

BLACKBERRY PRESERVES

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Highway Cash Grocery

The original Click's Market.

Inga Click's small market with gas station was on the Southeast corner of Market Street and 18th Avenue.

McLeod Collection

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From the President

Loita Hawkinson

KHS is plugging right along with all the routine activities. History Month takes some energy because new plaques are designed and ordered and a good sized team must be organized to distribute and collect the plaques. It is rewarding that more and more merchants have asked to be included and others have asked for multiple plaques. Shows we have achieved what we were striving for.

Linda Jatton and Karen Schickling continue to provide the programs for our meetings. If you have suggestions, please call and leave a message. The idea can be your own family history. Do not be shy...this is what KHS is about. If you have a friend or neighbor who might have something to share, please give them a nudge.

Hazel Russell and Frank Rosin keep the bills paid and the books balanced. Frank has taken on membership as well.

Linda and Wayne Jatton set up the tables for the 4th of July. Frank always organizes the Evergreen Model A Club and they had 13 cars in this year's parade. Was quite impressive. This year members pitched in and helped Linda and Wayne take down the tables and put the things away for another year. The extra hands were greatly appreciated...thank you Michael, Cathy and Vic.

KHS was approached by the *Kirkland Living Magazine* which is mailed to four Kirkland neighborhoods. They had been asked to include some regional history in the monthly magazine. At this time Frank and I are doing most of the writing. But others are welcome to contribute.

Joyce Gerrish has been doing a wonderful job as secretary. She is detailed and holds the board back until her notes are complete. It is a thankless task in my opinion but very important and we are grateful to have her.

We have a small but active board. It is our hope to add more board members. Please do not feel you do not qualify or fear being

overworked. It is okay to say NO when you do not have the time for a project. And do not fear not having the technical skills. What we need is valuable input as to the direction KHS is to go.

As for my own views, I think KHS has arrived. We would like to have the Resource Center open more hours and we could use some help with collections. But for now, we are growing in membership and history. And when people see the OPEN sign and stick their heads in to see what is there, they sometimes stay an hour and often come back with friends. We may never get a Kirkland Museum but we do have an impressive display area. It is sort of a mini Smithsonian.



SUMMERFEST

2017 Summerfest us upon us and some of you will be getting phone calls to help with the booth. It is on Saturday, August 12, 2017 from 11 to 7. We will be having 2 hour shifts.

The booth will be on Lake Street this year, near the old J.C.Penneys. Parking is always a challenge but the new City lot should help. Hope to see many of you, working or just browsing.



Wish list:

KHS shelves are lined with the Reveille yearbooks. There was a gap for 1954, 1955 and 1956. Stoney (Clarence Stone) gave KHS his 1955 yearbook. In January a 1954 Reveille was purchased on eBay. That leaves 1956 to complete the pre 2000 Reveille collection. KHS has a few Juanita Retrospect yearbooks. It will be an ongoing project for KHS members to fill in the Juanita and more current LW yearbooks. But for now, if someone would like to donate a 1956 Reveille, it would be appreciated by visitors.



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*.

KHS Monthly Programs

7:00 p.m.

Heritage Hall

203 Market Street

❧ June, July, Aug 2017 ❧

No membership meetings over the summer. See you at the summer events.

Have a safe and healthy summer.



KHS Collections

Loita Hawkinson

As of this time, KHS has received collections from 22 new donors in 2017. Some of these donations are for a single item and some are for a large collection. All are treasures. I do not keep track of the donations from former donors because it would take a lot of time. But hundreds of additional items or photos have come in this year. I do keep up with the new donors and work on the established collections as time allows. We have a wonderful volunteer, Libbi Wright, who comes in several hours a week to correct, edit and add to the PastPerfect database. The database is only valuable when we can find the item or photo people want to see. The keyword here is KEYWORD. It is the key to research.

It is humbling when people entrust KHS with their original photos and artifacts that have been in their families for nearly 100 years. Nancy Stephens donated three 1927 Rose Hill certificates that were issued to her mother Erna Astrid Moldenhauer Stephens.

Bonnie McLeod just donated well over 100 photos dating from 1918 through the 1940's. KHS now has photos of the very first Click's Market which opened in the 1920's. (See cover photo). Bonnie's grandmother, Inga Click, ran the store and later built the cabins on Market and 18th Street.

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Kirkland:

My Destination, My Home

by Katie Ryan

In May of 1926, the Kirkland Chamber of Commerce implemented the slogan "Kirkland, The Gateway to Seattle". Through the years, the official town slogan has stayed the same and I think it's time for a change. I believe this motto does not accurately describe the special town I was born and raised in. Kirkland is not a merely a means to an end, but an end in and of itself. Kirkland is the destination that brings adventure, kindness, and color to not only my life, but to everyone's who has the privilege living here. My experience growing up in Kirkland has been a great one full of memories and people I could never forget.

I step onto one of the rocks sitting in the dark blue and green water right next to the Marina and suddenly I'm five again. My aunt had just taken my sister and I to get ice cream at the Coffee and Cone. I jump from rock to rock until I am the furthest away from shore I can be without touching the mellow waves. The cool wind flows through my curly locks of hair as I look out watching boats dock as the sun starts to set. This is where I gained my sense of adventure. To this day, I never walk past those stationary rocks without thinking of the times I had courageously leaped from what seemed like boulder to boulder. This rush of excitement is now something I strive to feel, allowing me to jump out of my comfort zone and experience the world like it's meant to be experienced.

Along with the environment, the people of Kirkland have shaped me into the woman I am today. I have been blessed with family and friends who have supported me since the day I was born. I grew up in a family of four- my younger sister, mom, dad, and me. I grew up in a happy home where we spent, and still spend, time with each other playing games, going on outings, and eating dinner together

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every night. My parents worked hard to teach me proper morals and manners throughout my childhood. One they had constantly emphasized was to always be kind. I have taken this virtue and applied it to not only how I treat my family, but my friends, peers, and even strangers. I work hard on this to set a good example for my younger sister who has always looked up to me. Thanks to my family, I was able to excel in school, sports, and anything else I set my mind to. I am determined to repay them by spreading kindness in every aspect of my life, just as they raised me to do.

The Washington weather is typically known to be rainy, unpleasant, and cold. Some people may find this to be true, however, I find Kirkland to be one of the most beautiful places I have ever experienced. I have come to love taking walks in the morning and feeling the light mist fall upon my face and the soft blue dimming the sky. Aside from just being beautiful, Kirkland is vibrant. The bright orange sun sets while I sit on the grass at the Marina park. I eat a purple macaroon from Lady Yum as I watch a little boy fly a green kite as high as he can. I hear laughter shriek through the air as a red speedboat flies' children off a large, yellow inner tube. A blue hummingbird glides from pink flower to the next pink flower in search of the sweetest golden nectar. If you look closely, Kirkland is full of the liveliest colors in the world. I have learned to pay attention to find a beauty in everything and in the process, fell in love with the little town that taught me to.

Growing up in Kirkland taught me adventure, kindness, and to find beauty in the little things. I find myself to be extremely fortunate for the opportunity to grow up in this town. I will always remember the memories, lessons, and joy Kirkland granted me as I begin the next chapter of my life. Kirkland is not just a destination, but the place I will always call home.

A note from the editor

The theme for the 2017 Christine J. Neir Scholarship was "Growing Up in Kirkland". All five applicants submitted heartwarming memories about "their" Kirkland. Old Timers often lament the changes in Kirkland because it is not the Kirkland they grew up knowing. But some things have not changed. Because of the City, the Parks, the Merchants, the Families and the Schools Kirkland remains a wonderful hometown.
Loita



George's

Where everyone knows your name



Once a month a group of Kirkland's "fathers" meet at George's for a breakfast, camaraderie and a program. Called the "Old-timer's" the men all have an historic past in Kirkland. Some by being born here and witnessing all the changes and some by facilitating some of those changes. A few did it all. Some are teachers, others are businessmen or politicians: most are retired.

The atmosphere at one of these Old-timer's Breakfasts is a mixture of the old TV show *Cheer's* and Seattle's famous *Dog House*... less the smoke, grease, and all night hours. It is a breakfast with friends where there is laughter and friendship. The breakfast is served by familiar and friendly faces....but no "cheek" like the *Dog House* or *Cheers*.

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New City Parking Lot



KHS was asked by the City to suggest a name for the new parking lot on 3rd Street just south of the Kirkland City Hall.

John Hansford Wester is the most historic figure to own the property. Mr. Wester was an architect and builder who arrived in 1912 shortly after his marriage. Burke & Farrar were promoting Kirkland and it was a natural fit. Albert Newell had been mayor for many years and when he decided to retire from that post, John Wester was thought to be a prime candidate. He ran unopposed.

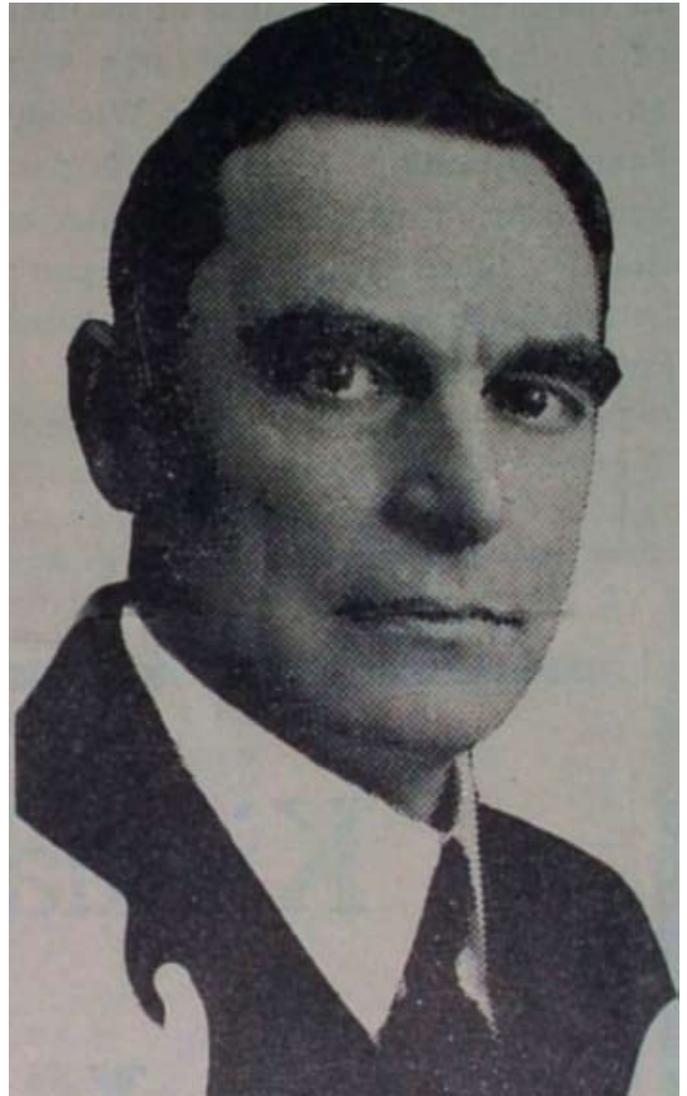
The buildings that still stand that are credited to Wester are the former J.C. Penneys building and the Journal Building. There is also a Wester Block. Many of the buildings he designed are now gone: the Tradewell or Antique Mall and the Kirkland Junior High. He designed the arch that remains in Heritage Park. He has been credited for much of Kirkland's downtown development from 1915 through the 1930's.

In a short 1922 biography Mayor Wester said: If we stand together, plan together and work together, we can make Kirkland what we all desire.

I did a simple email poll and we agreed that WESTER LOT would be a good name for new parking area at City Hall.

City Manager, Kurt Triplett, recommended Mr. Wester's name to the City Council and the lot was dedicated in June.

This parking is much needed in Kirkland. It is for City use during business hours. But after hours and on weekends and holidays, it is free for the rest of us.



John Wester

2017 4th of July Kirkland Parade



Frank lead the way



Evergreen Model A Club
We owe them a big thank you.



Linda & Wayne



Marilyn Timmerman
Johnson

So cute

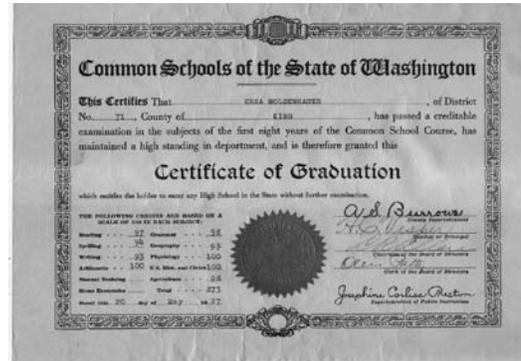
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Gladys Pepple Rivers donated a Juanita Beach life guard ring that once hung on the life guard station when her father worked for Juanita Beach. Karen LeBrun Schickling and Gladys have been lifelong friends. Karen accepted the donation this summer and brought it into the hall at the last board meeting. The ring is hanging by the front door with the City Park sign and other beach related donations.

There are many more donations. These just come to mind because they are what I was working on instead the this newsletter which is very late, I am sure you have noticed. Thank you for being patient.



Life ring is on display



90 year old paper is like new.
It is archived



Rare Shady Beach photo survived the bath house fire. The original is archived.

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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.

* Kirkland Natives or deep roots serving KHS.

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Your memberships make it happen.**



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Bob and Jim Neir presenting the 2017 Christine Neir Scholarship to Katie Ryan

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