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Sleigh Bells Ring, Are you Listing?
THE JOSTEN FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF JUANITA
OUT FOR A SLEIGH RIDE C 1915/1916
Photo courtesy of Elaine Josten McKenna, Kirkland Heritage Society Collection

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City Budgets $22,000 for Inventory

THIRD TIME IS THE CHARM!! After 2 other attempts, our budget request to start the detailed historic property inventory on which Velda Wilson and Lynette Friberg have done so much work was approved by City Council!! In 1998 about 210 more properties will be done. This information is necessary in our continuing effort to place structures on the City’s List of Recognized Properties and is valuable for future neighborhood planning efforts and to individual property owners. Thank you! Kirkland City Council for your support!!

It has been an extremely active and successful year for KHS! January’s Blackberry Preserves will have a special supplement - reporting what has been done - a State of KHS Report.

I have been most impressed this year by two aspects of KHS membership.

First, as in any organization, there is an extremely dedicated core of people who work very hard! This group has very broad interests ranging from oral history, newspaper research, buildings and sites, and City policy and plans.

Second, most of the people who support KHS with their membership are very active in the Community. They see KHS efforts to preserve the history of Kirkland as being complementary to their concerns and efforts to maintain the long-term quality and character of our City and its neighborhoods!

Thanks to everyone for your effort in 1997!
Happy Holidays and All the Best for 1998!!

CITY / NEIGHBORHOOD LIAISON
by
Bob Burke

So much is happening with the City of Kirkland and Neighborhood Associations, I thought it might be a good idea to start a monthly column highlighting what has happened and alerting people to upcoming events.

- Patrick and Shannon Harris took the lead in organizing the Norkirk Neighborhood Association. Bob Burke made a presentation on KHS at their organizing meeting. He also talked to the Kirkland Association of Neighborhoods.

- Christina Brugman is working with the South Juanita Neighborhood Association on their history which will be included in a brochure.

- Alan Stein and Bob Burke are working with the Central Houghton Neighborhood Association on their Historic Interpretive Marker - A Place Called Houghton - which is scheduled to be installed next February.

- City Council - Adopted in November the Community Character Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan with strengthened Historic Preservation Policies.

- Planning Commission - reviewed Historic Properties regulations on December 11th.

- City Council - Final Public Hearing regarding the regulations and policies relating to the height and mass of buildings in downtown Kirkland. Various amendments to the design regulations will also be considered. December 18th, 7:30 p.m., City Council Chamber, 123 Fifth Avenue.

In this most joyful season, we want to express our sincere wishes for your happiness.

Burke and Farrar
In the late 1920's, Kirkland was struggling hard economically. Even before the Great Depression hit, most Kirklanders were accustomed to living lean. Local businesses came and went, each trying to remain viable in the Kirkland economy. The struggle to keep local money in town was most apparent during the Christmas season, when store owners begged residents to do their shopping here at home.

The following article appeared on the front page of the Dec 16, 1926 edition of the East Side Journal. It was written by J. P. McEvoy, manager of the local lumber company. In it, he paints a tongue-in-cheek image of the doleful hazards of NOT shopping in Kirkland.

**Tells of Heroic Adventures of Seattle Christmas Shopper**

Once upon a time there was a Bozo from the fair city of Kirkland who filled with Christmas Spirit (not spirits), bethought to hie himself to the big wicked city and bright lights and there do his Christmas shopping. He was filled with grim determination to dash in - get his gifts and dash right out, total estimated time to be consumed about one hour. He met his first set back as he was doing the 100 yard dash down the ferry dock in nothing flat. The only street car in sight jerked itself up the hill. We will pass lightly over his trip to town on the next car which was given over to none too pleasant opinions of street railways in general and this one in particular.

We next see our hero as he is about to enter a large department store where he knows he will have it all over soon. With his bank roll in one hand and his list in the other he passes inside. From the sight that greeted his eyes he could have easily thought that they were playing the Army-Navy football game over again and that someone had just made a touchdown. As we said before the same grim determination that was written on his face had not yet been erased. With a hastily sketched road map toward his objective, a word of cheer and an encouraging slap on the back the floor walker sent him into the scrimmage. He tried to be a gentleman and worked his way through but no luck. When he took his bearings he had lost five yards. Now thoroughly aroused he reared back and tried to make yardage through the line but like they say of the good old college game, "he was held for no gain". A little strategy was brought into play and he made a dash around the right end only to find himself headed straight for the elevator shaft. The ladies were holding the line wonderfully. He assayed a clever criss cross only to bump against a lady of no mean proportions and the conversation was on, which ended with a sally from the lady to the effect that "If I was your wife I would put strychnine in your coffee".

With the last spark of spirit that was in him he roared, "yes, sister, and if I were your husband, believe me, I'd drink it, too". With that the lights went out. A short uppercut put our hero on the canvas. When he came to the janitor was sweeping out. He passed slowly out into the cold winter evening, stopped long enough to get a bottle of linament and dragged his battle scarred body homeward.

Moral - Do your Christmas shopping here - they play too rough in the Big Town!

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Editors note: Alan has provided us with advertisments from the East Side Journal c December 1933.
The Kirkland Heritage Society Board has adopted a list of structures and sites of Historic or Architectural significance to the Central Business District. The Society utilized lists from King County on age of structures, conducted visual inspections of the exterior of buildings, photographed them and reviewed them against accepted National and State Historic Preservation guidelines. This list, pictures and a map have been submitted to the City Council for inclusion in the Urban Design section of the Downtown Plan as essential elements of the character of downtown Kirkland.

Buildings which meet historic criteria for age and contribute to the architectural interest and variety of Kirkland’s Central Business District have the highest priority to be preserved. (Because of space constraints only some of these buildings are pictured here.)
GATEWAY THEATER
BUILDING
CENTRAL WAY
BUILT 1926

WILLIAMS BUILDING
KIRKLAND AVE / LAKE STREET
BUILT 1928

WEBB BUILDING
KIRKLAND AVENUE
BUILT 1930
Seasons Greetings from the Kirkland Merchants of 1933
Advertisements from a December Eastside Journal c 1933
UPDATE ON HISTORIC MARKERS

The Houghton marker - A Place Called Houghton - and the marker on Louis Marsh - Marsh Park and Metal Airplanes - are going into production month. Both will be installed in February or March. We are trying to find information for the plaque at the end of 2nd Street sponsored by West Water Development. Christina Brugman is working on a grant request to King County for a marker for Mickelson Pond near Evergreen Hospital. We also have had interest in two additional markers but the themes and locations are not set. The idea of doing a marker on World War II's impact on Houghton and Kirkland has been put forth. Anyone interested in doing research on this one?? If you want information on the program contact Bob Burke 828-4095.

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CALENDAR

December
No KHS Board Meeting or Program

Happy Holidays from the
Kirkland Heritage Society

January 12
Oral History Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Christina Brugman's house: 11122 NE 132nd. Call Christina 821-3603 for more information.

January 28
KHS Program 7 p.m.
To Be Announced

Unless otherwise noted KHS meetings are held the last Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m., Kirkland Congregational Church, 106-5th Ave., Kirkland.

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Membership
Thank you for your renewal:
Inge Theisen
Bev Hoerlein

MEMBERSHIP FORM
July 1, 1997 - June 30, 1998

Individual $20
Family $25
Senior/Student $15
Supporting $100
Life Member $1,000
Organization/Government $100
Professional/Business $125
Corporate $250

TOTAL ENCLOSED:

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Serve on a Standing Committee:
Archives and Collections
Education and Research
Membership and Funding
Monthly Programs
Oral History

Work on specific activity:
Exhibit at Community Events
Home Tour
Do Photography / Update Slides
Install Original Street Name Signs
Video on Kirkland History
School Education Program

Name__________________________
Address__________________________
City________________State____Zip____
Home#________________Work#________
Organization/Firm__________________

Checks should be made payable and mailed to:
Kirkland Heritage Society, 235 – 10th Ave. W.,
Kirkland, WA 98033. Phone: (425) 889 – 9120
Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow!
The Big Snow, Winter of 1915/1916
Harry Langdon's Store in Juanita
Photos courtesy of Elaine Josten McKenna, Kirkland Heritage Society Collection

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