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**GREEN FUNERAL HOME CHAPEL SAVED!
MOVED BACK TO IT'S ORIGINAL SITE ACROSS THE STREET**



ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL - c. 1940
Frank Rosin Collection, Kirkland Heritage Society

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Halloween Book Night
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER – OCTOBER Bob Burke

A number of exciting events are covered in this issue – first is the relocation of the building which served as the Green Funeral Home Chapel back across the street to its original location where it started out as the St. Paul's Lutheran Church. It is now the home of the Unitarian Church.

City Council appointed **Barbara Loomis** to be Kirkland's representative on the Landmark Commission which is created through an inter-local agreement with King County. Our thanks to **Cathy Smith** who had been the representative. It is anticipated that the Forbes House in Juanita Beach Park and the three historic buildings in McAuliffe Park will be considered for landmark status and possibly the relocated Chapel.

KHS is entering into a new phase of our growth by developing a database for our collections that will help not only manage them but also make them more available to students and the citizens of Kirkland. This is not a small or inexpensive task as you will see described in the article on Page 5.

Alan Stein, has moved out of Kirkland and resigned his position as Vice President. The Board appointed **Lynette Friberg Weber** to fill that position. Alan has been active in KHS since it was re-started in 1992. He spent a couple years creating the data base of headlines from the East Side Journal and has established his role as Kirkland's historian. We will be doing a suitable article on his accomplishments in a future newsletter. Thanks You! Alan! For your contributions to KHS!

As you will see in this issue of BP a lot of people contribute to our organization from making donations to providing service on committees! We are very fortunate to have all these great members!

Halloween Book Night

Wednesday, October 25th, 7 to 9pm

Hear a *Halloween* story and learn all about your antique or just plain old books, by professional book buyer, Beth Parker. Show-n-share and/or show-n-swap your books while enjoying a goblin's treat of pumpkin cheesecake and a glass of perky punch.

The evening promises to be a "spooktacular boo-ook" event!

Upcoming programs are:

NOVEMBER: No November meeting/Board meeting only.

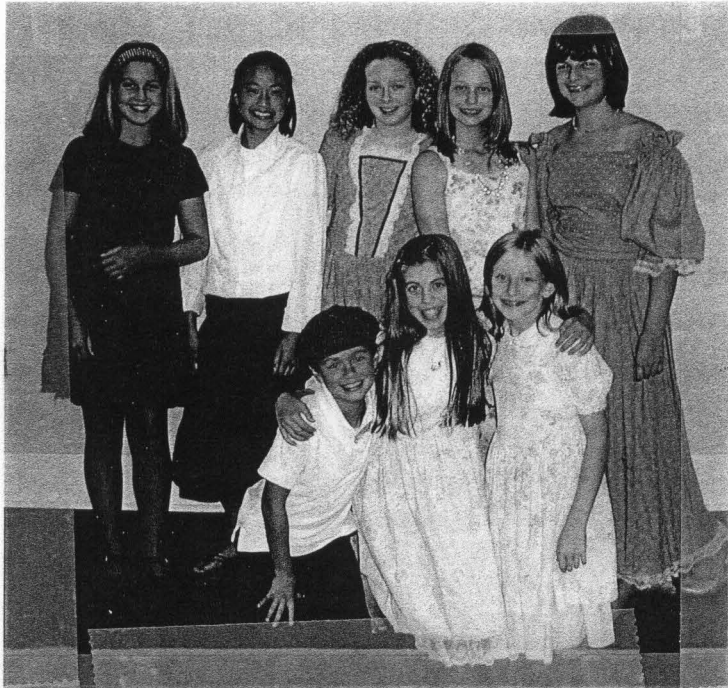
DECEMBER: KHS's Annual Christmas Cookie Exchange at a historical site. Date, time, and place to be announced shortly by post card!

PHOTOGRAPHS - AUGUST MEETING Heritage Park Dedication and Social



Dedication – First Phase of Heritage Park
Photograph by Dale Hawkinson

Over 80 people attended the Social after the Dedication as you can see in the "standing room only" photo by Dale Hawkinson. Fortunately, we had wonderful servers (who want to do it again next year) from Peter Kirk Elementary and most now in Junior High in the LWSD.



**SEPTEMBER MEETING
GREAT DISPLAY OF ANTIQUE KITCHEN
ITEMS!**

Thanks to everyone who brought items to share with the group! Some pretty amazing items as are shown in the following photographs! **Julie Devine** won the door prize drawing! Photographs to the right from top to bottom are: **Sue Carter, Michael Radcliff** and **Cathy Smith**.



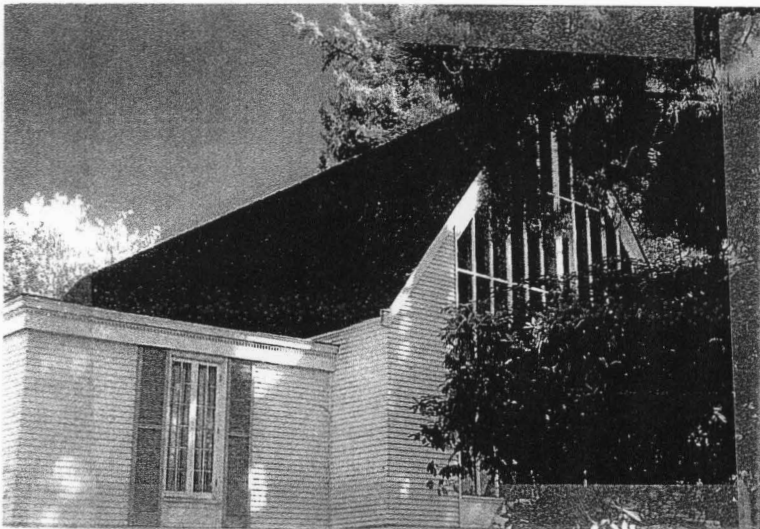
GREEN FUNERAL HOME CHAPEL MOVED BACK TO ORIGINAL SITE

Information Provided by Sue Werner
Northlake Unitarian Church, Kirkland

On October 12th, the Chapel at the Green Funeral home was moved back across the street to its original site. The chapel was built in 1938 by members of the St. Paul's Lutheran Church at a cost of about \$2,500. See Photos: Cover and Back Page.

Historical timeline of the Chapel

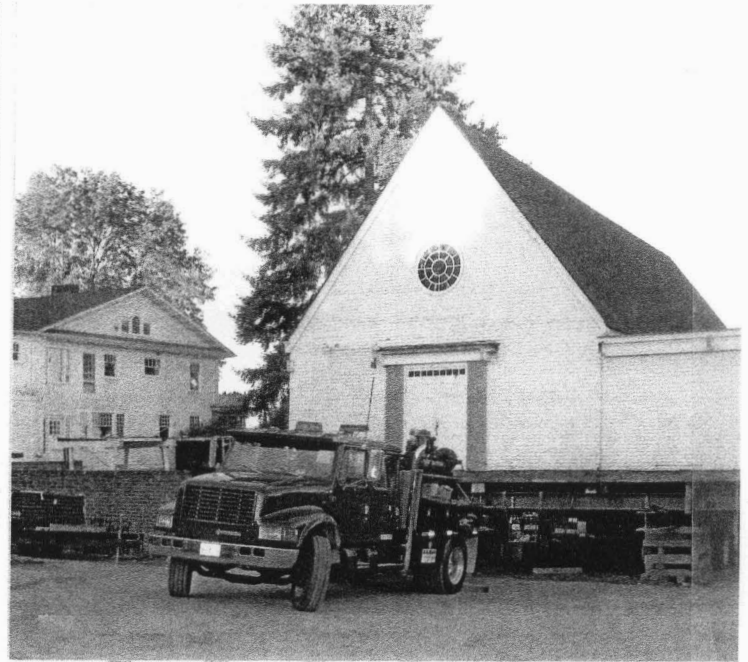
- 1933 – Lutherans build small one room church.
- 1936 – Green Family buys Nettleton Property
- 1938 – St Paul's Lutheran Church builds Chapel
- 1948 – Basement placed under Chapel
- 1954 – Chapel Interior remodeled,; Loft is added
- 1963 – Greens purchase and move Chapel
- 1963 – Lutherans build new larger sanctuary
- 1995 – Unitarian Church buys Lutheran property
- 1996 – Greens sell their property to SCI Corp.
- 2005 – CamWest, developer with had bought the property from SCI offers Chapel to Unitarians
- 2006 – Chapel is moved back home



Window Wall added by Greens in 1963

For the move, **Sue Werner** prepared a brochure with many photographs and copies of newspaper articles. They have been in contact with members of the Lutheran Church who are trying to identify students in the Sunday School picture.

Thanks to **CamWest** for offering the building and to the perseverance of the Unitarian Church's Building Committee who worked to save it.



Chapel Ready to be Moved –
Nettleton Mansion (Green) in Background
Photograph: Dale Hawkinson

KHS provided one historic photograph and a map showing the building and worked with **Julie Koler** staff, King County Landmarks Commission to establish the potential for landmark status for the Chapel. Thanks to **Sue Werner** for her research! They plan to show the history of the chapel in the building!

ORVAL "DEEP" HIGGINBOTHAM, 1903-1994

Orval "Deep" Higginbotham was interviewed by Shelley Lester in 1993. Shelley wrote a short summary of this interview. In part Shelley wrote: Mr. Higginbotham and family came to Seattle in 1903 and moved to Juanita in 1919. He remembered Lake Washington before it was lowered in 1916 and Juanita Beach before it was developed. During his teen years Mr. Higginbotham worked at the local woolen mill doing every job except dyeing. The woolen mill ran three shifts and required skilled laborers. Later Deep drove a truck for a Kirkland feed company. There were a lot of adventures getting the feed to the remote farms in Redmond during the winter. It was very physical work. During the depression, he also worked for Miller Freeman doing gardening work.

Though Mr. Higginbotham had many jobs during his life, his real vocation was semi-pro baseball. He played "every sport but golf" but loved baseball. The Kirkland team was called the K-9s. He played baseball from his late teens until well past 50. He gave credit to baseball for his long and healthy life.



Kirkland News Advertiser, June 12, 1947

Shirley Lester then states that this 1 hour 45 minute interview is a real treasure and more so as Mr. Higginbotham died shortly after. Dale and I have listened to this tape as well. It is chocked full of colorful local history. Deep and his father were hired by the Forbes' to build the raft and diving board seen in old Juanita Beach photos. Bet most of us did not know this bit of trivia.



Orval Higginbotham, c1960's

THANK YOU TO:

Frank Rosin for the sealed reel to reel tape to archive oral histories.

Dixie Brown Winn for the family papers from the **Chase** and **Hartig** families. We received 2 1943 receipts from the **Clark Funeral Home** (formerly **Sessions Mortuary**) and **Dr. George Davis** at the **Kirkland Hospital** and a 1943 **First National Bank of Kirkland** savings bank book. **Vic Newhard** received these from **Dixie**.

For everyone who helped name the young girls in the c1947 **Kirkland Cannery** photo in the August 2006 Blackberry Preserves. We have 16 of the 22 girls named so far. And we now have an accurate date.

Virginia Blodgett for donating items from her husband, **Bill Blodgett**, Kirkland class of 1943. We received Bill's **Kirkland High School** basketball pin and his senior memory day autograph booklet. We also received a 1948 Seattle Times Rotogravure issue that featured Kirkland.

Martha Millar for loaning KHS the 1914 and 1942 Lake Washington Telephone books. They are now available for viewing on our website. The directories cover Redmond so hopefully this will enrich Redmond's history as well. A second visit with **Martha Millar** gave KHS movies of the 1937 and 1938 Kid's Parade. Martha is also sharing pictures from her father-in-law, **Clyde Millar**. An oral history of the Millar family will be scheduled as time permits.

Ed King for allowing KHS to photograph and scan an entire scrapbook filled with original photos, clippings, and programs. Wonderful **Pig Race** photos are now part of the KHS collection. The scrapbook has been returned to the King family.

Jackie Weddington of Houghton for the **Town of Houghton** sign prohibiting the use of dynamite or any explosives in the Town Limits. This sign had been stapled to their garage wall for many years and was generously donated.

NEW PHASE OF KHS DEVELOPMENT

Bob Burke

As part of the Board and Committee Chairs work on updating the 5 year plan for KHS, we have identified the placement of collections into a database to assure proper management but also to allow increased access for the public to utilize our expanding information for research. As we researched the options, the use of a software package called PastPerfect emerged as the most affordable and comprehensive program for an organization our size.

This program is used by the Eastside Heritage Center as well as other historical organizations on the Eastside. Last month **David Cantrill, Dale & Loita Hawkinson** and **Bob Burke** met with staff and volunteers from EHC to review the program. It was very helpful. At the last Board/Committee meeting the Board authorized KHS to join the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) which has developed this program to sell it to its members and to purchase the software and a new computer adequate to accommodate it.

The program has four primary fields to cover: objects, archives, photographs and library items. In addition there are fields for oral histories and membership. Through our membership in AASLH we will receive support services.

We are also exploring the possibility of purchasing the microfilm of the East Side Journal newspapers from 1918 to 1976 and having that information digitized so it is accessible on the computer. This will increase its accessibility and reduce use of the fragile bound volumes in the archives.

This is really exciting for KHS. The emphasis of the last 5 year program was to obtain a permanent home in a historic building centrally located in Kirkland. Obviously, Heritage Hall more than exceeds our expectations! So here we go again!

MEMBERSHIP

Dues notices for the 2007 Membership year will be sent out in December. If you have not paid for this year, please do so now! Membership questions? Contact **Lynette Friberg Weber**, (425) 890-9058.

STATUS OF KHS SPACE

It has taken a long time to get everything squared away but we're able now to get our space back in operation. We have submitted a final settlement agreement to Barker, landscape architects for Heritage Park, for the December 2005 water damage to the floor and they have agreed to jpay all remaining costs. The City Parks Department has agreed to help us financially and with some physical help on the second incident that occurred in May.

Lee Beard and **Galen Page**, Architects, volunteered their time to inspect the roof and the drainage and made some recommendations for additional roof drains, plus flashing repair and other suggestions for longer term protection of the building. We will be working with the City to get some of that work done this year. Replacement flooring has been ordered! Look for future Work Parties to complete the work! Thanks!

Corrections. Martha Burr Millar and the Collins family have thankfully corrected errors in the article in the July/August 2006 issue of Blackberry Preserves. It was stated that Gladys Simmons' sister had married R.H. Collins' son Jim. This should read that she married R.H. Collins' son Samuel. Sam named one of his sons R.H. Collins which makes it a bit tricky when non family members try to record history. David Burr did buy the shares of telephone stock from Jim Collins, brother of Sam. That makes even more connections with the original Foundering Fathers. Also Martha's cousin is younger than the 95 stated in the same article. I think I will not attempt to give ages in the future. We thank the families for correcting these errors. Once printed errors can take on a life of their own if not corrected. So please families and members, do not be shy about speaking up when you find an error. **Loita Hawkinson**

UPDATE ON GILBERT STATUE

The Kirkland Park Board considered the donation of the Gilbert statue and agreed to accept it and to find a suitable location near the dock in Marina Park at the end of Kirkland Avenue. .

KIRKLAND HERITAGE SOCIETY'S WEBSITE

The KHS website has several additions that will interest many long time residents of Kirkland. We now have 3 Lake Washington Telephone phone books to view. The East Side Journal index that **Alan Stein** spent months on is a rich source for names and dates. To view the actual article you must still visit the Bellevue Library to view the microfilm. But the index itself is still very useful for dates and events.

A detailed article on how to search census records is on the KHS website. It is called Making Sense of the Census. Remember, all it takes is a Kirkland library card to view all the census records from your home computer. Visit: www.kcls.org. Click on Databases, then click on Genealogy, and then click on Heritage Quest. At this time you will need your library card number to continue.

The website is frequently updated with new photos from events and meetings. More research data and links will be added as they become available. Please visit: www.kirklandheritage.org

NEW COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

A new Communications Committee was formed last month for KHS. **Sue Carter** has agreed to be the Chair Person and has recruited two members as volunteers: **Marjorie Denton** and **Bev Hoerlein**.

You all will be receiving monthly calls from them as gentle reminders of our meetings and programs; if you do not wish to be contacted, please let them know at the time of the calls and they will put you on a "do not call list".

Do not hesitate to give your ideas and feedback on programs, etc. to our new Communications Committee members. Sue does participate in the monthly board meetings and will be your advocate. Welcome aboard Sue, Marjorie & Bev!

Barbara Loomis has volunteered to do the layout and publish *Blackberry Preserves* again. The Board agreed that KHS needed new software that would allow BP to be done without the current "cut and paste" method and to take advantage of the color printer donated earlier this year.

Fortunately, **Dale Hawkinson** who takes care of our computers and the website found an organization that offers special deals on software to non-profit organizations. Between Dale and Barbara KHS was qualified and obtained the programs we needed at a fraction of the normal retail price.

Thanks to everyone who helps keep KHS functioning and expanding the services we provide. Interested in volunteering to help in the office at Heritage Hall contact Bob Burke – 425 828-4095.

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ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - 1939
Assessor's Photograph from State Archives

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OCTOBER 25- 7:00 PM

HALLOWEEN BOOK NIGHT WITH BETH PARKER, PROFESSIONAL BOOK BUYER

Visit KHS online at: www.kirklandheritage.org

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