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## The Captain John Anderson Ferry Clock over time 1935 – 2003 - 2013

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**PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

**LOITA HAWKINSON**

KHS has just finished our second History Month with almost 60 businesses participating. This year was a real team effort. Irene Neuman called last year's participants to confirm this year's participation. Bob Burke took care of the banners. Nora Carlson, Vic Newhard, Lynette Weber, Clarence Stone, Frank Rosin`, Wayne & Linda Jaton, and I delivered the historic plaques the end of January and picked them up in early March. Businesses have now asked to be included which was our hope from the beginning.

We at long last have a full Board of Directors. Janeen Ryseff has agreed to finish out Mark Amick's term of Treasurer. Karen Schickling is slipping into Janeen's at-large spot. Hazel Russell has taken on the chore of Comptroller. Hazel is a quick study and is continuing the system that Stu Clarke had organized. Both Hazel and Janeen had Kirkland businesses a few years ago, so they work well together. I need to apologize for all the arm twisting I did this past year in the effort to get a Treasurer. And I thank Sue Contreras for the arm twisting she did on Hazel. Maybe Sue can give me lessons. ☺☺

The Anderson Ferry Clock is beautiful. Thanks to Sue Contreras for her organized efforts to raise the funds. And special thanks to Frank Rosin` who is a stickler for historic detail. Mark Padgett with Public Works went beyond the call of duty at every turn. KHS had plans for the clock's restoration but had it been only our effort, I fear it would have taken a year longer to raise the necessary money. Again, Sue should give lessons.

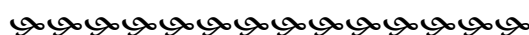
If you are on Facebook, please give the KHS page a look and a "like". Thanks to Karen Schickling, our page gets a lot of views.

**Membership Dues Due for 2013**

We have received 2/3 of the dues that we had last year. The dues help pay for the Blackberry publication that everyone receives. If you haven't paid your dues for 2013 you can still mail it in and will help with KHS operation. If you have any question please call me.

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**Stuart Clarke** had to resign as comptroller for KHS because of health problems. Stu is a retired CPA and organized KHS's financial records in the most professional way. Stu also teaches English as a second language and is well known by the Kirkland Park's Department. His dedication and passion will be missed. Stu, we wish you well and thank you from the bottom of our hearts.



**Fred Zable**

**Mr. Zable built the Ferry Clock**



**KHS receives 100% commission from the sales of Bob Neir's *A City Comes of Age* and Steve Lamson's *The Power of a Dream*. Both are available at Parkplace Books.**

**KHS Monthly Meeting**  
**Last Saturday of the month**  
**12:00 – 1:00**  
**Peter Kirk Community Center**  
**352 Kirkland Ave**  
**Ample parking for general and**  
**handicapped**

❧ **March 30, 2013** ❧

Old Time Radio  
Larry Albert

❧ **April 27, 2013** ❧

To be Announced



**Wally Calkins, Olympian**

Olympian Wally Calkins, earned a Bronze in the Modern Pentathlon. Wally shared his history in January and also gave us a history lesson about the Olympics. It was fascinating.

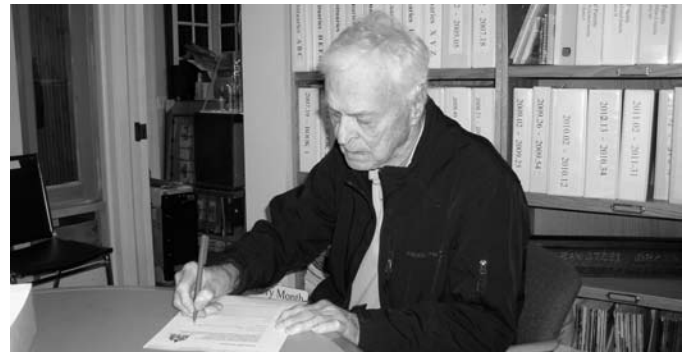
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Karen Schickling started a Facebook account named Kirkland Heritage Society and Museum. If you use Facebook, please give us a look and offer suggestions. You can go directly from the KHS website.



**Donna, Karen, Ray and Stoney** all grew up on Rose Hill. Donna and Ray were at the Hall sharing history when first Karen came in and then Stoney. They had a mini reunion.



**Bob Shane, KHS class of '42, donated 6 Reveille Yearbooks**



February's City Hall History Display featured our Ferry Captains and their boats

## Captain John L. Anderson by Loita Hawkinson

Much has been written about Captain John Anderson but there is still mystery surrounding him. Now that the Anderson Ferry Clock on Kirkland Avenue has been restored to its 1935 condition, it seems like a good time to reflect on his impressive life. Born in Gothenburg, Sweden, Captains Anderson's father and grandfather were shipbuilders and sailors. From the time he was a boy he wanted to follow in their footsteps. But he was also a typical boy and one of his childhood friends and neighbors was Barney Barney. Over their backyard fence, these two resolved to spread their wings and make their fortunes.

John Anderson arrived in Seattle in 1888. Barney took a different path but ended up in Seattle as well and the friends worked together sailing up and down the Pacific. In 1891, both John Anderson and Barney had traded their deep water voyages for the developing shores of Lake Washington. John Anderson was a deckhand on the C.C. Calkins and Barney was the fireman on the Kirkland, the majestic side-wheeler. When just 21 years old, John Anderson had become captain of the C.C. Calkins. When Captain Anderson ran his first boat, the Winnifred, Barney was there as deckhand.

In 1896, Barney quit his job with Captain Anderson and said he was going to Alaska to make his fortune. Barney believed they could make enough money in gold to come back and buy the entire town. Captain Anderson said that Barney was crazy and that he was staying where he was. He had plans to build and run his own boats. The young friends said goodbye.

Captain Anderson, known as "Cap" married into a sailing family. Emilie Matson Anderson's family has also been well documented over the years. Captain Anderson's two brothers and sister followed him to Seattle. His brothers were also captains. Sister Clara married a Mattson and you can imagine the confusion this causes for research with Captains Mattson and Matson.

A few of you may remember Olga

Dunkel who had the lunch counter on the Leschi. Olga was Captain Anderson's niece. Reuben Hauan, the husband of his niece Selma Anderson Hauan, was Manager of the Kirkland Ferry Service when the last ferry ran in 1950. Clearly it was a family affair.

So much for John Anderson who fulfilled his dream of making a fortune. What about his fellow childhood dreamer, Barney Barney? Seems he did just fine. In Alaska, Barney made his fortune in gold in 1897 at Bonanza, Claim No. 28 Above. He was one of the few that actually made his money in gold rather than providing services to the prospectors. The men remained friends. Mr. Barney returned to their birth home of Gothenburg. According to Captain Anderson, Barney lived like a prince but was homesick for Seattle.

The details of Captain John L. Anderson business ventures are well documented because he was a pillar of society. But the ripple effect of a person's life is more of interest and is often lost. Let's hope that descendants of Captain John Anderson's family can shed some additional light on this most romantic chapter of Kirkland history...the 70 plus years of ferry service. From the little that I have learned, none of the current Anderson descendants earn their living on the water, but they are drawn to the water. It is in their ancestral blood.



**Olga Dunkel**  
making  
lunch on  
the  
Leschi



**Ron & Barbara Bader  
Washington Auto License  
History**

Barbara and Ron Bader shared their passion for license plate history in February. There is a lot to know about the evolution of our plates. The Bader's will be helping KHS date a speedster owned by Robert Wiley. It was before Washington issued plates which started in 1916. Bob Wiley died in 1916. The license numbers were painted on the speedster's radiator.



**This is the 13th in the series.** James Moore built the Moore Theatre, Seattle's oldest running theatre. Mr. Moore had plans in 1905 to buyout the Kirkland Land Company and all holdings for the steel mill on Rose Hill. He planned to build the canal if he was guaranteed to be paid back for the canal. "No" was the answer so he went on to Irondale. This was the last known real attempt to open the mill at Forbes Lake. Moore's attempt and failure again points to the Lake Washington Ship Canal as the real reason for Peter Kirk's dream for our steel mill to fail. Money only slowed the project but no canal stopped it.



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James A. Moore's meteoric career touched Kirkland once when he tried to buy this natural manufacturing site with its superior advantages; and then it led him on to the ill-starred Irondale project. So for years Kirkland lay dormant, its splendid opportunities passed by, until Burke & Farrar, Inc., then in the ascendant among the big owning realty operators of the Pacific Coast, began to study its possibilities, as will be told.

Every day in the classified section of The Times you can find some property in Kirkland described.

**BURKE & FARRAR, Inc.**  
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LITTLE STORIES OF KIRKLAND  
NO 13.

Seattle Times-- August 27, 1915

### THANK YOU TO:

The Clayton Burnard family came to Kirkland and the early 1940's and purchased the historic 1889 Walter W. Williams home. The home burned in 1952. Being brick, there was much to salvage and a new home was built using the original brick. John, Jay and Andrea, children of Clay and Mabel Burnard have now donated photos of the historic home. Clay Burnard had loaned a large poster from the Burke & Farrar era to Arline Stokes. It had not been returned to the Burnards and ended up an "orphan" item for KHS. It was a treasure but we had no idea where it came from. When John Burnard called KHS, he mentioned the poster and described it. The poster has now been officially donated to KHS and is a part of the Burnard Family Collection. The poster was most likely left in the Williams home by a former owner. The poster was published and mailed throughout the country to entice people to locate to Kirkland. Hundreds and maybe thousands were printed. This is the only known copy. We cannot thank the Burnard's enough. John also donated his KJH and KHS yearbooks. Plus slides of the Shumway move, Heisdorf & Nelson, building of the Congregational Church and the Leland demolition. This collection promises to grow as the Burnard family sorts through their family treasures.

Patricia Gedney of Seattle donated two more Kirkland photos. Pat's aunt and uncle owned the Lotus Café for several years in the 1920's and 1930's. Pat's mother, Marie Mortenson, worked at the Lotus and saved pictures from her time in Kirkland. These latest two pictures show the interior of the café in 1928 and 1930. One will be used for next year's Kirkland History Month. The Lotus was at 107 Lake Street. From the photos, it must have been fine dining. There were booths with sheer curtains as well as the traditional tables and counter.

The St. John's Episcopal Church on State Street is celebrating their 90th Anniversary

here in Kirkland. Their historian, Anne Payne, wrote a history of the church and has donated a copy for our collection. St. John's also had a photo of Katherine Marsh, wife of Louis Marsh. Marsh Hall is named for Kate Marsh. A print of their photo was donated to the KHS collection.

Jill Keeney grew up on the old Griffiths Dairy Farm. When going through some of her father's things, Jill found milk bottle caps. These bottle caps were a common item but few people saved them. Jill has donated two and they are now on display at the Resource Center.

When Mike Connor, photographer for the City of Kirkland, was filming Juanita Beach, he noticed that people were in the water with a metal detector. When Mike talked with them, they showed him some of the brass ID tags they have found. Mike shared some history of Juanita Beach and was given one of the brass tags. Mike turned it over to Erica Sanford, intern for Currently Kirkland. Erica knew KHS would be interested and the tag was donated. The tag is stamped L.L. Forbes 389 Bath House. When swimmers changed into their swimming suits, they checked their clothing which were put in a numbered tray and the swimmer was given a brass tag that could be pinned to their swimming suit. We will have to ask Joanne Forbes Deligan how a swimmer got their clothes back when a tag was lost.



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\*\* During WWI, the Hello Girls were ladies who served as telephone operators. For KHS, these sweet ladies call and remind you of the next meeting or event.  
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**January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013**

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**425 587-3342**



**February 10, 2013 unveiling.**

Vicki Tompkins Bilyeu, granddaughter of Captain Harrie Tompkins who presented the clock to Kirkland in 1935 is on the left. Anderson descendants are on the right.

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