I too am a veteran of the Mukilteo Boys & Girls Club. I first stepped foot onto the current location in the winter of 1965. The Mukilteo Warriors. We used to travel to Everett and Edmonds to play games against other teams (mostly because we just didn’t have enough kids to have our own league). Believe it or not, that building was an old building even back then…..an old piano recital hall that they put up a couple of basketball hoops, ping pong & pool tables, and a couple of vending machines. A great, safe place for kids to come and play! We even had overnight sleep overs back then, too. I still remember the director, Ron Edlin, making up a story about “Herman the rat”, who lived under the club, and killed a police dog. My, how things have changed….imagine your child coming home and telling you that story. One of my friends even woke up that night (sleeping on the gym floor), and claimed that “Herman” had been chewing on his ear! I wouldn’t trade those experiences as a child for anything! The Boys Club (as known way back then) was a safe place for kids.

Staying in Mukilteo, I later had the chance to coach both of my boys as they also played Boys & Girls Club basketball. Again, they started out playing in the old Club, moving many games to the local schools. One thing never changed….a safe place for kids.

It was, and still is a great place to make friends and make memories. We had movie nights, floor hockey, pool tournaments, arts and crafts, our basketball league – lots of things going on in that tiny building. They could pull that off back then, because they didn’t have nearly as many kids. Today, not only is the building wearing out, it is far too small to house all of the activities that we as parents would like our kids to be able to participate. Room and safety, are two very important reasons to retire the old and bring in the new. We are proudly doing what we can financially to support the building of a new club, even though we no longer have kids of our own enjoying it.

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