

PSMHS
NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2008

PUGET SOUND MARITIME HISTORICAL SOCIETY

P.O. Box 9731

SEATTLE WA 98109-0731

FEBRUARY DINNER PROGRAM:

*SAIL ON PUGET SOUND**FROM THE 1850S TO 1910*

DON'T FORGET TO MAKE YOUR

DINNER RESERVATIONS EARLY!

 **Holland America Line**
A Signature of Excellence

A PROUD SPONSOR AND SUPPORTER OF PSMHS

NON-PROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
SEATTLE WA
PERMIT NO. 349DATED MATERIAL
PLEASE DELIVER
PROMPTLY

F E B R U A R Y

PSMHS
NEWSLETTER

PUGET SOUND MARITIME HISTORICAL SOCIETY • FEBRUARY 2008

DINNER MEETING:

WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 6, 2008

SWEDISH CULTURAL CENTER
1920 DEXTER AVENUE NORTH

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

MENU: ROSEMARY GARLIC TALAPIA

USE FORM ON PAGE 3

TO MAIL IN YOUR
RESERVATION TODAY!

BAR OPENS AT 6 PM,

DINNER AT 7 PM

PROGRAM:

SAIL ON PUGET SOUND
FROM THE 1850S TO 1910

VETERAN PSMHS MEMBER

MICHAEL JAY MJELDE WILL

PRESENT A PICTORIAL OVERVIEW

OF HISTORIC COMMERCIAL AND

MILITARY SAILING CRAFT

AND THEIR VARIOUS PORTS

IN OUR REGION.

YOUR RESERVATION FORM

MUST BE RECEIVED

NOT LATER THAN NOON ONMONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2008

OR CALL PAT HARTLE

AT 206-938-2397 FOR

MORE INFORMATION

AND RESERVATIONS ONLY

PSMHS Classified Ads**SHIP MODEL RESTORATION.** Cleaning, repairs, re-rigging, and/or reconstruction of ship models in any condition or size. Thirty-five years experience in restoration, appraisals, and conservation. For a museum quality restoration contact Gary White, The Ship Model Dockyard, 253-952-4612 or garyw39@aol.com **3/08****FOR SALE.** Radio controlled steam-powered freighter by Saito of Japan. 35 inches long by 8½ inches wide. Has a 4-cylinder steam engine complete with boiler and burner. Comes with radio installed. Runs great. Asking \$2,500. Any questions call 360-691-4461 on Tuesday-Saturday from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. **3/08****BOOKS BOUGHT AND SOLD.** Marine, maritime, nautical, naval books and ephemera bought, sold and appraised. Mention PSMHS for a 10% discount. SeaOceanBooks.com at 3534 Stone Way North, Seattle. 206-675-9020. **12/08****TO SUBMIT AN AD.** Make a \$3.00 per month donation to PSMHS and send to PSMHS Newsletter Editor, P.O. Box 9731, Seattle WA 98109-0731.

[Hal Will, continued from front page]

and December 2001 and March 2002 issues of *The Sea Chest*.) Hal put in 40 years at Fluke Manufacturing Co., during which time he and his wife Shirley owned three boats. They cruised about 600 miles a year—plus building and operating their steam launch CHARLIE.In 1963 Hal joined PSMHS. The Society started to publish its quarterly journal in September 1967, and the first issue of *The Sea Chest* was edited by **Bill Thorniley**. The second issue of December 1967 was edited by Hal, who carried on as the editor for the next ten years. He then stepped down to become president of the Society for two terms in 1977 and 1978. In June 2001 Hal started again to serve as a member of the Editorial Board of *The Sea Chest*, and for the last five years the meetings were held at Hal and **Shirley Will**'s home, with its panoramic view of Puget Sound and the entrance to Shilshole Bay.The 2003 issue of *Northwesting* magazine tells the story of Hal and Shirley Will and their determination to live an active life in spite of the polio that put Hal in a wheel chair shortly before their marriage in 1950. I certainly have admired them for the cheerful way in which they could accept the various health problems and adversity that came their way through the years. When I commented about this once, Hal replied with a wink, "Well, what else can you do?" ☛**FEBRUARY DINNER PROGRAM:
SAIL ON PUGET SOUND FROM
THE 1850S TO 1910**

February's dinner program is being presented by Michael Jay Mjelde on sail on Puget Sound beginning in the 1850s and covering the period up to about 1910 when a decided downturn occurred in sail due to a economic downturn.

He will be presenting an pictorial overview of various types of commercial and military sailing craft on the history of our region, not only as haulers of various types of cargo, such as lumber, coal, grain, etc., but also covering their construction. This will involve shipping by sail at various ports like Seattle, Tacoma, Port Blakely, Port Madison, Seabeck and their entry and departure at Port Townsend, the official Port of Entry for Puget Sound during this period.

Mike Mjelde first became a member of PSMHS in 1957 and through the years has been a frequent contributor to *The Sea Chest*. In fact, one of his articles appeared in the first issue. He is currently on *The Sea Chest* editorial board and he served as editorial chairman for ten years. He also was one of the volunteer group who produced the society's book *Maritime Seattle*. He is the author of two books, *Glory of the Seas* and *Clipper Ship Captain*, both jointly published by the Friends of the San Francisco Maritime Museum Library and Mystic Seaport Museum. ☛**In Memory of Hal Will***By Ron Burke, Editor, The Sea Chest.* With great regret, we record the passing on December 21, 2007, of our friend and colleague **Hal Will**, who will surely be missed. Hal and his teenage friend **Clyde Holcomb** took jobs on Puget Sound tugs during their summer vacations from high school. Later, when the boys entered the Army at the close of WW II, they both were assigned to Army tug duty in the Philippine Islands. (The three-part story of Hal's Army tug adventures were featured in the September

[continued on back page]

PSMHS online: www.pugetmaritime.org



2007 FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN RAISES OVER \$17,500

Membership in the Puget Sound Maritime Historical Society is open to anyone interested in maritime history. Membership is solicited and inquires should be addressed to: PSMHS, P.O. Box 9731, Seattle WA 98109-0731. Monthly meetings are held September through June on the first Wednesday of each month. Meeting place and programs are announced to members by mail. The PSMHS Newsletter is published monthly, September through June, and is free to members.

PUGET SOUND

MARITIME HISTORICAL SOCIETY

206-624-3028

PRESIDENT: CHUCK FOWLER

360-705-3060 OR

NWNX@COMCAST.NET

1ST VICE PRESIDENT:

ROGER OTTENBACH

2ND VICE PRESIDENT:

LEON GESSULA

TREASURER:

DAN WITHERS

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY:

KARL HOUSE

RECORDING SECRETARY:

ERIC LINDGREN

BOARD OF GOVERNORS:

JOHN MILLS

JERRY MATTOX

GARY SYVERSON

JACKIE SCHWARTZ

JOHNNIE RIDGWAY

TOM KANE

PAST PRESIDENT:

GEORGE OSBORN

NEWSLETTER EDITOR:

LARRY HENDERSON

MARCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

FEBRUARY 6, 2008

FAX: 206-324-2638

E-MAIL: MARINEART@AOL.COM

US MAIL: PSMHS

We thank all those who contributed to our recent fundraising campaign. The campaign for 2007 is a great success raising over \$17,500 as of December 31, 2007. The following participants made contributions and deserve our plaudits and thank you.

Thomas E. Allen

Ellen & Arnold Anderson

Jerry Bach

Leonard & Janis Barrett

Robert Barry

Margaret Binnendyk

Brad Best

Richard Beuthel

M/M Norman Blanchard

M/M Roy Bourlier

Geoffrey Braden

Nicholas Brower

M/M Skip Brown

Edward Caldwell

Jim Compton

Brantley P. Davis

Mickey Donan

Larry Engblom

Michael Foley

Chuck Fowler

Charles Garman

Charles Gilkey

M/M Mark Gilkey

Paul Grigsby

John r. Graham

Louis Gwerder

Robert P. Hart

Patricia Hartle

M/M Irving Haug

Peter Haug

Robert Hendrickson

George Hobson

Richard Iller

Theodore Johnson

R. D. Jones

Leo & Billie Jordan

Gilbert Joynt

M/M John E. Kelly

William Kooiman

Michael Krieger

Marilyn Kutz

Finn Lepsoe

Bill Lerch

Lindgren Foundation

M/M Charles Main

Gordon Mann

John McClelland, Jr.

Carl Meurk

M/M Larry Myhre

Clayton Nasat

George Osborn

Roger Ottenbach

Jeffrey Peace

Robert Redmayne

Johnnie Ridgeway

Don Roberts

Judie Romeo

Virginia Sandry

Peter & Elva Schmidt

H. B. Seifert

Keith Shaw

G. D. Shannon

Martha Shields

Ric Shrewsbury

Robert & Joy Shrewsbury

Vickie Stiles

Charles Stotts

James F. Taylor

Michael Termcov

Gordon Tweit

Richard Vanderpool

Marilyn Volwiler

David & Carol Walker

Andrew Warner

Western Towboat

Bruce Whittemoore

George Willock

Michael Wollaston

M/M Jack P. Wyatt

PSMHS Membership Application

Individual/Family Membership \$40
Associate (Libraries, Museum, Non-Profit) \$40
Sustaining Member \$50
Sponsor \$75
Patron \$100
Corporate Membership \$500
Benefactor \$500
Navigator \$1000
Work(ed) for a Matching Gift Company

Name(s)

Address

City State Zip

Telephone (H) (W)

E-mail

Sponsor (if any)

I/we would like to receive information about how I/we can remember the Puget Sound Maritime Historical Society in my/our estate planning or planned charitable giving program.

MAIL TO: Puget Sound Maritime Historical Society,
P.O. Box 9731, Seattle WA 98109-0731 (Include your check)

PSMHS Dinner Meeting Reservation

CLIP AND MAIL FOR DINNER MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2008

RESERVATION DEADLINE:

NOON ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2008

Name(s):

Telephone:

Total Number [at \$30 per person]:

Total Amount of Check:

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: PSMHS

MAIL TO:

PSMHS DINNER,

P.O. BOX 9731, SEATTLE, WA, 98109-0731

Call 206-938-2397 for changes, cancellations or questions.

Guests are always welcome. Please include payment.

Reserve Early and Notify of Cancellation. A member who makes a reservation and then does not attend a dinner or give notification of their cancellation in a timely manner (48 hours) will not be refunded their money for the dinner. The Society must pay for the number of meals we have reserved in advance, regardless of the number of meals actually served since the caterer orders several days in advance. Walk-ins cannot be guaranteed a meal.

PSMHS NOTES & MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Members Renew at Higher Membership Levels

We thank the following members who have renewed their annual membership dues at elevated levels during December 2007:

PATRON:

Capt. Eugene Stearns

Mark H. Goldberg

John A. Gose

M/M Ronald Burke

Barry Staymates

Larry L. Benson

Dr. Jacqueline Schwartz

Colin Hermans

M/M John E. Kelly

Mark Beaufait
Robert Collingwood

SPONSOR:

Gordon Tweit

SUSTAINING:

Arthur Hodgins

El Bostrom

Carl Mulvhill

Mrs. John R.

(Martha) Shields

John E. Peterson

Miles McCoy

Alan Hugnot

WELCOME NEW MEMBER:

Bob Rummel

YMTA Career Days To be Held On February 7

Once again Odyssey Maritime Discovery Center is hosting Career Days for over 800 high school students from the Puget Sound area. PSMHS is partnering in support of the project supervising attendance of safety briefings and monitoring on-dock viewing of marine work-boats.

Students will be introduced many career opportunities from boat construction to vessel management via maritime academy training.