

# Vijya's Home News

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## Happy New Year!

What a wonderful year we have had already! Enclosed in this newsletter is a sampling of the many sales that have gone through in these last couple of months. In addition, I wanted to share of a lovely story of “doing the right thing.” Almost 10 years ago, I helped a newly married couple purchase their first home. Unfortunately, their relationship didn’t work out and we listed and sold the home within a year. Because of the tight timeframe, I wasn’t fully compensated and I was owed money. I understood that this was a challenging situation for them and took the stance that “we all could use a break sometime.”

Imagine my surprise when, almost a decade later, I received a sincere note from my client letting me know how she was doing and asking if she could resume making payments with a check included. It’s great being back in touch with her. Since I had not expected the money, I now have the joyful task of deciding how to spend this “rainy day money.” As you likely know, I have many ‘pet’ non-profits to which I am committed however, with the current crisis in Haiti I decided to start off donating to Doctors Without Borders. **I would love to hear your suggestions of deserving projects/non-profits!**

### Jan Quiz Question

What tv comedy has run the longest - by episodes AND seasons?

Check out our blog to find the answer and secret passcode. Email or call us with the secret passcode to be entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift card.

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## Lunch with Lilly Ledbetter

As a Board Member of the UW Women’s Center I would like to extend an invite for you to join me at the second event of the UWWC’s *Opening Doors for Women & Girls* series.

Thursday, March 4, 2010

11:30am - 1:30pm

The Westin Hotel

1900 Fifth Avenue | Seattle

Tickets: \$50

Online: <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/91307>

By Phone: 1.800.838.3006

Sponsorship/Table Captains Interests: 206.685.2940

Lilly Ledbetter will tell her incredible story of struggle and triumph for equity in the workplace. Her path culminated in the development of the Fair Pay Act — the first piece of legislation passed by the Obama Administration. There will be a question/answer session moderated by Kathi Goertzen, KOMO News.

# Put Your Mind at Ease in a Medical Crisis.

*“My Medicine List* is a campaign intended to build public awareness of the need for patients to take an active role in managing their medications. Sponsored by the Washington Patient Safety Coalition (WPSC), the initiative’s goal is for every person to maintain an up-to-date list of every medication he or she is using and to share it with his or her health care provider during each and every visit.

## What is a Medicine List?

A medicine list is a record of all prescriptions, over-the-counter medicines, herbals, supplements, minerals, ointments and vitamins that you use. This list should be shared with your doctor, nurse practitioner, pharmacist, physician assistant, naturopath and dentist every time you visit them.

## Why Should I Carry a Medicine List?

Fact: 7,000 people die each year in the U.S. from preventable errors having to do with medicines while under hospital care (Institute of Medicine Report 2001).

Fact: 82 percent of U.S. adults and 56 percent of children take at least one medicine daily. 29 percent of adults take five or more medicines daily, and 27 percent of children take two or more (Boston University 2006).

Fact: Half of all potential major drug-drug interactions involve a nonprescription medicine. Physicians often don’t know about their patients’ nonprescription medicine use because they do not ask patients, patients don’t tell their doctors, or both (Journal of the American Medical Association 2002).

**Take action by keeping a list of all your medicines.** People taking care of loved ones (parents, children, neighbors, other relatives) should also keep a list of those medicines, and share it with health care providers.

You should carry a medicine list because this simple action can make health care safer and more effective, and can even save a life.”

To review what information you should carry and/or to learn more about the Washington Patient Safety Coalition, visit their website at **WAPatientSafety.org**

## Need Something? Let Our Friends Help You!

We are looking to update our service directory and hope you will introduce us to those you trust. Now more than ever my clients need your referrals since another piece of the economic stimulus bill was to allow homeowners (through 2010) to claim a **30% tax credit (up from 10%) for purchases of new furnaces, windows and insulation.**

Our directory covers residential and commercial services (like contractors, plumbers, electricians, landscapers, etc.) to professional services (like lawyers, doctors, consultants of all types, etc.). Whether it’s excellent customer support or an outstanding service/product that makes them unique, we want to know about them. Please send us the company name, contact person, and all pertinent contact information.

We will note the information in our directory and refer our clients to the people you trust - just as we hope you trust us enough to introduce us to those you know needing real estate assistance. It’s our goal to keep our clients happy and know we are providing them the best customer service possible. Thank you!

# sell, Sell, Selling!!!

This past few months have been ripe with a multitude of sales. Here's just a few examples of what people have been buying.

Sweet spot on West Lake Sammamish enjoys extreme privacy on 100 ft of prime waterfront in quiet neighborhood setting. 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath, 3290 sq.ft, built 1995.

LP: \$1,980,000  
City: Bellevue  
Sold: 09/25/09



Beautifully updated Greenwood Craftsman home built in 1921. Special features include a theater room, shop area, tons of storage and updated electrical, new sewer and drains, paint, windows. 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 1770 sq.ft.



LP: \$374,950  
City: Seattle  
Sold: 12/28/09

Beautiful corner lot, 2 story house with open floor plan in Renton. Upgraded kitchen in a spacious, well maintained home. 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 1910 sq.ft., built 2003.

LP: \$279,900  
City: Renton  
Sold: 11/3/09

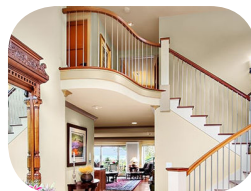


Vintage details in this sweet Maple Leaf home. Unbeatable privacy and beauty with Thornton Creek in the backyard while still having a "walkable" score of 80! 4 bedrooms, 1.75 baths, 2410 sq.ft., built 1949.



LP: \$350,000  
City: Seattle  
Sold: 12/9/09

Modern and stylish Kirkland home with outstanding westerly views - perfect for families and big, style entertaining with exceptional detailing. 5 bedrooms, 4.75 baths, 4260 sq.ft., built in 2003.



LP: \$1,100,000  
City: Kirkland  
Sold: 12/1/09

**For more information about selling & buying homes, visit [vijya.com](http://vijya.com)**

Keep up-to-date on real estate news and local activities on our blog at: [www.vijya.com/blog](http://www.vijya.com/blog)

# Volunteer with Us at Operation Nightwatch

Vijya & Associates would like to share with you a volunteer opportunity we've been participating in for several years now: Operation Nightwatch (<http://www.seattlenightwatch.org>; 206-329-2099) - a ministry in Seattle's central district. On the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every other month, Vijya & Associates makes a trip to Costco to buy enough food to feed dinner to 100+/- people. We then collect at Operation Nightwatch to make and serve the food to the Operation Nightwatch community.

If you are interested in helping or want more information, please let me know. Giving back to the community is one way we show that we truly care!

## A WHOLE NEW YEAR TO VOLUNTEER!

January 21, March 23, May 25, July 27, September 28, November 23

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## Calendar of Events

### January

23-24 Travel Show

29-Feb 6 Boat Show

21 Operation Nightwatch

26 Lobby Day in Olympia

### February

6 Neighborhood Appreciation Day

6-7 Tét Festival

13 V-Day Enrichment Celebration

13 Lunar New Year Celebration

14 Valentine's Day

20-28 Home Show

28 Record & CD Convention

### March

4 Lilly Ledbetter Lunch via UWWC

5 Water 1<sup>st</sup> - Beer 2<sup>nd</sup>

27 Prosthetics Outreach Auction

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