

BLACKBERRY PRESERVES

The Journal of the

KIRKLAND HERITAGE SOCIETY



Just how fast can 25 years fly by???

The **Shumway Mansion** was moved from South Kirkland to Little Finn Hill in Juanita on March 3rd and 4th of 1985. Seen here, it is on Lake Street. The mansion spent the first night on Market. Originally scheduled to be a two-hour move, the move provided two days of entertainment for Kirkland. Possibly the most photographed local event yet.

The **Shumway Mansion** was built by **John George Bartsch**. Mr. Bartsch also built Central School, the original Rose Hill Grade School, and Peter and Mary Kirk's Kirkland home. The Shumway is the only known surviving Bartsch building. The Kirk home lives on as the KHS logo.



Vice-president's letter by Vic Newhard

Spring is finally coming on with the daffodils. Daylight saving time is in place and the Kirkland Heritage Society elections are upon us. We will be on schedule for a Board of Directors and committee retreat to plan where and what we want to do in the future. The economy should continue to get better over the next couple of years too. Can you just imagine what Peter Kirk and the other founders of Kirkland went through when their world economy was in a great recession. The one good thing that came out of it was that we did not turn into a smoke belching, steel producing city. We can only wonder, "what if? "

Kirkland Heritage Society will have its role to play in the annexation to the North. There are places of history to be identified and put in our growing data base. Hopefully we can be helpful in preserving more of our heritage in the new areas and educating the public of our rich history. The KHS history booth will be in some summer events and manned by our willing members. Thanks to the financial generosity and support of the City of Kirkland, 4Culture, our own members, and the hundreds of hours of volunteer time, we are a viable, vibrant, and solvent organization. There is always more to do and room for many more people to help with our continued operations and projects. Invite friends to see if they would like to get involved. We do welcome anyone who may be interested in our business. I would like to see some younger people get excited about their beautiful city and get a new and different perspective of what it has to offer. It sure can't hurt to ask them.



Time Capsules at LWHS

The LWHS is being replaced with new buildings and the 1949 buildings will be torn down over the next year. The new school will keep a few historic items. Does anyone remember where they put the time capsules at Lake Washington High School??? There may have been two. Please call Scott Myers at 425.936.1715.

AKCHO Meeting

KHS will be sponsoring the March 2010 AKCHO meeting. KHS members are encouraged to attend and meet other historic organizations. The topic will be the saving of Heritage Hall and Planning for Growth.

Heritage Hall
203 Market Street
Tuesday, March 30, 2010
9:30 a.m.



January/February Attendees

Sally Bechtel, Dave Bell, Brenda Berry, Bob Burke, Margaret Carnegie, Stu Clarke, Harry Cummings, Joyce Cummings, Dorothy daily, Denise DeRouchsey, Joanne Deligan, Marjorie J. Denton, Sandy Ekins, Keith Finar, Betty Folds, Lynn Garcia, Odd Hauge, Yvonne Hayward, Dale Hawkinson, Loita Hawkinson, Corrine Hieb, Bev Hoerlein, Donald Holden, Linda Jatton, Wayne Jatton, Jean Jayne, Marilyn Johnson, Roger Kirk, Barbara Loomis, Russ McClintick, Larry Miller, Barry Minnick, Vic Newhard, Michael Radcliff, Betty Roberts, Dave Roberts, Len Ryan, Janeen Ryseff, Dee Miller Saunders, Milt Sessions, Cathy Smith, Carol Smith, Norman Smith, Clarence Stone, Sandy Stone, Alice Stoops, Vern Stoops, Carol Trapp, David Tucker, Patty Tucker, Eileen Watson, Lynette Weber, Armene Wegener, Mary L. Ziuzin.



Anita

Anita Maxwell connected with Steve Rodrigues who is owner and caretaker of the Kalakala. Anita is a descendent of Captain Gilbert. Anita is the KHS programs chair and she is always on the lookout for timely and history based programs.

KHS Monthly Meeting

7:00 p.m. Heritage Hall

March 31, 2010

Dick Shinstrom, past president of the Kirkland Kiwanis (1958) will share the history and stories of the Kirkland Kiwanis.

April 28, 2010

In 1951 **Leroy E. Johnson** was instrumental in bringing Little League baseball to Kirkland, the first in Western Washington. **Lee Johnson, Jr.**, learning from his father, further expanded on his father's dreams of Little League in Kirkland. Lee's sons, **Brett and Tod Johnson**, will share with us their grandfather and father's journey with the little league. The sculpture of a young ball player at Peter Kirk Park in Kirkland was donated by the Johnson family in 2001 to celebrate fifty years of Little League.



Three Generations of McKibbens



KHS has always recognized Juanita and Finn Hill's history as important. Juanita may have been the first white settlement in our area. Harry French rowed to Juanita to visit Mr. Goldmyer in the early 1870's. Now that Juanita and Finn Hill are officially Kirkland residents, it seems more important than ever to include some artifacts in the annual City Hall Founders display. Thanks to **Joanne Forbes Deligan** and **Ellen Carnwath** for their donations that make these displays possible.

2010 NOMINATIONS

By Bob Burke

Vice President, Vic Newhard has appointed Cathy Smith and Sandy Ekins to the Nominating Committee which is Chaired by the Past President. Our nominations are more complicated this year due the resignations of Lynette Friberg Weber as President and Tom Hitzroth as Treasurer. In addition some positions inadvertently got out of compliance with the schedule in the by-laws and need to be corrected. Please make suggestions for nominees to any member of the Nominating Committee!

Positions that will be nominated this year are:

President: Fill vacancy due to resignation for one year term to 2011;

Vice President: Two Year Term to 2012:

Position now held by Vic Newhard;

Secretary: Secretary should have been elected in 2009. Loita Hawkinson has filled a 3 year term. Loita wishes to be replaced. One Year term to 2011;

Treasurer: Stu Clarke was appointed by Board to serve with the understanding he would need to run for a full two year term in this election; and,

At - Large: Regular two year term: Position now held by Sue Carter

Barbara Loomis, At-Large, is continuing on the Board and her term ends in 2011. Bob Burke, Past President, also continues with a term ending in 2011.

A preliminary slate of nominations will be announced at the April meeting. The final nominations will be sent to each KHS member ten days in advance of the May Annual Meeting. The election will be held at the May 26th Annual meeting. Nominations from the floor may be made at that time; however, if the person is not present, a statement that they would be willing to serve, if elected, must be submitted with the nomination.



News from the WEB

Webmaster **Dale Hawkinson** now has movies on the KHS website. Featured are clips from Pam Gates Owens, Jim Neir, Martha Burr Millar, Inez Hoyt, Gail Gorud.

The McKibben Party video is also on line. All this is possible since the purchase of some very nice software (thank you members).

Oral history by Clarence Stone

Robert Havlik

I met with Bob Havlik in his home at Lake Ki, Arlington WA, just west of Smokey Point, WA. Bob was born in 1937 in Omaha Nebraska. His family moved here when he was 3. Kirkland's population was 1200 & Redmond's was 300. Bob's dad took a job building the Mercer Island Floating Bridge. When that was completed, his dad went to work in the Lake Washington Shipyard. Their rental house was on 124th AVE NE, (Virginia ST). They bought their first home (2-1/2 acres) on 132nd AVE NE, (Newcastle) & NE100th. There was no inside plumbing & they packed water from the well. Before long, they added an addition which included the bathroom. They farmed the land and both parents worked. His dad worked for Todd's Pacific and his mom worked for Lake Washington Shipyard. The farm had 20 fruit trees, berries, corn and vegetables. They had chickens and a milk cow.

In 1944 Mr. Havlik got sick with a fever for 1 year. The kids all had to sell farm products and work on neighbors property to make ends meet. Dr. Taylor came to their home every day to give Bob's dad a shot. He went to a Naturopath in Seattle and was cured. The family moved to downtown Kirkland in 1946 and bought a building with living quarters upstairs. The building had been a tire retread shop. Bobs dad made it into a 2nd hand store and fix-it-shop to make a living. They lived there a couple years before joining the Kirkland Police Department in 1947. He worked his way up to Sgt. under Chief Clem Reynolds. Bob changed schools from Rose Hill Grade School to Central Grade School for 5th & 6th grades. Bob lost contact with a lot of his school friends but made some new ones there. Seventh grade was at Lake Washington Junior High where he reunited with his Rose Hill gang. He met Walt Schneider (owner, Walt's Texaco Houghton) and they became good friends. Bob and Walt joined Kirkland's Volunteer Fire Dept
As kids, Bob and Walt would go down to the Kirkland Ferry Dock for it's arrival. They would dive for change people would throw off the ferries. The guys would call out, "penny, nickel, dime, get it every time", and dive into the water. Bob started a paper route when he was 10 yrs. Old. Roy Escott was the distributor for the eastside. He told Bob that he was too young, but Bob proved him wrong, as he carried 110 newspapers for 4-1/2 yrs. He also made extra money doing pruning and yard work. Later, he cleaned the Wah Mei Inn, (South Kirkland) on Saturday's \$25.00. Bob always had jobs to make money. He, put some away and give some to his mother. After his paper route he would clean the Arcade Bld. in Kirkland. When he was 16 his dad told him about

a black 1939 Dodge 4dr sedan at the Pontiac Dealership. Bob paid \$400.00 cash for it. After high school, he went to work for Safeway and worked his way up to Produce Mgr. When he was 19, he had saved enough money to buy his favorite car; a 1956 Ford Crown Victoria. It was sold to him by Danny Diever, Metke Motors in Bellevue, WA. When Bob went into the dealership, he looked at Bob like he was a punk kid and tried to take him to the used car lot. Bob asked him how much money he needed for a down payment until he could get his savings book. Bob paid cash for his new car.



Stoney and Bob

When Bob was 19, he was working out of town for the phone company in Oregon. He bought a brand new Ford Ranchero for his 21st birthday. He transferred back to Kirkland and went back to work for Safeway. Uncle Sam called him and said they wanted him to work for them for a while. He was drafted into The United States Army in 1960. He met his wife, Mary Ellen, "a southern girl" also stationed at Fort Worth. When discharged, they returned to Kirkland
Her father had an automotive radiator shop and Bob picked up the radiator trade from him. Bob opened his own business in Kirkland. Bob and Mary Ellen had their first two daughters right after that. They bought their first home from Bob's parents on the corner of 2nd ST and 8th AVE. In 1968 Bob and Mary Ellen had triplet girls. They then had 5 girls 3 years old and under. Bob moved the business to Bellevue for 6 years but came back to Kirkland. He bought his brother Chuck's Havlik's Radiator Shop in Totem Lake. A daughter and son-in-law bought it and run it today. All Bob's daughters went to LWHS and some of them had the same teachers that Bob had. Bob and his wife bought a Ford Truck and 35' fifth wheel and pulled all over the US. Later, they found a nice lot & house on Lake Ki. A daughter was getting married at their place but there was a house fire the night before. It took Mary Ellen's life. He has since rebuilt and is living there at this time. He has some medical issues he's dealing with now.

QUITE A PARTY!

By Dick Ekins

To honor our long-term physician, Ernest C. McKibben, Jr., who pieced together local citizens and delivered new citizens for over 35 years, that's what it was. But what it really was --- a wonderful get-together for the people in our community. A wonderful setting in our Kirkland Heritage Hall on a beautiful Spring-like Sunday Afternoon. February 21, 2010.

Family and friends gathered to honor our Dr. "Ernie." Lots of Circumstances and just a little Pomp:

Introduction of speakers by our own Larry Springer, Washington State Representative and former Mayor.

Proclamation by our brand-new Mayor, Joan McBride, who oozes enthusiasm in her words about Dr. McKibben.

Dr. Charles Pilcher, Evergreen Hospital Commissioner, recalled some history of the hospital and Dr. Ernie's association in the planning and early administration of Evergreen Hospital.

Rick Ostrander, citizen extraordinary, talked about the McKibben activities in Boy Scouts and Rotary, both in which our citizen, Dr. Ernie was actively engaged for decades. The doctor, for example, has one of the rare Silver Beaver awards in Scouting. He climbed numerous mountains and sailed on Lake Washington. He maintained a nature trail alongside trackage in So. Houghton.

Daughter Margaret McKibben talked about her father and grandfather, Dr. Ernest Sr., growing up in the State Street neighborhood, just a few decades back. The two doctors served our community for 73 years running. Mostly from their clinic and homes on State Street. They made HOUSE CALLS!

Afterwards, speakers, family and friends enjoyed picture-taking and visits---and a \$50.00 decorated cake! Some competent party-givers exist in our Membership. They probably prefer to be anonymous. Names available upon request. (or read page 6. Ed.)☺☺☺

A WONDERFUL PARTY! Do it again? At the Heritage Hall!

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**Kirkland Heritage Resource Center** is open Wednesdays from 2 to 5. Volunteers are still needed with modest computer skills and a love for Kirkland

# 1980's Movies Needed

ESPN is currently running a documentary series "30 for 30," covering 30 historic sports stories from the last 30 years. One of the documentaries will be about the All-Star Kirkland Little League baseball team that triumphed over Taiwan in the 1982 Little League World Series. If anyone from the community has film or home videos depicting this historic team—on and off the field—or footage of Kirkland's parades, parks and downtown areas from the mid 1970s through the early 1980s, these materials may be very helpful to the progression of the project. Please contact Loita Hawkinson at the Kirkland Heritage Society, 425.827.1950 for more information.



# Membership Opening

Sally Jo Bechtel has been the membership chair for several years. Her duties include updating the membership list, printing labels for the newsletter and submitting the attendee's list for the newsletter. The membership list is on Microsoft Excel. If anyone would like to take over this position, please let us know. The work load is heaviest during dues time and Sally Jo is working on that now.



**Dean at work**

**Dean Ostlund** of Juanita is a treasure. Dean is retired because of health problems and wanted to volunteer in the community. He says it is his way of giving back. Dean has spent many afternoons organizing the City Collection negatives. It takes a special hand and great care. When this project is done, Dean will be kept busy. His knowledge and interest in the area seem to be endless.

## THANK YOU TO:

**Carol Hansen Trapp** for the loan of three **Kalakala** postcards mailed from her parents to her grandmother in May of 1942. Carol was a baby and she is mentioned in the message to her Grandma. KHS had one Kalakala photo prior to Carol's loan. Prints have been made for archiving.

**Nancy Landguth Bock** for a CD of 18 colored photos. The photos are of KJH in 1958, Click's Cabins, the Civic Center fire and of Central School days before it was torn down. All photos are very unique to the KHS collection. The color photos are saved digitally in color but have been converted to B&W and printed. That way we guarantee that they will be perfect 100 years from now. We still can't trust color.

**Joanne Forbes Deligan** for the donation of a 1938 Central Kindergarten Class photo. Joanne's brother, **Dorr**, is in the picture. If you were a classmate of **Dorr**, please help name the balance of this class.

**Nancy Williams Bell** for the loan of her family photo album. Nancy's grandfather was Kirkland Founder **Walter W. Williams** and the album features her grandparents and their family, including Nancy's father and mother before they married. The Williams owned the land that became the Juanita Golf Links. There are photos of this summer home before and years after Lake Washington was lowered. This album will keep Dale Hawkinson busy for months as the photos are scanned.

It is worth noting that both **Joanne Forbes Deligan** and **Nancy Williams Bell** are granddaughters of Juanita and Kirkland pioneers. They were born to the youngest of their families and were the last born in their family. Shows just how young our community really is. Nancy remembers **Fanny Kirk**. **Reginald Collins** still has at least two granddaughters as well. We are a fortunate community.



**Sandy, Patty, Alice**

**Sandy Ekins, Patty Tucker, and Alice Stoops** and their better halves (**Dick, David, Vern**) for organizing the McKibben Party event. We hope they had fun.

**Mayor Joan McBride, Dr Charles Pilcher, Rich Ostrander, and Margaret McKibben** for telling us just a bit about **Dr. McKibben** at his party. **State Representative Larry Springer** was perfect as Master of Ceremonies.

**Marilyn Timmerman Johnson** for the donation of three Juanita photos. Pictured are the Timmerman home, Peterson's Garage, the Bath House and the Gravel Dock. All are unique to the KHS collection.

**Mark and Amy Amick** for prints of the Nettleton Mansion. Mark and Amy are the new owners and trustees of this historic home. With their help, KHS may finally learn more about Clark Nettleton and his family. The more we learn, the more we realize the Nettleton's have fallen through the historic cracks.

**Sally Jo Bechtel** has been keeping the membership updated for several years. Sally Jo will be moving to the coast to take a new position that sounds like pure fun. Sally Jo has always been a neat member of KHS. She was uncomplaining as she has battled her cancer. She has great wit. And her Bechtel family arrived on the east side in 1883 so she gives us that feeling of roots. She will be missed but it would be selfish not to be happy for her.



**Dr. McKibben, Jr.** with just a few of his patients. Martha was delivered by **Dr. McKibben, Sr.** before Kirkland had a hospital.



**Kirkland Classmates**  
**Ernie McKibben & Eileen Brennan Warren**

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**A show of hands, January 27, 2010**

Many attending Steve Rodregues's Kalakala Presentation had ridden the historic ferry.

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