Wayne Jaton & Mike (Mick) Sarver
Original 1951 Players
Photo by Linda Johnson Jaton
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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.

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.

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.

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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 Jaton 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.”
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 Jaton 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.

Kirkland Heritage Society office and museum is now open

Monday from 10 to noon
Wednesday from 2 to 5
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* Chair or Co-chairs
** 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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Kirkland Heritage Society

January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022

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Kirkland, WA 98033.

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May 21, 2022
Mike “Mick” Sarver & Cody Webster
Wayne Jaton at the microphone
Photo by Linda Johnson Jaton
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