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East Side Journal, December 9, 1943

When this promotional ad was published, the United States had been at war for two years.

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Monday: 10 to Noon

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President's Letter

Thanks to everybody who came to our September meeting, we had a nice turnout to hear our guest speaker **Wally Hurst** give us a fascinating overview of the geology in the more recently annexed neighborhoods in **Juanita, Finn Hill** and **Evergreen Hill** (AKA **Kingsgate**).

Earlier this month, **Board of Directors** (BOD) members **Kent Sullivan** and **Penny Sweet** and **I** joined Deputy City Manager **Jim Lopez**, councilmember **Jay Arnold** and several city staffers in an historic tour of the **Cross Kirkland Corridor** (CKC) in the city's new stretch golf cart! We have been working closely with the City Manager's Office to develop a plan to place historic markers at key historic points of interest along the CKC. This has been an ongoing KHS project for over a decade, but in recent months due to the generous grant the ***Kirkland Community Foundation*** recently made to KHS the City has been highly receptive to incorporating much needed historical/cultural elements along this very popular trail.



Stretch Golf Cart, Kirkland, 2026

Photo Credit: Matt McCauley

At our last membership meeting it became clear we needed a dedicated KHS laptop for meeting presentations, so a BIG thanks to **Bryan Minugh** for his very kind donation of a fully refurbished Dell Latitude 7310! We will now always have a laptop at Heritage Hall for our Zoom meetings and membership meeting streaming, PowerPoint projection, etc.—no more running home to grab one!

As usual, I want to thank **BOD** members **Libbi Wright** and Treasurer/Collections Manager **Loita Hawkinson** for their tireless work in staffing our museum/resource center during our public hours. And I thank **Fred Hawkinson** for his years of editing the newsletter. Fred quietly took over the task after the death of his father, Dale in 2011.

[Editor's note: You're welcome and thank you.]

Loita has made a number of very interesting discoveries among recent photo acquisitions, including some c.1912 shots of the old **Kirkland Hardware** on Kirkland Avenue and of some of a family camping and swimming on **Juanita Bay** before the lake was lowered in 1916. Loita has spent thousands of hours entering historic data into our PastPerfect software over the last three decades, it is a priceless historic knowledge asset—one that will be of great value not only to we researchers here today but for the generations of Kirkland historians who will follow us.

It's exciting to see so much happening at KHS, both in our ongoing work to preserve Kirkland's history and in our efforts to share that history with the community. Thanks again to everyone who contributes their time, energy, and support to making it all possible!

Matt McCauley

From Libbi

Good news! **Kirkland Heritage Society** membership fees will stay the same in 2027. Membership notices will be in the mail soon. Remember, any additional donation is tax deductible and will help preserve Kirkland's history.

Sincerely,
Libbi Wright
Membership Chair

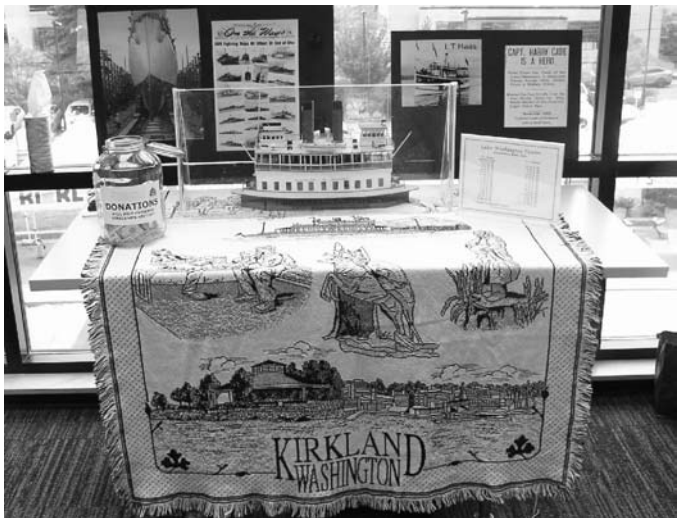
City Hall 4 All: 2026

City Hall 4 All is an annual event held at **Kirkland City Hall**. Featured are pop-up markets and a fleet of emergency vehicles for kids to explore.

This **2026 City Hall 4 All** had a fixer fair and story time with **Mayor Curtis** and a parade featuring the **Lake Washington High School Marching Band. KHS** had seven tables filled with Kirkland History including hands-on features….and we were inside!

2026 was the first year **Kirkland Heritage Society** has taken part in this annual event.

Linda Johnson Jaton, Bonnie McLeod, Libbi Wright and Loita Hawkinson were there to answer questions.





KHS History Tables, City Hall 4 All, 2026

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*.

Visitors



Eleven year old Eddy M. from Bellevue

Eddy took a break from using our old ***East Side Journal*** typewriter to pose with his new 2025 penny. **KHS** is giving uncirculated 2025 last issue pennies to young visitors.



Brothers Theo, 7 and Felipe, 10

Theo and Felipe are shown above taking turns at our ***East Side Journal*** typewriter.

The typewriter was donated by the family of **Charles O. Morgan**. Chuck kept the typewriter when he retired and sold the paper. Chuck then used this typewriter to write his personal memoirs.

Thank You Jim



Jim Neir, 2026

Jim is our Bookkeeper. Jim comes into the office quarterly to keep our books in balance.

Thank You Wally & Karen



Heritage Hall, Septermber 30, 2026

Wally Hurst gave a great program. It was also our annual ***Blackberry Ice Cream Social.***



Karen Schickling

Karen is our Chair of Programs. Please contact her for ideas for future programs. A message for Karen can be left at:

425-827-3446.

Golden Grads: 2026

The **Lake Washington High School Golden Grads** reunion, warmly known as ***'Golden Grads'***, is an annual reunion held each Fall for all 50 plus year graduates of **Kirkland High School** and **Lake Washington High School**. It is a three hour "catch up" for former classmates.

Held at **Lake Washington High School** on **Rose Hill**, it is organized and hosted by grads that have just had their 52nd year reunion.



Lake Washington High School, October 10, 2026



KHS Tables at the 2026 Golden Grads

Libbi Wright, Bonnie McLeod, Linda Johnson Jaton, Penny Sweet & Loita Hawkinson tended the **Kirkland Heritage Society** tables during the **2026 Golden Grads**.

Brooks and Patty Donation

Patty Hassel and **Kathy Hassel (Hassel Hand)** drove up from Oregon to donate their gr gr grandmother's bonnet, three photo albums and other historic items from their **Brooks** and **Patty** descendents.



Patty & Kathy modeled their Gr.Gr. Grandmother Brooks bonnet before donating it to KHS.



Paulina Wright Brooks Winters

Mrs. Winters wore this very bonnet as she traveled by covered wagon across the plains from the midwest to the **Washington Territory**.

Mrs. Winters (1830-1915) was the mother of **Emery A. Brooks**, Kirkland's first grocerer and postmaster. When Mrs. Winters was widowed for the second time, she moved to Kirkland and lived with her son until her death. Her grave is located in the **Kirkland Cemetery** on **Rose Hill.**

Mrs. Winters' first husband, **Henry Brooks**, worked with **John Rockefeller** in the oil fields in Pennsylvania. **Rockefeller** was a major investor in **Peter Kirk's** steel mill.

It is safe to assume that this early friendship had something to do with why both **Brooks** and **Rockefeller** invested in Kirkland, but who influenced who remains a mystery. We look forward to answering questions just like this as we assession and study historical items such as these. There is always fresh history provided it is preserved and shared.

Among the 500 plus photos in the three albums donated there are some fabulous views of Kirkland before **Lake Washington** was lowered by 9 feet in 1916. There is a photo of the **Atlanta Ferry** on the ways **(See back cover)** and our only current original photo of the **Kirkland Hotel** (below)**.**



The Kirkland Hotel, c1914

The **Kirkland Hotel** was on **Kirkland Avenue**. There was a dining room, cigar shop and candy store. They catered to the daily ferry traffic.

We are very happy to have this photo.

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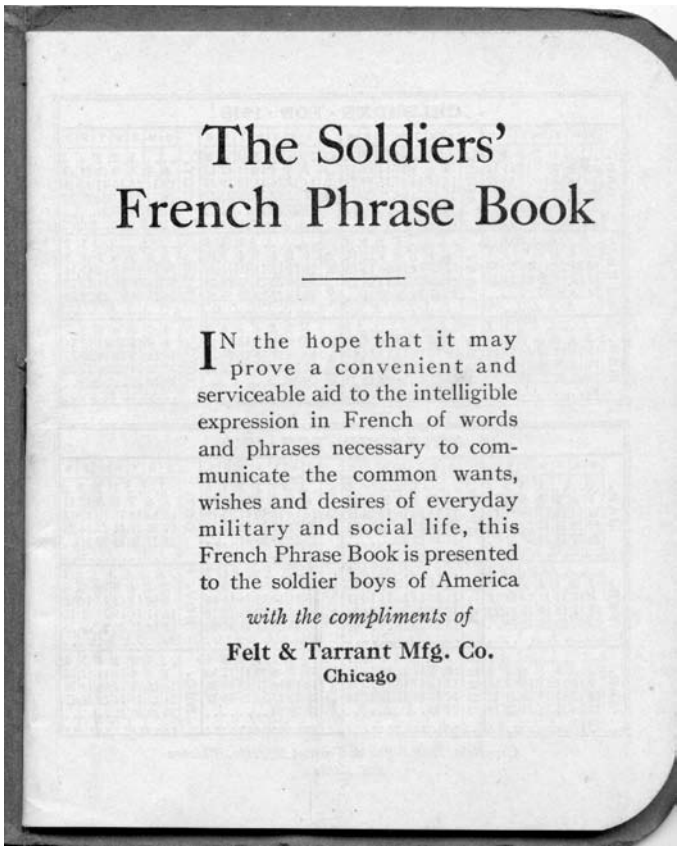
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The Soldiers' French Phrase Book

IN the hope that it may prove a convenient and serviceable aid to the intelligible expression in French of words and phrases necessary to communicate the common wants, wishes and desires of everyday military and social life, this French Phrase Book is presented to the soldier boys of America

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The Soldiers' French Phrase Book, 1918
Brooks/Hand Collection

The Soldiers' French Phrase Book was published in 1918 when the United States officially entered the **Great War**, later called **WWI**. **Henry Brooks,** son of Emery and Belle Brooks, served in France and this booklet traveled with him. It is now on display at the **KHS Museum** with other **WWI**, **WWII** and **Shipyard** history.



Henry Brooks, 1918, France

The phrase book was designed to fit in the breast pocket.



Patty Hassel & Kathy Hassel Hand, 2026 and the Brooks clock their sister donated in 2025.

The **Brooks/Patty** collections are the largest held by **Kirkland Heritage Society**. They arrived in Kirkland in 1890 when the dreams for the steel mill were still alive. They remained after the 1891 failure of the steel mill. Later, their families had children who married locally and had businesses that helped keep Kirkland on the map.

(See Nov/Dec 2025 issue of BP, for information on the clock.)

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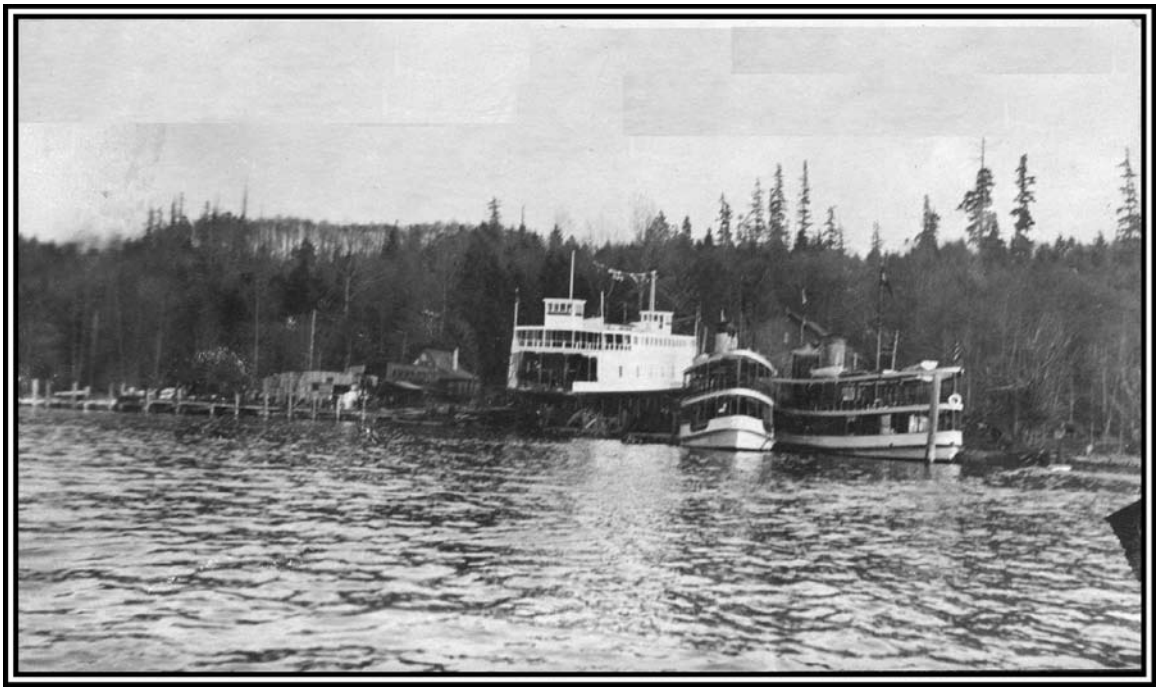
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Anderson Boat Yard, 1914, Houghton.

The **Atlanta** is 'on the ways', meaning it was about to be launched into **Lake Washington**. The two large steamers on the water are the **Fortuna** and **Urania**.

All three boats could only serve residents of **Lake Washington** until 1916 when the **Ship Canal** opened **(Ballard Locks)**. After 1916, the boats could ply **Elliott Bay**.

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