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KIRKLAND HERITAGE SOCIETY



Otto Smith is pitching to **Rob Avery** on opening day in 1951. Rob was on the panel April 28th. Otto Smith was a Kang Coach. The stands were a **WPA** project and built on the old **Bonnell Nursery** property. **Lee Johnson** proposed to **Ginny Van Gortol** in these stands. The park was called the **Peter Kirk Park** because it was the original site for the Kirkland Steel Mill back in 1888. Today it is **Lee Johnson Field**.

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Vic Newhard, Vice- President

The annual elections are upon us and the leadership of the Kirkland Heritage Society will be decided once again. I am hoping we have a full house at Heritage Hall for the elections and the good program. Last month's program about Kirkland's Little League history was a real hit. In the next couple of weeks, after the election, the Board of Directors will set a date, time, and place, for a special meeting called a retreat. It is open to all members and is important as it sets our organization on track for the coming years. The By-Laws and five year plan will be discussed and changes made as needed. Any changes made in the By-Laws will be approved by the membership at a later meeting.

Take the time to revisit places you have not seen in awhile. A few days ago I had the opportunity to be a passenger for a ride through neighborhoods and downtown Seattle I have not "seen" for a long, long time. I have driven through these places, however, as a driver you miss most of the trip. There were so many memories, of growing up there, that came flooding back, it was almost overwhelming. As a passenger you no longer have to concentrate on traffic. Of course, there were many changes, but this doesn't matter. It was the memories that were important. I hope everyone gets the opportunity to be the passenger and leave the driving to someone else for awhile.

We need to close out the front walkway this year. There are a limited number of pavers for those who would like to leave a memory for years to come. The only rule is the verbiage has to pass the censor. See you soon.



Currently Kirkland is starting a history series featuring correspondent **Linda Narz** and filmed by photographer **Mike Connor**. **Arnie Berkey** was the first to be interviewed. Arnie shared his memories of the original **Volunteer Fire Department**. Arnie's father, **Floyd Berkey** had been Chief. This will be a 3-minute segment, chocked full of history. Please phone in any ideas for future topics.

Currently Kirkland can be viewed online or on Cable TV..

Loita and Dale Hawkinson Winners

2010 Willard Jue Memorial Award
Association of King County Historical
Organizations
By Bob Burke

CONGRATULATIONS! to Dale and Loita Hawkinson for being awarded the 2010 Willard Jue Memorial Award given to recognize "individuals who have made outstanding contributions, provided exceptional leadership, and demonstrated excellence in duration quality, or spirit of service." This award is given annually by the Association of King County Historical Organizations. It is well deserved for the contribution Dale and Loita have made to KHS!

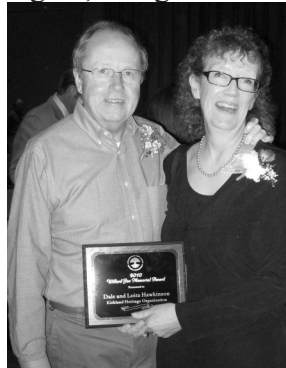
Noted in the Nomination were their continuing volunteer efforts for the Kirkland Heritage Society and specific activities such as:

- Oral History Program;
- PastPerfect Database for Collections;
- Archives and Collection Management;
- Maintaining KHS Website;
- Monthly Programs and Special Events;
- Research and Information Assistance;
- Public Exhibits and Information;
- Blackberry Preserves Newsletter;
- Keeping KHS Office Open; and,
- Liaison with Organizations on Kirkland History.

The following paragraph in the Nomination summarized their Nomination:

"Dale and Loita Hawkinson are a unique couple. When you look at all they volunteer to do you might assume they are retired – that is not the case – both work! Their love of history and Kirkland makes them go way beyond the normal bounds of being a volunteer much to the benefit of the activities of the Kirkland Heritage Society. We trust that the information provided demonstrates that they meet the criteria for the Willard Jue Memorial Award."

Again, Congratulations! Dale and Loita!



We are honored to be recognized for doing what brings us so much pleasure.
Dale and Loita

Photo by
Lynette Weber

KHS Monthly Meeting

7:00 p.m. Heritage Hall

May 26, 2010
John Cort

New York City claims **John Cort** as their own. But most of his history is in the NW. John Cort called Houghton home for over 20 years. His home was where the **Collins Elementary School** later stood.

June 30, 2010
Photo night.

Come help name photos from the City/Morgan collection. We will also show photos on the big screen to see if some of the partially named photos can be identified. This is a popular evening.



Clarence Stone announced the passing of his childhood friend, **Bob Havlik**, at the March meeting.

MARCH & APRIL ATTENDEES

Mark Amick, Rob Avery**, Nancy Landguth Bock, Bob Burke, Sue Carter, Stu Clarke, Dorothy Daily, Joanne Forbes Deligan, Marjorie J. Denton, Sandy & Dick Ekins, Betty Fields, Thomas E. Hansen*, JoAnn Harris, Odd Hauge, Yvonne Hayward, Dale & Loita Hawkinson, Corrine Hieb, Linda & Wayne Jatton, Jean Jayne, Brett Johnson**, Marilyn Johnson, Len Larson*, Steve ** & Zetta Leverett, Anita Maxwell, Russ McClintick, MG Melton, Larry Miller, Helen Bengston Nash, Vic Newhard, Betty & Dave Roberts, Frank Rosin, Janeen Ryseff, Carl & Cathy Sander*, Mike Sarver**, Robert Sarver**, Dee Miller Saunders, Pat & Dick Shinstrom, Merrilee Stewart**, Cathy & Michael Radcliff, Vern & Alice Stoops, Clarence & Sandy Stone, Inge Theisen, Carol Trapp, Lynette Weber, Jim Vaux*, Armene Wegener, Joanne Wright*

**guest speakers - family & friends of Lee Johnson
* guests & first timers
Many thanks to **Nancy Landguth Bock** for bringing her homebaked banana cake!



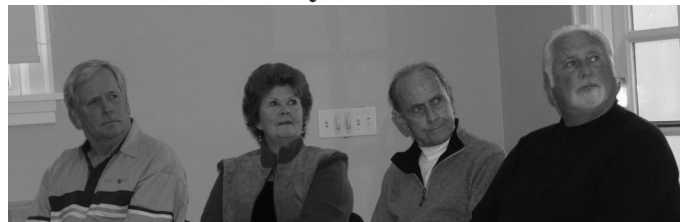
Residents of Life Care Center in Kirkland got a history lesson on the Moss Bay Steel Works. Here we have show of hands from those born in Kirkland.



Anita with her boss, Brett Johnson.

Wayne Jatton's sportsmanship was frequently mentioned.

Wayne's hat has:
**Kirkland Little League
1951 - 2001
50th Anniversary**



The panel of Little League memories:
Ron Avery, Marilee Johnson Stewart, Bob Sarver, Rob Sarver



Dick Shinstrom

Sixty years of Kiwanis and still going strong

A young Kirkland voice from 80 years ago



William Green

Miss **Billy Green**, one of the 1930 graduates of Kirkland High School, gave in her part of the Commencement Program, a sketch of the Industrial growth of Kirkland and called it "**Our Industrial Dynamo.**" The class of 1930 dedicated their year-book to Industry and carried out this theme throughout the book. A part of Miss Green's history follows:

The growth of Kirkland has been slow, with many setbacks, but it is gradually gaining a foothold. Since 1891 the time that Peter Kirk, an Englishman with ideas in his head, came to the town that has been named for him until the present day, the town has been gradually growing until at the present time, it is a city to be proud of.

In tracing back over the early history of the town, we find that it was founded by Peter Kirk and the Jackson family from Port Gamble. They came here with their families and started a steel works, Kirkland's first Industry, located near the Railroad tracks. The starting of an industry in this unbroken wilderness necessitated the building of some homes and a few buildings to be used as the so-called downtown section of the new settlement. These men decided to be loyal to their own products and so needing materials for their home building, they patronized a local brick yard owned by Mr. Parish. This was built near a pond, which is at the present time the site of Bonnell's Nursery. (*Now Lee Johnson Field*).

The steel plant was constructed on the site that the **Rose Hill Grade School** playgrounds now occupy. Then these men built the Jackson Hotel (*later known as the Leland*) and the three other buildings on the respective comers of what is now Market and Seventh Streets, better known as Piccadilly. At that time Market and Piccadilly were planked streets and the main and only streets in town. The steel company failed but Peter Kirk as the president of the company organized a land company and constructed four brick houses that still stand.

Another one of the original industries was a sawmill, constructed and operated by Mr. Jackson. The piles from this old mill still stand near the woolen mill. The original Woolen Mill was built in the early nineties. It was operated intermittently from then until recently, when the building burned and was replaced by the present mill. In the early 1900s, Mr. Kyler and Mr. Andrews built a shingle mill down on the beach, which burned. The cannery, one of Kirkland's leading industries, is of more recent origin. It was built by Henry Fisher, and after it burned, was replaced by him and is owned and operated at the present time by Mr. Hershey. Hewitt and Lee Lumber Company who later sold out to the Columbia Valley Lumber Company first carried on Kirkland's lumber industry. J. L. Anderson, a pioneer ship-builder of the Pacific Coast, operates the Shipyards, a leading industry at the present time and a prominent wartime industry. And so, tracing the progress of the industry of the town, we can see that from the original steel works, the fore-sighted idea of Peter Kirk, up to the present industrial status, there has been a gradual dynamic development, which is due to go on and on.

And so, with the hopes that this progress will go on, we, the class of 1930, dedicate our efforts to these businessmen of Kirkland who have been the power behind the industrial dynamo. Billy Green

Editors note: This history, published in the **East Side Journal**, was only part of Billy Green's commencement speech. How we wish we had the rest. The **Jackson** family lived on Market Street for 35 years but they are historically forgotten. The Jackson's were lumber barons and it is only natural that they would have the first sawmill. **Mr. Parish** had the brickworks. The **Kyler's and Andrew's** are early pioneers but who else knew they had the shingle mill just north of the **Seattle Woolen Mill**? And just where was this cannery? **Daniel Jackson** was the grandfather of **Daniel Jackson Evans**. **Would Senator Dan Evans please call KHS???** **We need photos of your grandfather and family!!!**

Editorial
by Loita Hawkinson

Progress is like a river. And like a raging river, raging progress can overflow its banks, taking everything familiar and cherished with it. The disregard for the Veterans Memorial at Lake Washington High School is a good example of raging progress. The Memorial is taking up valuable parking places and was scheduled for demolition.

The history of Memorial Field and the Veterans Memorial with flagpole and bronze plaques dates back to 1946 when the new school was being designed. The Veterans Memorial Field was established with all of Kirkland working towards funding for a sports field. Lake Washington School District was providing the space and citizens and businesses were providing the funds for the stadium and memorial. The 1947-48 KHS construction class built two homes that were sold with all proceeds going to the memorial fund. Building materials for the homes had been donated by local businesses, the work was a class project and the realtors waived all listing fees and commissions.

Memorial Stadium is now Mac Field. The Veterans Memorial was headed for the landfill. The Artifacts Committee at LWHS voted unanimously to save the memorial... somehow. But the committee was told it would have to be saved off the school grounds. Michael Cogle, City Parks Dept, was on the lookout for an appropriate spot. But really, the memorial needed to stay at the high school where the flag has recently been flying at half-staff in honor of another young local soldier that had died in Iraq.

In frustration, I sent an email to everyone I had in my address book who might be concerned. That started the email tree with those recipients emailing and phoning their concerns. Mr. Forrest Miller, Director of Support Services for LWSD, agreed that the memorial should be saved at the new high school. The project architect has been instructed to design an area for the memorial.

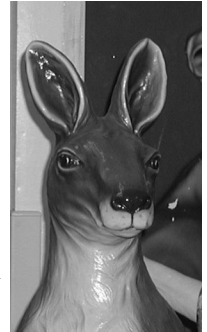


Half-staff

It may not be the best, but it is close. Ideally the memorial should remain where it is but realistically, most people never noticed it out in the parking area. Now the memorial will be in the central courtyard and in a place of prominence. We must thank the LWSD Artifacts Committee, Michael Cogle, Mr. Miller and Superintendent Chip Kimball. It was Dr. Kimball who will find the funds to move the memorial.

A special thanks to all of you who acted as sandbags to keep this river of progress in its banks.

And for those who have not heard, the Kang's mosaic seal will be moved to a wall. Lizzie the Kangaroo is safe. The new school does not have lockers... nor many trophy cases. It will be up to the **Golden Grads** and others to raise funds for new trophy cases. KHS will archive any photos that come our way but there is little room for objects. There is a lot of passion for the old school and its memories. **You Kangs will make it happen.**



2010 BOARD NOMINATIONS

By Bob Burke

Vice President Vic Newhard has appointed Cathy Smith and Sandy Ekins to the Nominating Committee which is chaired by the Past President. Members will receive a mailing prior to the election on May-26th with qualifications/position statements by each nominee. Positions that will be up for election this year are:

- President: One year term to 2011:
Loita Hawkinson
- Vice President: Two Year Term to 2012:
Vic Newhard
- Secretary: One Year term to 2011;
Sandy Ekins
- Treasurer: Two Year Term to 2012:
Stu Clarke
- At - Large: Two year term to 2012:
Sue Carter

Barbara Loomis, At-Large, is continuing on the Board and her term ends in 2011. Bob Burke, Past President, also continues with a term ending in 2011.



Some Old Fashioned Fun

Watch a live taping of a double episode of **Imagination Theatre** at the **Kirkland Performance Center** at 7:30 p.m. on June 14, 2010. This is radio drama with Kirkland's own **Frank Rosin`** providing sound effects. Cost per seat is \$10.00



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Kirkland Heritage Resource Center is open Wednesdays from 2 to 5. Volunteers are still needed with modest computer skills and a love for Kirkland

THANK YOU TO:

Bev Hoerlein for the years she spent on the Call Committee. Bev is one of the original members of the Kirkland Historic Commission. We hope she will continue to find time to keep involved in KHS.

Marilyn Timmerman Johnson for volunteering for the Call Committee. This committee is an important link to KHS members. It not only reminds members of the meetings, but through the old fashioned personal touch, we often learn of news...mostly good. Sometimes sad. But always important.

Woodinville Historical Society for sending KHS copies of their Life in Woodinville series. These DVDs are shelved with the Regional History at the Resource Center. Hopefully Kirkland Heritage Society will one day put some of our taped interviews on DVD. Would be a great project for anyone who has the know-how and time.

Dick Shinstrom for his March program on the Kiwanis in Kirkland. A 60+ year member, Dick has the history. Dick also loaned Kiwanis photos to be scanned and copied.

Jim Vaux for donating his father's copy of the Kirkland Steel Mill thesis by William R. Sherrard which was written in 1958. Much of Kirkland's history is preserved in this thesis. Also donated were various brochures from Kirkland.

Laura Westlund has donated dozens of aerial views taken by her during a flight over Kirkland in the 1970's and 1980's. Love it or hate it, Kirkland has seen many changes.

Anita Maxwell for her zest in getting interesting programs. If you have ideas for next year, please let Anita know.

Warren Fessenden, Patty Rae Bernhardt, and Bruce Patty, grandchildren of **Lutie Clark Patty and Ollis W. Patty**, for filling in the history of the Obed Patty family. KHS now has photos from four generations of this family. The **Clark's** were here before Peter Kirk so finding photos and history is thrilling. Obed, a Civil War veteran is buried in our Kirkland Cemetery.

Kirkland Police Sgt Bryan McNaghten for his sharing of the history he has collected on the Obed Patty and the John Patty families. The Patty brothers served in the Civil War and then made their way West. John's son was Kirkland's first marshal and Obed's son was the town treasurer for 40 years. John's grandson is on the Seattle Police Wall of Honor for being killed in the line of duty in 1916. Kirkland has six Civil War veterans among our pioneers. They marched in the Kirkland parades. Keep your fingers crossed that someone took photos. The newspaper burned in 1916 so that history is lost to us.

Carol Trapp for the donation of baseball photos and **Collins School** class photos.

Lynette Weber for reading the history section of the *Seattle Times*. She noticed that one of the officers killed in Seattle's first multiple police homicide was buried in the Kirkland Cemetery. That led to the Patty connection. We pick at these threads until they unravel the past.

Carolyn Stamp Laskowski. Young **Lucy Tuttle** was living with her family on the eastside of Lake Washington when the French family settled here. Lucy lived many years with the French's and was a founding member of the Congregational Church. She married **Edwin Stamp** and they are buried at the Kirkland Cemetery. Lucy was half Native American so her history is of regional interest. But Lucy's history has been elusive. Last year Lucy's daughter-in-law was buried in Kirkland. Lucy's granddaughter printed a phone number in the obituary hoping family would reply. After one phone call, KHS has a collection of photos of this very earliest pioneering and indigenous family. Thanks so much to **Carolyn Stamp Laskowski** who drove over from Port Orchard to share her family's history.

Brett Johnson, son of Lee and grandson of Leroy, for the wonderful April program about the early history of Little League in Kirkland. Brett's Power-Point and the panel of "Kirkland kids" were flawless.

Marilee, Brett's aunt, was also on the panel and gave a real insight of how much Kirkland supported the youth. It was a family affair. Thanks too to: to **Rob Avery, Steve Leverett, Mike Sarver and Bob Sarver** for sitting on the panel.

Sally Bechtel for the donation of a large rolling pin and Calumet Baking Powder tin from Lake Washington High School. Both are from the 1960's when schools actually had a hot lunch program that was prepared on site. They are both in the "kitchen theme" display case.

Nancy Landguth Bock, once again, for that wonderful cake she brought to the last meeting.



**Arnold Berkey
and
Linda Narz**

Floyd Berkey's uniform hat is in the display case behind them.



Wanted: Membership Chair

The membership person records dues, makes labels and writes thank you notes for donations. Must know Excel. This was Sally Jo Bechtel's position that still needs to be filled.

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This is one of the two homes built by the General Construction Class, Kirkland High School. One was in the Norkirk neighborhood. This 1947 home was on Los Angeles...now 20th Avenue West. Pictured are: Gordon Weiss, student; Lloyd Still, Instructor; Ralph Lamper, student. Proceeds from the sale of the two homes went to the Veterans War Memorial at the then new Lake Washington High School. Fundraising for the new Veterans Stadium and War Memorial was a community event. Veterans Stadium is now Mac Field.

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