From the President

Chris Neir

Programs! Programs! Programs! After three years, KHS programs are returning, with the first one occurring on March 29th at 7pm at Heritage Hall. Hope to see some of you there!

With Spring approaching, that means another Matt McCauley cemetery tour is upon us. A video was recorded last year and will be posted to the KHS YouTube channel soon for those who didn’t get a chance to attend or may miss out again this year. Typically, the cemetery tour occurs during Memorial Day Weekend. The date and time will be posted in the next newsletter.

Before I close, I wanted to commend Loita for her dedication and hard work in putting the newsletter together every two months. Thank you Loita, and thank you to all the readers who read, donate, and volunteer their time to the society.

Have a wonderful Spring!

KHS Monthly Programs
Heritage Hall
203 Market Street
7:00 p.m.

March 29, 2023
Saundra Middleton will give us a report on the book she has written about her Great Gr Grandfather, founder Peter Kirk.

April 26, 2023
Kent Sullivan and Matt McCauley will present the second part of their program on Kirkland’s railroad history. The first part was presented before Covid shut the world down.

May 31, 2023
This will be our annual meeting. Our guest speakers are Jan McLaughlin and her brother Jock McLaughlin. They will talk about the McLaughlins in Kirkland. LWHS’s Mac Field is named for their father who was born in Houghton in 1916.

September 27, 2023
The Blackberry Ice Cream Social will return. A speaker has been scheduled.

Thank you Karen Schickling for your commitment to get our meetings back on schedule. Please leave a message for Karen if you have any ideas for the future.
A report on
Dorothy Elizabeth Baker Bond
When research takes on “Legs”
By Loita Hawkinson

Dorothy Baker Bond was 11 months old when she flipped the switch to turn on the Snoqualmie Falls Hydroelectric Power Plant that her father, Charles H. Baker, had designed and built. When I first decided to write about Dorothy, it was to be a short report about this historic event. But there was much more to her story.

When Mr. Baker first saw the falls in 1887, the area had no commercial value other than recreation. The young engineer combined his vision for a future hydroelectric plant and his father’s money and quietly purchased the falls and surrounding area. Charles H. Baker started work on the plant in 1898 and at its dedication on July 31, 1899 he was holding his infant daughter, Dorothy, as she flipped the switch.

The Snoqualmie Hydroelectric Power Plant was the world’s first underground power plant. It was built to last 50 years but is still in operation. In 1982 it became a National Civil Engineering Landmark. This power plant was the oldest of its kind in the world at that time and of course, it still is.

Now, back to Dorothy. She was from a Pioneering family through and through. Her parents came to Seattle in 1888 where she was born on Queen Anne in 1898. One of her gr gr grandfathers, Rev. Henry Dunster, came from England to become the first President of Harvard College. A larger than real life bronze statue honors him at Harvard University today.

Dorothy and Basil Bond married and built their large luxury home at 8455 Juanita Drive NE in 1926. At that Juanita home on the shore of Lake Washington was a Totem Pole carved by Chief William Sheldon, chief of the Snohomish in Tulalip.

While our Pacific NW tribes did not have totem poles, Chief Sheldon was authorized to carve Story Poles to honor the local tribes. In 1930, it is believed he was the last living carver of Totem Poles (or story poles) in the world.

Chief Sheldon and Charles H. Baker were friends from the time Mr. Baker first viewed the Snoqualmie Falls until Mr. Baker’s death in 1924. Dorothy, at age 9, was the first white child adopted by the Snohomish Tribe. At the celebration Dorothy’s mother was given intricately woven grass baskets which her family treasured. In the years after Dorothy’s adoption into the tribe, there were several “Dorothys” born and named in her honor.

Dorothy’s mother, Gladys France Baker, started the Campfire Girls of Juanita. In the Josten photograph collection held by KHS, there are photos of these Campfire Girls, some of them inside the Bond home. When the girls had their bonfires in Juanita on Lake Washington, Chief Sheldon would often attend and relate the lore of his tribe.

In 1930, the large Totem Story Pole was carved and delivered to Dorothy Baker Bond. Carved into the pole are an eagle, the strength of the air; a whale, the strength of the sea and a bear, the strength of the land. In 1938 when Chief William Sheldon died, the Juanita Campfire Girls attended his services.

Because we had no knowledge of this important piece of local history, questions were not asked by KHS when these girls, then women, were living. Hopefully descendents will come forward with stories and photos.

KHS has little history about our First Nation Residents who took such gentle care of this area. What we do have are first person loving tributes. 

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Pizza Pie

Anyone who remembers the debate of how to pronounce Pizza and called it Pizza Pie is truly dating themselves.

Pizza came to the east coast with the Italian immigrants and it remained regional until WWII and the soldiers came home with a hunger for the Pizza they had been introduced to. The veterans returning to the West Coast had to make it themselves for a few years. Roll mixes soon put a recipe for Pizza Pie on the back of their boxes to help these veterans.

A few Seattle diners had Pizza Pie on their menus by 1948 but a 1950 restaurant claimed to be the first in Seattle. That restaurant followed the opening of Jannelle’s in Kirkland in November of 1949. Any way you slice it, Kirkland seems to be on the “cutting edge.”

Seattle Times, November 18, 1949

In the Mail

Loita
Great picture you took of Thad, Merrily and Pat in the Jan/Feb Blackberry Preserves. Rexine and I are also members of the Class of ’60 and were the other members of the class that made the decision to donate the balance of the reunion funds to KHS...easy decision. Given the time of year (winter and chancy pass conditions), we just live too far away to make it over that day to join the trio that was there.
Keep up the good work.
Bruce and Rexine McEachern Bennett,
Class of 1960

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.*

Pizza history continues on page 5
Blackberry Preserves

Seattle PI, November 25, 1949

UP AND DOWN CALORY BOULEVARD: Popolardo's fame with the pizza is making Jannelli's Kirkland pizzaria a popular spot. This is fine Italian food at its best. Incidentally, it's pronounced peetza, not with that buzzing sound you might have thought porper....

East Side Journal, December 6, 1949

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Oops.
In the last issue, Pat Weiss Jovag’s name was misspelled. Linda Johnson Jaton caught my error right away. Thank you Linda and I am sorry Pat. It was not a typo, it truly was misspelled by me. Ih

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History Month 2023
Kim Hartman, 2023 Committee Chair

The Kirkland Heritage Society (KHS) has once again participated in celebrating Kirkland History Month. Plaques with historical photos and information pertaining to that photo were placed in business windows within and around the city. Businesses from downtown Kirkland, Juanita, Finn Hill, Houghton and City Hall, were gracious to have these plaques displayed during the month of February and were pleased with all of the passers-by who would stop to take a moment and read about our city’s rich history.

When appropriate, historical photos of buildings still present and in use today, were placed in the windows to show how much has changed and how much has stayed the same. Our founder, Peter Kirk’s birthday, February 15th, had been celebrated previously during founders week, however, in 2012 the then Mayor Joan McBride designated the month of February to be Kirkland History Month “to honor the memory of those who helped form the city, learn about Kirkland’s cultural and historic past, and to share memories, photographs and stories to keep Kirkland’s history alive.” (Patch, newsletter Feb 8, 2021).

The Kirkland Heritage Society through a generous grant from 4Culture created the first plaques and distributes them throughout the city during the month of February each year. If any business would like to participate in History month for 2024, please feel free to contact KHS. There is no charge to the participating businesses.

Thank you all who participated in 2023
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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.

Kirkland Heritage Society
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KHS is 100% volunteer with no paid staff. Your memberships make it happen.

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In 1966, Basil and Dorothy Bond won first prize for their Gay Nineties costumes during Pioneer Days. Story page 3