTON

The Pike Market Senior Center does more than provide service to seniors in the downtown area – it helps make seniors self-sustaining, according to Bruce Wood, executive director.

The Senior Center has social workers and outreach workers on hand, in addition to providing a place for low-income senior citizens to have coffee and fitness classes.

"A homeless person may have to leave the shelter in the morning, and may come here and get a cup of coffee. While they are here, they may make use of our employment programs or sign up for a class," Wood said. "We enjoy great success in getting people jobs, getting them housing and getting their basic needs met. We have had people who came in, worked as a cook, found housing, went out into the community and are meeting their own needs."

The Senior Center is one of the human service organizations that are funded through the Market Foundation and key events like this month's Sunset Supper. Wood estimates the center has 1,000 members from throughout the downtown area.

The Center is at the corner of First Avenue and Virginia Street, and helps its clients in many ways, including Medical programS, senior wellness programs, employment programs, social workers, an activities coordinator and a resident advocate.

"Once we get people into housing, we have to follow up to make sure that they are able to stay in housing," Wood said. "The resident advocate helps them to pay rent and pay monthly bills, and to keep their units ready for any inspections (their landlords) may require."

The senior center provides more than 33,000 hot meals a year and is closely affiliated with the Downtown Food Bank. Wood said the food bank provides close to 50,000 individual bags of food each year. He served as the Downtown Food Bank director before coming to the Senior Center.

The center provides more than coffee and social workers. It includes Lifetime Fitness

classes, folk dancing, bingo, art classes and Spanish classes. Social events include monthly birthday parties, and Thanksgiving and Christmas meals for its members.

In the next year or so, the Pike Market Senior Center is going to move, which will make it much more accessible to people. It will move from its current location on a steep hill to the fifth floor of the LaSalle-Creamery Project, which is now under construction. That work will provide 21 new studio apartments for senior citizens and renovate additional senior housing at the LaSalle Hotel.

The Pike Place Senior Center will use the entire fifth floor of the new building, as well as a large amount of space in the LaSalle Hotel. That word came from Katherine Stanford, outgoing director of real estate and development for the Pike Place Market Preservation and Development Authority (PDA).

Marlys Erickson, executive director of the Market Foundation, said the new senior center will also have much better kitchen facilities, which means it can serve more people.

"The lunch program is one of our biggest programs. We serve 85 to 100 people per day. We need to be serving twice that many" Erickson said in a previous Pike Place Market News story. She added that the new center also would provide private office space where Senior Center clients could speak with the social workers. Most importantly, customers won't have to go down a steep hill to get to the doors

"The current location on an incline is not the easiest place to access," Wood said.

Even in its current quarters, the Pike Market Senior Center works hard to provide opportunities to help its members make improvements in their lives.

For more information, contact the center at (206) 728-2773 or visit <http://www.pikeplacemarket.org/site.asp?p=seniorcenter> <<http://www.pikeplacemarket.org/site.asp?p=seniorcenter>> on the web.

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