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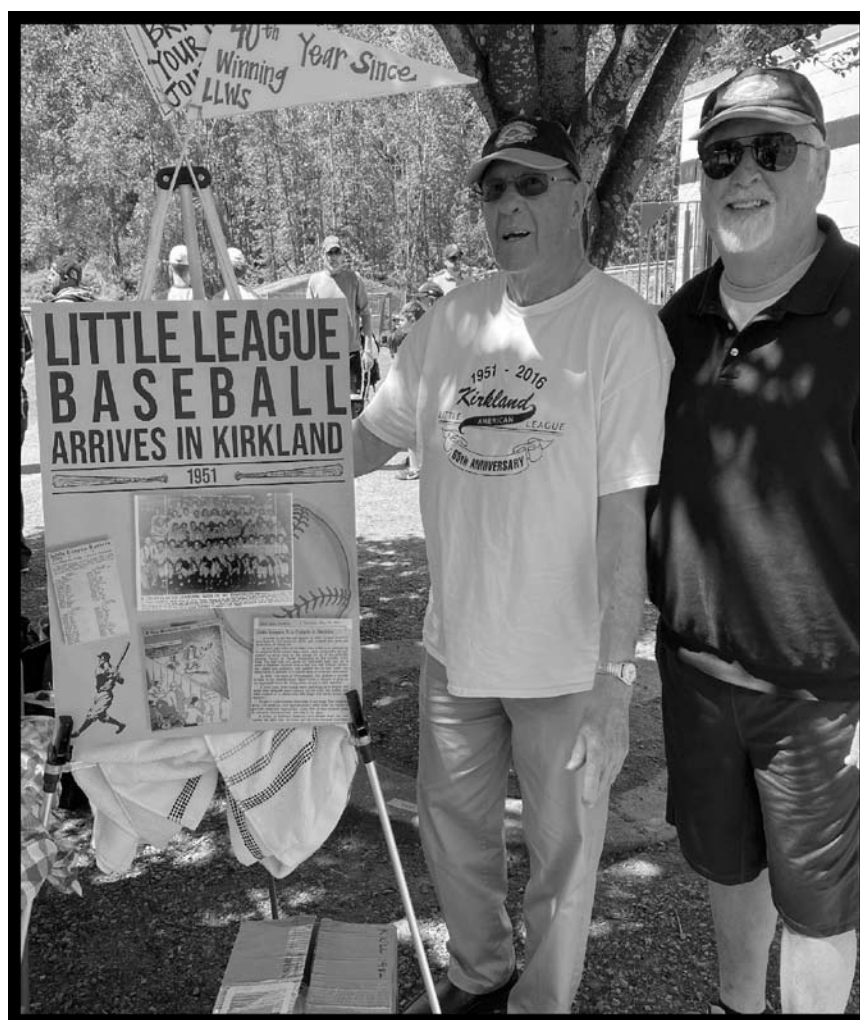
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Big Finn Hill Park



Wayne Jatton & Mike (Mick) Sarver
Original 1951 Players

Photo by Linda Johnson Jatton

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From the President

Chris Neir

Summer is here at last! The last couple of months have been quite busy for KHS, the busiest since the pandemic began over two years ago. Before May, I was Vice President, and now I am writing my first letter as President. During our board meeting in May, Frank Rosin put in his resignation from the board after serving for many years. While I am still new to the board, I do know Frank has been instrumental to KHS throughout the years and his contributions are greatly appreciated, by myself and the rest of the board. His presence will be missed.

After two years of cancellations due to COVID-19, Matt McCauly led his yearly Cemetery tour, which garnered an enthusiastic crowd interested in the history of Kirkland. The recording of the tour will be posted to the Society's YouTube channel soon for those who could not attend.

Yes, that's right, KHS has a YouTube channel. While relatively new, we've already uploaded a handful of recent and older videos for your enjoyment. One such recent video documents the Save our Salmon Mural, designed by Austin Picinich with the support of the Kirkland Parks and Community Foundation, and many other local organizations. On a sunny weekend in early April, over 100 volunteers came to help paint the mural at Spud Fish and Chips in Juanita. The goal of the mural is to raise awareness for salmon in Juanita Creek. If you find yourself in the area, be sure to stop by and check it out.

The City of Kirkland celebrated the 4th of July with the return of the Celebrate Kirkland parade. A well-deserved thank you must go to current Mayor Penny Sweet for her continued dedication for bringing this parade to life, and to all the organizers and participants who make this event a rousing success. KHS was open and volunteers were on hand to give

tours and provide historical information to parade goers. Even the sun made an appearance, and there was no rain! KHS appreciates the continued support, and our volunteers who help make a difference at KHS. Without you, we would not be able to preserve Kirkland's history to the extent that we have. With that, I hope everyone has an amazing, fun filled summer. Oh, and don't forget to wear sunscreen!



In the mail

JUNE 22, 2022

KIRKLAND HERITAGE SOCIETY

RE: FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES -
KIRKLAND AERIE #2681 75TH ANNIVERSARY
(1947-2022)

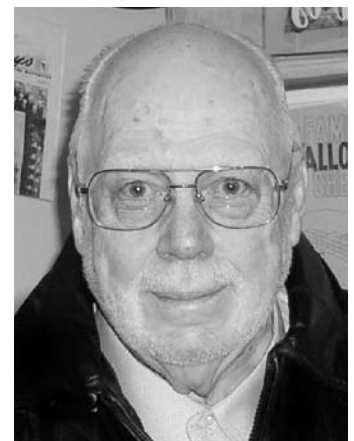
THIS YEAR COMMEMORATES OUR 75TH ANNIVERSARY AS A FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION OF "PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE" IN THE CITY OF KIRKLAND. AS A 50+ YEAR MEMBER AND PAST PRESIDENT, BORN AT THE OLD KIRKLAND HOSPITAL IN 1945, AND 1964 GRADUATE OF LAKE WASHINGTON HIGH, THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES AND CITY OF KIRKLAND HAVE BEEN VERY SPECIAL IN MY LIFE.

TO RECOGNIZE THIS HISTORICAL EVENT, A SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE COIN WAS CREATED. THIS COIN IS DONATED TO YOU WITH APPRECIATION FOR THE WORK THAT YOU CONTINUE TO DO IN PRESERVATION OF THE HISTORY OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND.

JERRY OSTERMAN



Jerry
Then and Now



Yearbook photos
provided by KHS



From your editor

Dear Members,

In the last issue of *Blackberry Preserves*, the memorials for Jerry Rutherford and Margie Denton were announced. Jerry's family has had to cancel her memorial.

I opened the Museum for Margie's family and her many friends.

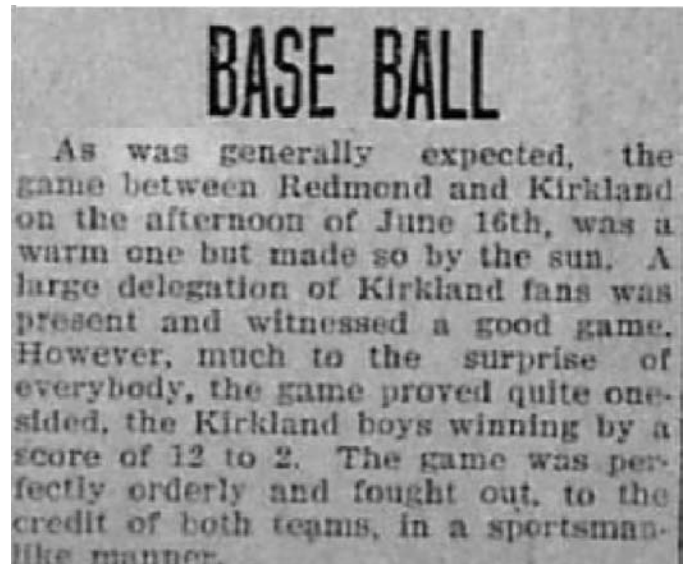
Please know that I am willing to open the Museum during memorials for anyone with ties to Kirkland if I am available and am informed. I have since learned that Janeen Ryseff's Celebration of Life was held May 28th at Heritage Hall. Janeen was a founding member of KHS and remained active even after her health started to fail.

I would have liked to have opened the Museum for Janeen's memorial so that her family and friends could see the many items that Janeen entrusted to KHS. Janeen's mother, Dorothea Lee, was born in Kirkland and it is the photos of Janeen's mother as a baby picnicking at the ruins of the 1890 Steel Mill that gives Kirkland proof that the idle mill existed for many years. Dorothea graduated from Kirkland High School in 1929 and Janeen was in the Lake Washington High School class of 1950. Janeen's husband, Sid, was a WWII veteran and represented Kirkland in the 4th of July parade for many years. Loita



Janeen Wentz
Ryseff
Lake Washington
High School
Class of 1950

Dorothea Lee
Wentz
Kirkland
High School
Class of 1929



Baseball and town spirit in 1912

This sports feature was in the June 20, 1912 Kirkland News. Not only did the players have team spirit, but Kirkland had community spirit. A lopsided game but the reporting was kind and gentle.

A special thank you to all you "horders" out there. Very few issues of the old Kirkland papers exist but KHS has 20, dating from 1890 to 1912.



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Little League History

On May 21, 2022 The Kirkland National Little League recognized the 40th Anniversary of Kirkland's 1982 World Champions. When their organizers called KHS to see if KHS had any history about these champions, they learned that Kirkland had the first Pacific Coast Little League back in 1951. Dr. Joseph Feek and Lee Johnson, Sr. flew to Pennsylvania to hand deliver the application plus the \$800 entry fee. Determined to give Kirkland its best chance, both Johnson and Feek flew, at their own expense, to hand deliver the application. Flying in 1951 was meant to impress and it did. They flew home with a Little League Franchise allowing for four teams that would give 72 Kirkland boys the opportunity to play ball. These four teams were managed by Ron Avery, Herb Godfrey, Gordon White and Del Bates.

Wayne Jatton was on one of the 1951 teams and attended the 2022 Fan Fest along with Mike Sarver, another 1951 player. Many players from the 1982 World Championship attended, included pitcher Cody Webster. The May 31, 1951 East Side Journal ran an article that did not give much detail regarding the efforts of Kirkland. Little did they know what a huge baseball town Kirkland was to become.



From the *East Side Journal*
May 31, 1951

Little League is a Tribute to Backers

"In order to get the full impact of Little League baseball you have to turn back the clock and pretend you were not more than 12 years old.

At that age most of us kids, who lived in a community or neighborhood where there were other youngsters around, picked up slack time on the corner lot or at the playfield

playing "scrub" or "sides" depending on the number available. The first time you made an organized team and got to wear a baseball uniform was a day you will always remember* albeit you probably had passed the 12-year mark and, were either a member of a school team or even the town team.

In 1939, Carl Stotz of Williamsport, Pa., noticed a number of kids in his neighborhood didn't have a chance to play on an organized team. So, liking kids, he put a club together. A year later three teams were operating as a league and since then leagues have sprung up all over the nation and even outside of it. More than 600 loops will be in action this summer.

To get a Little League franchise is not easy. The rules are strict. It's essential that approximately \$800 must be raised to provide adequate equipment. Only \$10 of this amount goes to national headquarters; the rest is for gear.

A group of Kirkland baseball enthusiasts went out and hustled the \$800 and Kirkland got its Little League franchise."



The Baseball Corner at the Kirkland Museum



Matt McCauley's popular Cemetery Tour returned after a three year hiatus due to COVID. The weather cooperated. Matt's next tour will feature our many Civil War Veterans.



The tour helped finance 14 grave markers for Kirkland people who never had markers or had wood markers that did not hold up to time and weather. There are many graves that remain unmarked. Any financial help would be greatly appreciated.



Jim Neir gave KHS a scholarship report at our May Committee/Board Meeting. KHS now has a younger board (meaning over half of us are NOT drawing Social Security). Janice Gerish is seen taking notes for the all-important meeting minutes. There was a June meeting too so KHS is back on track.

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 Heritage Hall 203 Market Street

Programs will now return as soon as they can be scheduled. We will continue to follow the current City & State guidelines.



Linda and Wayne Jatton again set up our 4th of July table at 9 a.m. Dave Sherbrooke was there for an hour to help with the heavy lifting. As in the past, Old Fashioned Earp's Sarsaparilla was sold.



The Evergreen Chapter of the Model A Ford Club had 14 cars representing KHS. Frank and his Model A had to miss the parade this year but Frank is a life member of this club.



Programs

Karen would like suggestions for future programs:

Karen Schickling @ 425-273-6299 or
kschic1965@gmail.com.

110 Years ago in Kirkland

You often hear that people did not have much fun in bygone days. This *Kirkland News* article is from June 20, 1912 and proves them wrong. Kirkland not only had the traditional 4th of July parade but men also raced their decorated cars (referred to as "machines") up Market Street. What did the Town Council think of this? They improved Market Street so that the machines could race two at a time! The photo is from the Don Barrie Collection. The newspaper was saved by George Wittenmyer and family.

AUTO PARADE

Dr. Davis Making Good Showing.

Dr. Geo. H. Davis, since being placed on the parade committee, has been doing some good work. So far he has been able to see but twenty-one auto owners and each have signified a willingness to participate. The doctor feels confident that every person owning a machine will decorate and be in the parade. Mr. Davis wishes it understood that he desires every machine on the east side of the lake to be decorated and take part. Owing to rush business, it may be impossible for the doctor to see all owners of machines personally and he therefore wishes it understood that the invitation to participate is general. A prize will be offered for the best decorated car. The following persons were seen and readily consented to decorate their autos: James Collins, C. W. Parrish, Jim Robinson, W. L. Wester, Burke & Farrar, E. A. Brooks, M. Lutes, H. Martin, Dr. Moffat, Redmond Trading Co., Brown Bros., A. B. Newell, Harry Graves, Mr. Pearson, Capt. Harry Cade, Mr. Lamere, besides the car of the doctor. Mr. Davis is also devoting much attention to the auto race to be run on Market street. He took the question

up with the town council and was immediately offered all necessary aid. At first it was the intention of the doctor to have the machines run against time. Taking a standing start near the Kirkland bank and running up market street a distance of about one half mile. Since the town officials have signified a willingness to put the street in good condition for racing, the doctor feels that he will be able to run two machines at a time. The doctor and the automobile people are certainly deserving much credit for the interest being taken in the parade and auto race.



Kirkland Heritage Society office
and museum is now open

Monday from 10 to noon
Wednesday from 2 to 5



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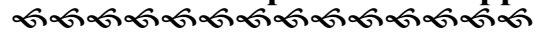
** During WWI, the Hello Girls were ladies who served as telephone operators. For KHS, these sweet ladies call and remind you of the next meeting or event.

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Your memberships make it happen.**



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Kirkland Heritage Society

January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022

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May 21, 2022
**Mike “Mick” Sarver & Cody Webster
 Wayne Jatton at the microphone**

Photo by Linda Johnson Jatton
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