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Built in 1888 at the foot of Market, this was the first building built for Peter Kirk and his investors. Don Young had his store in the lower level before moving to Lake Street. The space is vacant in the photo and for lease. The telephone company was upstairs. See page 5 for feature by Ray Lincoln.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

GLENN LANDGUTH

As our newly elected board begins its two-year term, I would like to thank everyone who has helped to make KHS what it is today. Everyone who has served as a board member or on a committee, and our wonderful members who come to meetings and offer to help when needed, have contributed in meaningful ways to the discovery, preservation, and sharing of our Kirkland heritage.

History is our game, and what we preserve and share of that history is our heritage. What is still left today of that past is also our heritage, even though it is often beyond our control. We encourage preservation of history through such programs as landmarking. What is left we try to maintain where it can be shown that preservation is meaningful and not cost prohibitive. What is gone we try to preserve in pictures and stories.

The lower level of Heritage Hall, which is owned by the City of Kirkland, provides space for some archiving and display of artifacts, and preservation of pictures and narratives in a database. Original documents slated for long-time preservation, such as copies of local newspapers, are kept in a secure climate-controlled room.

Transferring information from archives into the database is an ongoing project. Having information is one thing, but making it available to others is something else. Countless hours of data entry and maintenance are required to facilitate accessibility. In part to help finance this activity, we charge nominal fees when people want to use pictures and data from our database. By keeping these fees as low as possible we encourage people to use our resources and incorporate material into their books, displays, and similar projects for the benefit of everyone.

We also have custody of some materials that we do not own but make available to the public. These materials are also included in our database and are available under the same nominal fee structure for usages deemed to be in the interest of the City of Kirkland and KHS.

We do not have a museum. At one time we had our eye on the Kirkland Cannery as a possible venue for a Museum. That did not work out, but we are delighted that the new owner intends to preserve the historic appearance of the building. We are not currently seeking to own a building to be used as a museum, but are open to assisting with the operation of a museum if a suitable property should be acquired by The City of Kirkland.

KHS is also supported by membership dues and special gifts. And KHS receives monetary support from The City of Kirkland, and in the form of grants from 4Culture.

KHS has no paid staff. This is a mixed blessing. While it frees us from the fundraising effort that would be necessary to support a paid staff, it also restricts what we can do. But our volunteers enjoy what they do, and we appreciate all the help that we get. All of the volunteer help goes directly into work that supports our objectives, nothing is wasted. Talk to me or one of our other volunteers about what your interests are and how you could become involved.



Paver Patter

Have you looked at the paver walkway leading up to Heritage Hall lately? There are still a few spaces available for new pavers. We will be putting in another order October 1st, this year. I know of a few pavers that someone intends to order, but I have not seen the order forms yet. Order forms received after October 1st will be held until the following October.

Standing back and watching in the morning or evening especially, you will see the number of people passing over the walkway and looking at pavers. Each one has a special meaning to someone.

And if you have not yet found it, be sure to look at the Paver Map on the website. It is searchable by using the "Find" menu and typing any part of a paver inscription to locate a paver. Or just browse over the map to look at all of them. It is fun to see what is there in the cool air-conditioned home or office.

Order forms are available on the website or may be picked up at the KHS resource center, lower level at Heritage Hall.

KHS Monthly Program

7:00 p.m.

Heritage Hall

July 2015

August 2015

No membership meetings in July and August. Have a safe and happy summer.

August 8, 2015

KHS will have a booth at Kirkland Summerfest, Saturday, August 8th from 11 to 7. As in past years, ice cold Sarsaparilla will be sold.



For Victor's memories of riding with Frank Rosin in the 4th of July Parade, see page 4.



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.



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WWII Veteran, Sid Ryseff represented KHS again this year.



The Evergreen Model A Car Club had 10 cars in the parade. KHS purchased 20 door magnets so we were well represented. Thanks to Frank Rosin for organizing this again this year.



Andy Johnson, Ray Lincoln and Doug Locker represent three Kirkland teams and their uniforms. See page 5 for details.

On The Road, during the 4th of July

Victor Bahna

It was about 10:00 in the morning, on July 4. My friend Huma had just arrived. We were excited because we were going to be in the 4th of July Parade with Kirkland Heritage Society! We were going to ride in a Model A. Frank Rosín owned the Model A and was going to drive us. As we parked at Frank's house, my mom went over to see us off in the Model A. The car was blue, and all the windows were rolled down. Frank showed me how to fold the seat back in the Tudor sedan to let Huma into the back seat. With Huma in the back and me in the front, Frank started the car as we went off to Downtown Kirkland. Another Model A followed us, and a third was seen on the other side of the road as we went through Juanita. We were eventually at Lineup #43 on Waverly Way. We got out of the car to stretch. I called my dad, but I was surprised when he came to visit us right while I was calling! So, I talked to him about seat locations, and he said he would be in the parking lot across the street from Zoka. Everyone was under a tree. With the weather being very hot, Huma and I got back in the car for shade. I got out a cold water bottle from a cooler. But, Frank needed help, so I helped Huma get out of the car. We then put American flags and Kirkland Heritage Society signs on the car. Back inside we went. We could hear the marching band as well as some people with drums in the distance. We eventually got out of the car when Frank wanted to show us the engine. I was able to see the four spark plugs as well as the steering shaft. Then, Frank showed us his license plate. It was an original 1930 license plate. He said that by law, you are allowed to use a license plate from the era of your car if you are able to find one. He told us to go look at the other cars and see which cars had original license plates and which ones had new license plates. We looked at the cars. Most of them had original license plates. By this time, the parade was near. Huma, Frank, and I went in the car and watched the people in front of us. The people in front of us were the Kirkland Kids Dentistry. I watched as someone picked up a giant tooth costume. I told Frank and Huma that I feel bad for whoever had to wear that costume in this weather. Soon, we saw the marching band start to move. We were getting ready to go into the parade! I took out paper fans I made earlier in the week and gave one to Huma and kept one for myself. The fans were red and white, which went perfectly with the blue car on the 4th. Everyone started their car. As we got ready to move, Frank honked his horn, probably to let everyone know that we were moving. Everyone else honked their horn as a response. Soon, we were going into the parade. As we neared Market Street I got .

more and more excited. We made it to Market Street and we entered the parade. As I looked out the window, I saw people cheering, kids with lots of candy, and phones and cameras taking many a picture. As soon as I saw a camera start to take a picture of us, I waved. We all waved for Loita, who took our picture in the Model A. After that, we went down by the Marina. People were cheering for us, and we honked our "ahoogah" horns occasionally. We saw people using a squirt bottle to cool the crowd down, and Frank said that he was going to take note of that for next year. Somebody told us that the marching band was going to do a one minute performance, and so we would be stopped for a while. There was a big hill in front of us, and until Frank was certain that he could get to the top, he didn't move the car. Soon, we came up onto Kirkland Avenue. My classmate's father was in the audience and he took our picture a couple of times. I started to get both nervous and excited as we got near Central Way. I knew my family was at the end of Central Way, waiting to see me in the Model A. However, I remembered that it would all be fine, and I kept myself calm. We rounded the corner of Central, and I just kept fanning myself with the white paper fan. I eventually saw my family under the tree. Despite the fact it was hard to see, because the side of the road they were on was opposite the seat I was in, I was still able to see my grandparents, my Uncle Mark, my Cousin Joan, and my Cousin Sophia. They were all visiting from the East Coast. As I leaned back out the right hand window, I saw my mom, dad, sister Vanessa, and Aunt Catherine, who was also visiting from the East Coast. They were taking pictures of us in the car. However, after that, we came to the corner of Central and Market, and drove out of the parade. We went back on to Waverly Way and took off all the American flags and Kirkland Heritage Society signs. Then, we started for the ice cream shop! We went through West of Market and down Market Street. Then we took Forbes Creek Drive to 124th Street, which took us to 85th. We turned in the parking lot of the ice cream shop. We all ordered ice cream. As Huma and I ate our ice cream, we overheard some talking about Spud's, while we watched other Model A's going by, probably going home. When we finished our ice cream, we went back into the Model A for the journey home. As we got onto Juanita Drive and passed Spud's, we saw a Model A in the parking lot. We soon got to the top of Finn Hill, and Frank told me about when my neighborhood was "Goat Hill." As we pulled into the driveway, we gave many thanks to Frank, and we started for the house, to be welcomed in by my Aunt Emily, who wasn't able to come to the parade. A couple seconds later, everyone came back from the parade, and there was much joy in the house.

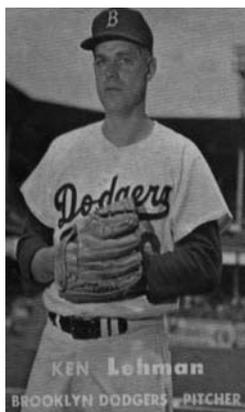
Growing up in Kirkland

By Ray Lincoln

(The following was taken from Ray Lincoln's paper on Growing up in Kirkland. The full paper with photos is on the KHS website under Biographies by Locals. Much of our history comes from documents and newspapers. But there is valuable history in these shared memories. Ray writes of ordinary people that gave Kirkland kids extraordinary memories.)

In 1945-46 Lake Washington High entered a baseball team in the Puget Sound League. I am sure coach Otto Smith organized the team because of Kenny Lehman. Ken was an outstanding left handed

pitcher who later played for the Brooklyn Dodgers. He pitched for the Dodgers in the 1952 World Series against the New York Yankees. Ken and Gerald Kimmerle were the only members who had played any organized baseball before. Since we had no



baseball field at the high school, we had to change into our baseball gear at the school and run down through town or over the hill past the elementary school to get to what is now called Lee Johnson Field. When we got to the field we had to grab a rake and smooth out our infield position to make it somewhat safe.

That summer Coach Smith with the help of some Kirkland business men organized a summer community baseball league. I am sure it was so we could sharpen our skills for next season. He was able to get six sponsors to finance the league. The teams were North Kirkland, South Kirkland, Juanita, Redmond, the Heights, and Syracuse. North Kirkland was the only team to have full baseball uniforms because Don Young's Sporting Goods was the sponsor. Some of the other teams had sweat shirts with their team name on it.

Baseball was not the only interesting thing going on during the summer of 1946. Kirkland also had their annual summer festival. This summer we had the pig swimming races which drew national attention. *Life Magazine* even had some pictures of the event. You can see in the photo taken by the *East Side Journal* that the pigs were slipped into the water on shoots and into lanes they were supposed to swim in to the finish line. Not all of the pigs knew about staying in their lanes, so this necessitated the use of "volunteers" to keep them from swimming out into the lake. I was one of those volunteers. In the photo you can see some heads sticking out of the water that are not pig heads. That was us. Behind us was a row boat and behind that was a power boat so they had everything covered. Unfortunately I got too close to one pig while redirecting him and receive a long scratch down my chest, but it was fun and an interesting experience.

Before the Downtowner was built every one had their favorite hangout. Mine was the Rexall Drug Store. Clarence Halverson who owned it was really good to kids. I remember when he would take Doug Locker, Gordon Mc Kibben, Ken Koski, Bud Butler and myself to the Seattle Rainiers baseball games. He liked to tease us when the World Series came around by saying it was all rigged ahead of time who would win and that the series would always go six or seven games so they could make more money.

Speaking of the World Series, when we were in high school Don Young, who had the Sporting Goods store and radio repair shop at the foot of Market street in the old Telephone building, would set a large speaker out on the sidewalk and face it at the high school. He would then broadcast the game so we could come outside between classes to get the score. Some teachers would open their window between class so we didn't have to go outside to hear the score.

For more visit: www.kirklandheritage.org

History Month 2016

By Glenn Landguth

February is History Month in Kirkland. And February 2016 is not that far off.

We are already beginning to make plans. We will again have the City of Kirkland hang our History Month banners in the Downtown neighborhood. And window posters will be available to display in businesses with windows facing the street. KHS volunteers will bring the posters to businesses and give them the opportunity to use them in their street-facing windows.

We have received a 4Culture grant this year to get some more posters. In particular, we are looking for aerial pictures of Kirkland and for pictures in the annexed neighborhoods.

Because these annexed neighborhoods tend to be more rural or have more recently been developed for the first time, pictures and stories are needed. Anyone with historic pictures from the annexed neighborhoods is encouraged to share them with KHS. Pictures of the family farm or a local business would be great. Kids playing, old cars parked on the street or yard, family portraits, are just some of the possible subjects. Neighborhood grocery stores and gas stations, train stations, and roadside signs, are also welcome targets.

Just a note with regard to sharing pictures, the rights to pictures given to KHS can also be retained by the donor. Just specify in the gifting document that you also want to retain the right to use the pictures yourself for any purpose. That way, if you ever want to publish a family history, you will still be able to use your own pictures. On the other hand, if you should lose or damage your photos, KHS will still have the archived pictures in its database.

February is a busy month, with many special days. But Kirkland has the whole month. It is perhaps our biggest outreach for the display of Kirkland history every year. We are looking forward to it.

Thanks to the City of Kirkland and to 4Culture for their support.

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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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The first pig derby was in 1946 at City Park, now Waverly Beach Park. In 1947 the derby was held at the South Kirkland Park, now David Brink Park. See page 5.

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