

# **BLACKBERRY PRESERVES**

The Journal of the

## **KIRKLAND HERITAGE SOCIETY**



Button from the 1972  
Founders Centennial Celebration

The celebration was such a success that  
the Moss Bay Celebration followed in 1973

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

GLENN LANDGUTH

As of a couple days ago, the new pavers and some replacement pavers were stacked on the Resource Room floor, ready to be installed on the walkway. I expect that they will be installed soon. (Something about how, "Hope springs eternal.")

I can hardly believe that it has been a full year since I started the coordination and placed the order for these pavers. At that time we had no idea that our long-time supplier of Wilkeson stone was in the process of retiring and was not accepting any more orders. The search for a supplier was the main reason for the order taking so long, but there were other hiccups along the way too.

We finally found a supplier that had access to the Wilkeson quarry and who we believe will be able to supply stone for our next order.

With this in mind, I am extending the order window to the end of December for the next order. I will include orders received on or before December 31, 2016 in the next order.

I am currently looking for new chairs and members for the History Month, Grants/Funding, and the Paver committees. This would be a good time for new chairs to start working on these committees. The current paver order cycle is nearly complete. The 4Culture sustaining grant request has been submitted. And we have three months to prepare for the 2017 History Month.

Looking ahead, 2017 will be an election year for KHS. Board members are elected in May and take office in July for 2-year terms.

When I was asked to run for the office of president in 2015 my first reaction was that there was no way that I could possibly do the job at that time. But I was assured that other Board members and committees

would continue to do key tasks to keep KHS functioning successfully. It is only with this support that we have been able to continue to deliver the programs and services that our members expect and deserve.

Just as a "Heads-up", and in the spirit of full disclosure, it is not clear to me at this time that I will be able to accept another 2-year term as president in 2017. My wife of nearly 53 years is now suffering from the complications of Parkinson's syndrome and is needing more intense care.

I will be appointing a nominating committee early in 2017, so I hope that many people will be thinking about what they would like to do and respond with enthusiasm when approached by a member of the nominating committee. It is also allowed to approach a member of the nominating committee and let them know what you would be interested in.

And thanks for the responses that I have received regarding my Sep-Oct President's letter. Keep the comments coming. I always appreciate constructive comments.



Pavers  
Resting patiently at  
the KHS Resource Center

# KHS Monthly Program

7:00 p.m.

Heritage Hall

203 Market Street

November/December

There will be no membership meeting in November or December.

Have a safe and happy holiday season.



Live Radio Sound Crew  
Victor, Paul, Fred  
Showing off their Spider rings during the October program



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*.

## What is new.....



Slowly the Resource Center is looking like a museum, small but full of history and local memories. Nothing displayed is from outside of Kirkland. It is Kirkland's attic.

The Pioneer section feature treasures from families who arrived before Peter Kirk. A digital photo display is planned for later next year. The photos will include Juanita and Houghton.

Much is from Samuel and Caroline French, Kirkland's first family. Thanks to Dave and Tasha Davis, their great-grandson and daughter-in-law, KHS has items from their daily lives. Much of it came with them from Maine in 1871



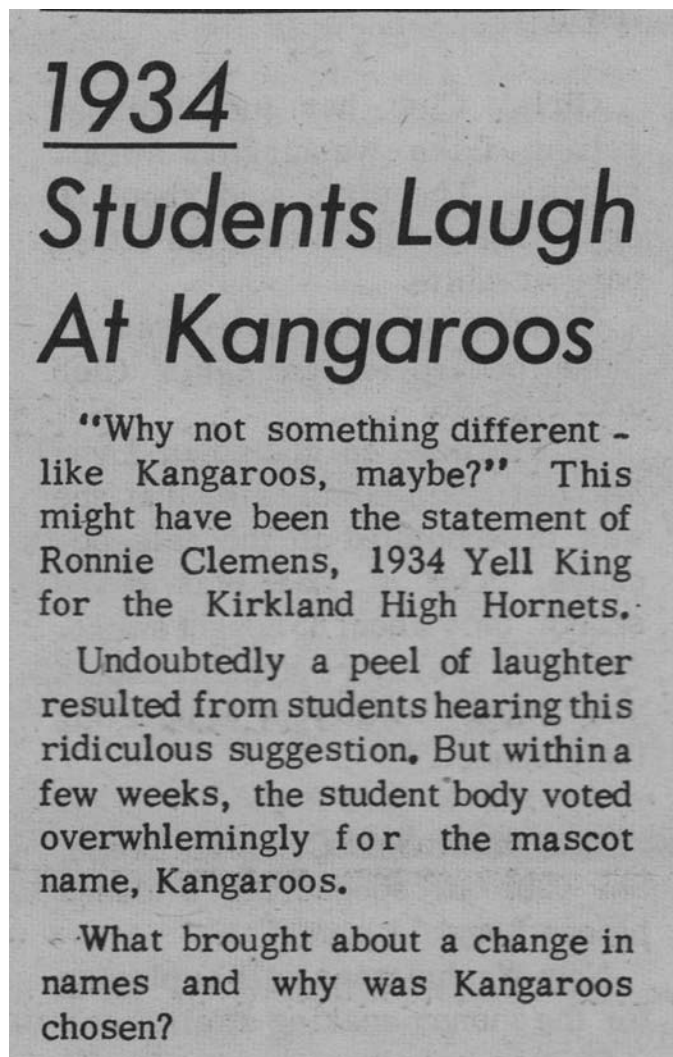
## Hornets vs Kangagoos

Continued.....

by Loita Hawkinson

It seemed there would be no more to discover regarding the Hornet/Kangaroo debate. In the last issue, we pretty much covered it. But there is more. In the January 28, 1965 issue of *Washington World*, there was an article.

This article was written 31 years after the mascot change. People were still living who remembered the details. The details continue to be fuzzy because times were still sensitive in the media. But this account is close to what has been reported over the years. Kangaroo was chosen as a joke, hoping the Kirkland School District administration would back down.



Suggesting Kangaroos as a prospective mascot started as a joke. Because of problems with the name Kirkland Hornets, the administration requested that the name be changed. Loyal Hornets, students and faculty alike, greatly objected.

In suggesting the name Kangaroos, the hope was that it would not be accepted by the administration. But they seemingly had no objections and soon the entire student body rang with the sound of the "Kangs", and a new mascot which resulted from a joke, took affect.

Since that time, foes far and near have heard the victorious cry of the Lake Washington Kangaroos!

Ron Clemmons' name was misspelled in the *Washington World* article. The Clemmons family came to Kirkland in 1914 and operated a Cigar Store in the original Kirkland Hotel on Kirkland Avenue. The family later had the Smokehouse.

Ron was born in Kirkland and worked for the Post Office. He was an only child but he and his wife, Ethyl, had three children who also grew up in Kirkland. Ethyl worked for Lee Johnson.



1935 Yell Team

Wright, Poston, Telfer

They knew!!!

## Behind the scenes of Kirkland Heritage Society

Every organization has unseen and unsung heroes. They work quietly behind the scene and keep things moving. Here are just a few.



There is never a complaint from **Margie Denton** as she folds, tapes, labels and then stamps over 250 newsletters six times a year.



These sweet ladies are our **“Hello Girls”** that either call or email members about the upcoming meetings or events. They are **Corrine Hieb, Linda Johnson Jaton, Marilyn Timmerman Johnson, and Cathy Radcliff**. Margie Denton is also a Hello Girl but missed this photo.



**Frank Rosin** is our treasurer who tends the insurance and banking. **Hazel Russell** is the bookkeeper and she does the deposits and pays the bills. Hazel has volunteered for many non-profits and just “knows” when the reports are due. Frank has also served as treasurer for other non-profits and will be taking over Hazel’s duties in the future.



Not a KHS committee but the historic markers in Juanita are an ongoing project of the Juanita Neighborhood Association. **Karen Lightfeldt** works diligently applying for grants and getting the photos and history for the markers. The latest to be installed featured Juanita in the 50’s. Karen feels that pioneer history is important but that people also enjoy history they can remember. This photo was from the dedication. The marker is on the north end of the old Juanita Bridge.

## More on the Trueblood Home



This display area honors the services to Kirkland and our nation. The WWII cases have items from the service and from the home front. The highlight is the life preserver that kept 18 year old Jack Spiers afloat after his ship went down. Floyd Berkey's dress fireman's hat and buttons are the highlight in the Fire Department case.



This area displays items from daily lives when families had to be self-sufficient. They made their own butter and mended their own harnesses. In the case are just a few of the things once made in Kirkland: Youngers Mints, Tasty Soda, bricks, wool blankets, cigars.

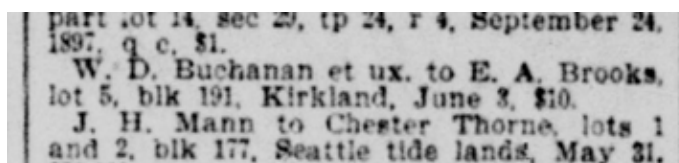


As of this writing, Kirkland's original hospital might stay in the Norkirk Neighborhood. There continues to be interest for which we are thankful. The last bit of history discovered on this 1891 home is that Dr. Buchanan sold his home to Emery Brooks in June of 1898 for \$10. This was after the death of Mrs. Buchanan and after the Steel Mill failed to open. We will have to poke around Puget Sound Archives to learn just how long Brooks owned the home.

Emery Brooks had the first grocery in the new town of Kirkland, out by the mill on Rose Hill at Forbes Lake. When the mill failed he moved the grocery "to town". He eventually built his Pioneer Grocery on Market Street. It is one of Kirkland's historic business buildings in the Market neighborhood.

Sadly there are no known photos of the original Pioneer Grocery. The Pioneer Grocery sign was moved to the new store on Market and used for a few years.

Hopefully it will turn up one day.



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✱ Kirkland Natives or deep roots serving on the KHS Board.

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