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Harry Denton delivering gas in **Houghton** on Lake Washington Blvd. Thanks to **Stan Denton**, Harry's son, we now know that before Lake Washington Blvd was paved in 1920, it would get very muddy and trucks could not make deliveries. The horses had cleats on the horseshoes...for mud or snow! Photo was by **Ernest Fortescue, Sr.** and was probably for the *East Side Journal*. No known *East Side Journals* exist before 1918 so we do not have the article. **2008.36.070, Ernest Fortescue Collection**



Harry Denton's Garford truck in **Houghton**. This tank truck was normally used to deliver gas to the local gas stations and farmers. According to Stan, this truck was very heavy and hard on the bridges but it hauled a lot of gas and was more efficient than the horse drawn tank...except when it broke down or got stuck. Photo by Harry Denton.

2007.50.46, Denton Collection

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER LYNETTE FRIBERG WEBER

It's that time of year again... **dues are due**, to steal the phrase from *Redmond's Historical Society's* newsletter. You will find a renewal form plus a paver order form (what a great gift to give someone!) tucked in this issue of our KHS newsletter. Some of you are Lifetime or Honorary members (you know who you are!) so you will not have a membership renewal form in your issue. We appreciate your continued support of KHS, especially in these times of financial crisis.

KHS has wonderful projects planned for 2009 & some fabulous monthly programs throughout the year. They say in times of hardship that people hunker down & put more emphasis on their roots, family & community; it's a comforting thing. So please join us whether you are a member or not and find some comfort!!

Happy New Year 2009 To All!!

The Christine J. Neir Memorial Scholarship Fund

With the help of the Neir Family and the Scholarship Committee, KHS has completed the criteria for the Scholarship. All information will be up on the KHS website by February 1, 2009 and the application forms will be available for students at both LWHS and JHS.

Scholarship Amount: \$500.00

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Timeline:

- Application period will start Feb 1st ending April 30th of each year.
- Scholarship recipient will be chosen by the Scholarship Committee by May 15th
- Award will be presented Between May 15th and June 1st.

Applicant Criteria:

- Applicant must be a senior at Lake Washington or Juanita High School
- Applicant must be accepted at an institution of higher education for Fall Quarter of the same year as graduation
- Applicant must fill out the application form in full and return to the Career Center at LWHS or JHS by April 30th.

Scholarship Criteria:

Students may enter only one submission, and their original work should be the result of student research into Kirkland history through books, newspaper articles, online sources, encyclopedia, articles, and/or oral histories taken by the students themselves. Please include a bibliography.

Ownership of Material:

- All materials submitted to become the property of Kirkland Heritage Society

To encourage creativity in retelling or depicting Kirkland history, students may chose to submit one of the following:

- Written essay
- Audio essay
- Art exhibit
- Photographic exhibit
- Multimedia presentation.

Want Ad

Wanted: Program Director, KHS.

Responsibilities include manage, set up & oversee monthly programs (2009 completed), monthly board/committee meetings, communications (computer experience necessary), work closely with the greatest group of people in Kirkland & have fun doing it!!

FLOOR REFINISHING WORK PARTIES

Bob Burke

After the rain that caused flooding in downtown Kirkland in 2007 the City received funding for emergency repairs from FEMA. Part of those funds applied to the floor in our space in Heritage Hall. After looking at a series of options we decided to simply clean the concrete, seal it and polish it. R.L. Shular, Inc. again helped with the work. We had work parties over three weekends to move the furniture and equipment back and forth so the work could be done in the space. The floor looks great, is much easier to clean and we also were able to relocate files and equipment to better utilize the space.

Thanks to over a dozen members for your help: **Stu Clark, Sue & Sants Contreras, Lynette Friberg Weber, Dale & Loita Hawkinson, Jim Lauinger, Vic Newhard, Dave Ramsay, David Tucker, and Lucy Zocatti.** (editor's note: **Bob was there too!**). **Barbara Loomis** supplied fresh baked muffins at each work session. Thanks also to **Jason Filan** and **Nicci Osborn** in the Parks Department for helping to coordinate the work with the schedule at the City and in Heritage Hall.



Week one



Week two



Week three



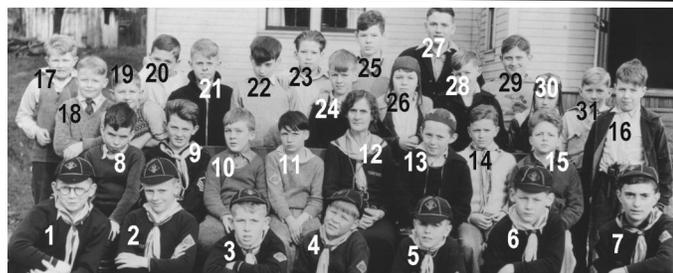
Dave and Sue got things rolling....



Ev Cox's desk being put back in its KHS home



Barb's Muffins



Ernie Fortescue named: 1. Ted Tillman; 2. George Wittenmeyer; 3. Bob Crow; 4. Leonard Howard; 5. Darwin Wittenmeyer; 6. Bob Millar; 7. Roy Buckley; 8. Ian Shaw; 9. Warren Dougherty; 10. Bill Vague; 11. Bill Denholm; 12. Mae Belle Esty; 13. Dick Larson; 14. Bob Turner; 15. unidentified; 16. Ernie Fortescue; 17. Laverne Simmons (Verne); 18. Robert Brunner; 19. Norman Dunstone; 20. Don Caldwell; 21. Walter Chamberlain; 22. Wilbur Johsens or Johsons; 23. Ed Smith; 24. Larry Wold; 25. Al Buckman; 26. George Smith; 27. Eldon Berkey; 28. Jerry Marsh; 29. Arnold Berkey; 30. Oscar Jensen; 31. Wayne Taylor.

Photo on back page.

Oral History by Loita Hawkinson

Jerry Rutherford



Jerry Rutherford was born in Seattle and moved to Juanita as a bride in 1945. Ron Rutherford was from California and they met through mutual friends. Both of their children were born while living at Juanita Junction. Ron first ran a TV repair shop out of their home before

starting Juanita TV in the Junction. Ron was a volunteer firefighter and Jerry remembers all the improvements in the system; from just a loud alarm on a pole on Langdon Road to a phone system and finally a two bed manned firehouse complete with fire truck.

Jerry is grateful her children grew up in rural Juanita. Juanita was a close community and people supported one another. There was Roy's Grocery, Frosty's (named from a family member....most of us didn't know that), Mountain View Pickles, Mack's Bar where retired men stayed all day talking and smoking but not drinking. After about ten years in the Junction, the Rutherford's moved to NE 132nd across from the hospital. In their neighborhood Skinners of Seattle had a practice horse racing track, Juanita Dairy and Cherry fields. Also nearby was Mud Lake, which had been called Lake Wittenmeyer. Mud Lake lost its folksy name when the shopping center wanted to build but not near "Mud Lake". The name was changed to Totem Lake. Jerry laughed as she told how children were kept away from Mud Lake by telling them the bodies of all the people that fell out of boats were on the bottom.



Jerry in 1947, with daughter Bonnie. Taken during the Fall Fair at the Juanita Improvement Club. 2007.21.1 Jerry Rutherford Collection

The hub of the community was Juanita Elementary and the Juanita Improvement Club. The Juanita Improvement Club had monthly meetings where people could report and discuss a community problem. Afterwards the musically inclined got out their instruments and played, the men played cards, the kids tore around and everyone had a wonderful time. One special guest had been Stan Boreson. During his show, the power went out. Fathers went home for Kerosene lanterns and Stan finished his show by lantern light. Once most homes had a television, the Improvement Club was no longer popular.

Jerry has a natural gift to write and would submit articles about the school activities to the East Side Journal. Chuck Morgan saw the need for a Juanita Reporter and offered Jerry the job. She worked for the paper for fifteen years. Much of her reporting centered around Juanita activities and people in the community. But as we know, Jerry has written many historic pieces as well.

Jerry first came to Juanita as a teen when she went to Juanita Beach. She went down the popular slide as a teen and also went down it with her own children. And Jerry has now been singing in the Kirkland Congregational Church for 55 years. She is a font of local history and we thank her for talking to us.



Jerry helped identify Juanita landmarks

OPEN OPEN OPEN

Kirkland Heritage Resource Center will be open Wednesdays from 2 to 5 starting in February. It is our goal to be open one morning and one weekend in addition to Wednesday afternoons. We will continue to open by appointment. Volunteers are needed with computer skills and research knowledge.

Monthly Meeting

7:00 p.m. Heritage Hall

January 28

“Spotlight on Old Time Radio”

Presented live by Linda & Neal Shulman with Radio Enthusiasts of Puget Sound
A Nostalgic & entertaining evening of recorded cuts from some of the most remembered programming from the Golden Age of Radio.

Historical notes, radio trivia game (with free tapes & CD's to trivia winners!)

At our guests request, there will be no treats at the January program. We will have coffee and hot water for tea/cocoa/cider.

February 25

“The Complete History of Lake Washington” presented by Chip Davidson

Historical documentary & powerpoint presentation encompassing geology, government limitations & political conflicts, pioneers.... something for everyone's interest!

Hank Melton Memorial

MG Melton, loving wife of **Hank Melton** made a generous donation to KHS in his memory. Hank was on the **Kirkland Parks Board** from 1974-1981, serving as chairman from 1977-1981. He retired from the University of Washington. This donation will establish the **Hank Melton Collection**. Photos and memorabilia that must be purchased to fill our Kirkland history will be paid for from this memorial fund. Members and Kirkland natives are generous with their collections but much has left the area and buying seems the only way to bring some items home. Kirkland Heritage Society thanks Mrs. Melton for thinking of KHS at this time. Hank was interested in the photo collection so this use of his memorial funds seemed appropriate. We hope he would be pleased.

GOING AWAY PARTY FOR CHUCK MORGAN

Sunday, February 1, 2009

12:00 to 2:00 pm

Heritage Hall

Chuck Morgan is embarking on another adventure in life! He is moving to Wenatchee where his son lives. Kirkland Heritage Society members will greatly miss Chuck, as will the thousands of friends he has made in his years in Kirkland. Chuck has been a major contributor and supporter of KHS over the years! We will be forever grateful for his gift of the original East Side Journal Newspapers, his huge collection of photos, personal papers, his fantastic memory of who's who and what's what in Kirkland, and his participation in almost every major civic cause.

Friends of Chuck Morgan and the Kirkland Heritage Society are having a ‘Going Away Party’ at Heritage Hall on Sunday, February 1, 2009 from 12:00 to 2:00 pm. Come to wish him well!

Please RSVP to: RSVP4Chuck@gmail.com.



Last August at the Ice Cream Social

THANK YOU TO:

Betsy Pringle for opening her wonderful home for the annual Cookie Exchange. The 70 year old cabin had its basement dug by Jim Brannon, brother of Ilene Warren and Dorothy Daly

Jim Launger, Dave Ramsey, Dave Tucker, Vic, Stewart Clarke, Lucy Zucotti, Sants and Sue Contreras, Lynette, Bob, Dale, Loita for moving furniture and office equipment back and forth so the Resource Center floors could be cleaned, polished and sealed. The FEMA money had to be used in December. The floors will never be beautiful but they are clean and sound. If water should happen to seep, a mop will do the trick.

Barb Loomis for the muffins that energized the volunteers.

Megan Carlisle with **Eastside Heritage Center** for copying 6 **Louie Marsh** tapes recorded in 1977. These tapes were by **Lilly May Nelson Anderson** so her comments are historic to Kirkland as well. KHS thanks **Jerry Marsh**, Louie's nephew, for requesting the copies on behalf of KHS.

JJ Jonson, with the City for giving KHS three boxes of tape cases. These are from their backup systems and get tossed unless they find a home. The cases are of archival materials and archives can use them to protect small fragile items.

Jerry Sampont for donating *East Side Magazines* and Kirkland photos. These items were loaned to KHS and have now been donated. Jerry is another example of how Kirkland natives who have moved away still care and treasure Kirkland history.

Parkplace Books for being a great hometown business. **Bob Neirs**, *A City Comes of Age* and **Steve Lamson's**, *A Power of a Dream* are sold at Parkplace Books with 100% of the money going to KHS. They have been doing this for several years now and the friendly community support is wonderful

Michael and Lynette Weber for the donation of another DLP projector. These PowerPoint or computer projectors are vital today for programs but they are still very expensive. Michael retired recently and has been extremely generous with KHS. This is not a case of "one man's trash is another man's treasure". This is a case of generosity.

Greg Lange with **Puget Sound Regional Archives**. If you wish to research your home, Puget Sound Regional Archives is your source. Loita requested wills, deeds, properties etc for **J. Montgomery**

Sears. Greg pulled 3 carts of volumes plus micro-film for the research. Call ahead to make an appointment in Bellevue. They are wonderful people.

Stan Denton for the history of a photo taken by **Ernest Fortescue** about 1915. Photo is featured on the front of the newsletter. Stan also gave a great history of the Garford Truck which will be added to the PastPerfect database.

The **Elves** that tied up **Heritage Hall** with lights. It was beautiful.

KHS RECEIVES GRANTS

Bob Burke

In order to operate and to do all of the things that we do, KHS receives its financial support from a number of sources: membership dues, gifts, donations, reimbursement for copies of photographs, and grants. Two of the ongoing grants are from the **City of Kirkland** and from **4Culture's** Sustained Support Program. We have been notified that the **City Council** has approved \$930 for 2009 – down from \$2,000 in 2008 due to the budget crunch. **4Culture** has been able to sustain the same level as 2008 at \$5,000. These grants have been essential to our being able to initiate our ambitious effort to place our photographic and other collections into the PastPerfect data base. Thanks to the City of Kirkland and **4Culture** for your continuing support!



AYP ticket belonged to **Maren Mickelson**, mother of **Helen**. Helen donated the actual ticket to KHS. If you missed the **Discovering A-Y-P Project** program in Redmond, you can still catch it February 17th from 6-8 at the Issaquah Library. Register at: www.ayp100.org or call 206-324-1126, ext. 30. AYP is 100 years old this year. **Stan Denton** has loaned KHS his father's Postcard Collection to scan. If anyone else has AYP history to loan or donate, it is a good time to be thinking about it.

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January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009

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Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts with Mrs. Esty their leader. Photo taken in front of the Congregation Church in Kirkland by **Ernest Fortescue, Sr.** Mrs. Mae Belle Esty started the first Cub Scout Troop in Washington state and she was the first woman leader in the US. Even after she lost her eyesight, Mrs. Esty continued as leader. Many oral and written histories have mentioned her. Ernie Fortescue, Jr. named the boys. See inside page 3.

Marie Peterson Yesland Collection, 2008.55.01

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