Leland Hotel / Motors

This was the Leland Hotel / Motors on the Southwest corner of Market Street and 7th Avenue West. The Leland Hotel burned down in the 1960’s and was replaced by a gas station. This photo was a recent discovery in a file cabinet that the City of Kirkland donated to KHS.

See the back cover for the “Now” of that same corner.
**PRESIDENT’S LETTER**

**February**

**Bob Burke**

I came out of Heritage Hall over the long weekend and the cold wind was blowing off the Lake, but the daffodils we planted were standing tall and some were beginning to show that bright yellow that tells us spring is coming! I think Spring will be particularly welcome after our winter!

We had a great program in January! Thank you **Julie Koler** for an interesting presentation! And to **Dale Hawkinson** who found the right connection so the Power Point would work. Good attendance with lots of participation and a number of new members!

Thanks to **Loita Hawkinson** for finding a great deal on two 9’ x 12’ rugs for the entry and library area of our space in Heritage Hall. They look good and help the acoustics a lot! Slowly it is taking shape and there is a lot more activity down there now!

As I mentioned last month we want to keep the Resource Center open one afternoon a week starting in the next month or two. If you could spare 2 or 3 hours in the afternoon, please give me a call at 828-4095. We have the library and lots of files to organize.

There will be a lot of park construction north of Heritage Hall this Spring and Summer. The tennis court is being moved to the north end of Heritage Park, and the new Centennial Garden and parking will be built. Part of the work is a new arbor over the present patio. The parking is certainly needed to serve Heritage Hall, and the arbor should enhance the back entry to the building. The construction will also include new drainage facilities that should reduce the future risk of water damage to our space.

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**Blackberry Preserves**

**February Program**

**February 28, 2007**

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**Estate Jewelry**

**Vintage and Costume Jewelry**

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**What is worth saving?**

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Sorry, no formal appraisals for insurance purposes will be done this evening, although values may be determined!

If you need a ride to the meeting, please call Lynette Friberg Weber at 425 890-9058. Please give her a few days to arrange a ride! Thanks!

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**AKCHO UPDATE**

by Lynette Friberg Weber

**AKCHO – what is it?**

**Association of King County Historical Organizations.** It’s our “umbrella” or “Mother Ship” – along with all other Heritage Societies within King County. Monthly meetings, the last Tuesday morning of each month, are held at various Historical Landmarks around King County and hosted by each area’s Historical Society.

In October, the Woodinville Heritage hosted at their historic brick high school. The program was based on their new book “Woodinville-Their Early Days” which is Volume 1 of 3 involving the early pioneers and the evolving business district. We all watched in fascination the power point slide show at one of the fabulous historical photos showing the founding families, their homesteads and entrepreneurial businesses.

January’s program was held at the Nordic Heritage Museum, hosted by – you guessed it! – the Ballard Historical Society. This was quite the affair, due to being a special tribute and luncheon to Charles Peyton on his retirement. And who is Charles Peyton, you say? It would take many pages to answer that; let it suffice to say he is the GURU of all things historic in King County. He is the reason we have the grant money for preservation, rehabilitation, restoration and stabilization of landmarks such as Kirkland’s Heritage Hall. Just one item of many!

Washington State Archivist, Jerry Handfield spoke on behalf of our Secretary of State, Sam Reed, lining Future programs and grants given by the State to further our preservation goals. Our very own Alan Stein (past president of AKCHO) gave a humorous send off to Charles, lauding him on his many accomplishments over a 25 year time frame. Our neighboring communities are very rich with history and we all seem to be connected by way of early pioneer families and their means of livelihood. Like a jigsaw puzzle, it’s fascinating and exhilarating to see the pieces fit together, giving us a clear picture of our roots.

As your KHS representative at AKCHO, I suggest you check out their website, www.akcho.org, for the upcoming calendar of monthly events to attend as well as historic information!

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**THANKS TO:**

by Loita Hawkinson

**Carol Trapp** for donating a framed East Side Journal newspaper clipping and eleven 1947 Kirkland parade photos.

**Linda Jaton** for donating an ON THE WAYS newspaper that was published by the Lake Washington Shipyard, Houghton, Washington, September 1944.

**The Foothills Historical Society in Buckley** for donating a Kirkland photo from c1912 showing a sign announcing Kirkland as the Gateway to Seattle.

**Frank Rosin** helped date this photo. This gift shows the spirit of cooperation among the regional historical societies.

**Thad Pound**, Kirkland Cannery owner, named and explained 4 canny photos from c1950. One was of his father, Harvey T. Pound, former cannery owner. These photos are some of the ESJ photos.

**Merrily Dicks** and **Clarence Stone** for checking out recorders and joining the Oral History Committee.

**Gary Lanksbury** for proof reading the Aubry Williams letters. Loita Hawkinson tends to type with lots of mistakes and Gary has been generous with his time. Gary also proofread the Yabuki transcription.

And thanks to all who look at the binders with photos and add what they know. Without your help, they could never be identified. Future generations will profit.

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**YUBUKI ORAL HISTORY**
by Loita Hawkinson

We owe thanks to Gary Lanksbury and Wayne Bitterman for donating a DVD history with Rose Yabuki Matsushita and Shizuo Yabuki Nakamura. Gary and Shizuo Yabuki were 3rd grade classmates in 1942 when the Yabuki family was forced to relocate because of their Japanese ancestry. The Yabuki family lived in Houghton where the parents had owned a greenhouse and property since 1917. The father was forced to sell the land his family had called home for 25 years. Mr. And Mrs. Yabuki along with their 6 children left Kirkland by train. They were interned at Tule Lake, Oregon.

When they were forced to relocate, they could only take what they could carry. They each had a place setting and a blanket but no winter clothing. Winters are very cold in Tule Lake and the children were issued military Mackinaw coats. Mrs. Yabuki made them fit as best she could. The family did not come back to Kirkland after their release in 1943.

Rose and another sister, Mary were in the same class with David Burr so we have been able to share grade school class pictures from the Martha Burr Millar collection.

This was an impromptu oral history recording. Rose and Shizuo were visiting with Gary and they started talking about the relocation. Gary then asked if they could be recorded using a DVD recorder. The sisters agreed. Gary then contacted Kirkland Heritage and sent the DVD to us. Copies have been made and are available at the resource center. An audiotape was made for the archives and the transcription with photos are available in the KHS Resource Center library.

This interview is 22 minutes long. It is filled with first hand accounts of life just prior to relocation and the life being interned. It is heart rendering and thought provoking. Thank you Gary and Wayne and a very special thank you to Rose Matsushita and Shizuo Nakamura for sharing your memories. We cannot change the past but we must continue to learn from it.

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**TREASURER'S REPORT**
by Tom Hitzroth

Since taking over as treasurer in January of last year the Society has had a financial compilation performed for 2004/2005. The financial compilation is done when treasurer’s change and it is often a required enclosure when making grant application. The Society has three checking accounts from which it pays for various operational needs. The General Fund pays for the routine monthly expenses. The Church Fund is where all dedicated monies for expenses directly related to the Heritage Hall (except rent) come from. For example: last year 47% of the total overall society expenses came from the Church Fund alone to pay for repairs due to the flooding.

Thanks to the efforts of Bob Burke in dealing with contractors, vendors, the city, and obtaining grants for repairs almost all of these expenses were replaced. The Centennial Fund is used for expenses related to the Kirkland Centennial for which the Kirkland Heritage Society served as the treasurer. This fund will be closed later this year. The Certificate of Deposit and savings account provide additional reserves also.

By July 2006 the Society income began to exceed its expenses and by year’s end was $10,825.20 in the black. Currently, as of February 18, 2007, compared to the same time in 2006 we are just of $4,500 ahead of expenses. This excess is due primarily to the generous donation of books by Bob Neir and Stephen Lamson. These proceeds are targeted for a special project. As of the date of this newsletter the total dollar assets of the Society are in excess of $52,000. Over $20,000 of that is assigned to completing cabinets in the Heritage Resource Center and Grant match.

The Society is on a sound financial footing and the board is continuing to manage the Society’s resources so that the collection can be properly maintained, the oral history projects are properly funded, and monthly expenses are met while at the same time maintaining sufficient funding reserves to handle any immediate emergency funding issues like damages due to flooding.

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**Great Attendance and Program to Start off the Year!**

Thanks to all who attended January’s meeting at Heritage Hall. What a great crowd we had to see the Power Point presentation by Julie Koler, on Historic Structures in King County.

Peggy & Mark Adams  Bob Burke
David Cantrill  John Davies
Marjorie Denton  Peg & Stan Denton
Merrily Dicks  Angie Eggers
Pat & Al Eskenazi  Lynette Friborg Weber
Loita & Dale Hawkinson  Corrine Hibb
Tom Hitzroth  Bev Hoerlein
Linda & Wayne Jaton*  Julie Kohler (Speaker)
Steve Lamson  Judy Lang
Barbara Loomis  Anita Maxwell*
Dr. Ernest C. McKibben  David Millar
Larry Miller  Michael Radeliff
Ron Rawson*  Frank Rosin
Karen Schickling  Cathy J. Smith
Alan Stein  Clarence L. Stone
Gary L. Stone  Penny Sweet
Carol Trapp  Sue Werner*

* New Member
**MEMBERSHIP**
by Lynette Friberg Weber

We have had a fantastic response to our January Membership drive with 50 renewals and 5 new members. Thank you all for being so prompt!

**New Members - Welcome**
Kathi Anderson Individual
Linda & Wayne Jaton Family
Frances Gay Knox Senior
Anita Maxwell Senior
R.L. Rawson Individual
Sue Werner Individual

**Renewing Memberships**

**Corporate Members**
Doug Davis, Hallmark Realty

**Organization Members**
Kirkland Women's Club

**Supporting Members**
Dianna and Douglas Broadie
Christina Brugman
Robert Burke
Don and Merrily Dicks
Ken Nelson and Jessica Greenway
Barbara Loomis
LG and Patti Marsh
Joan McBride
Martha Millar
Michael Radcliff
Paula Riggert
Melissa and Jeff Thirloway
Larry Springer and Penny Sweet

**Family Members**
Tracy Burrows & Stephen Bennett
David and Debra Cantrill
Doris and Ralph Cooper
Peggy & Stan Denton
Nona and Ulrich Ganz
Judy & Bill Gehring
Karen Tennyson & Jim Lauinger
Kathleen McMonigal & John Doherty
Rick and Peggy Ostrander
Dave and Hazel Russell
Sandra & Clarence Stone
David and Patty Tucker

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Pam Owens
Helen & Ray Schoen
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**Renting Heritage Hall**
Call Nicci Osborn at Kirkland Parks 425 587-3342

KHS qualifies for tax exemption under 501(c) (3) and your contribution is deductible to the extent allowed by law. We qualify for matching gift contributions by those employers who offer this benefit.

**Membership Category 2007**

*Senior / Student* $20
*Individual* $25
*Family* $30
*Supporting* $100
*Life Member* $1,000
*Organization/Government* $100
*Professional Business* $125
*Corporate* $250

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**TOTAL ENCLOSED:** ________

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Name ____________________________ Address: ____________________________
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Heritage Hall
203 Market Street
Kirkland, WA 98033.

If questions, please phone: (425) 890-9058

Thank You For Your Support!
Invite a Friend to Join!
Leland Place

The “Now” on the corner of Market Street and 7th Ave. West

The historic Sears building is on the right.