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Membership News

We thank the following members who have recently renewed their membership at an upgraded level: EF “Skip” & Sharon Brown, Ronald & Constance Burke, Gordon Canney, George Corley, Richard Essell, John Goodfellow, Gil Joynt, John Kelly, Marilyn Kuts, Jerry Lawrence, James McCurdy, Scott Morris, Larry Myhre, and Ray Pardo.

We also thank and welcome aboard new member Mark Shorey.

APRIL DINNER PROGRAM

At Ivar's Salmon House: Port of Seattle At 100 Years Old

The Port of Seattle is 100 Years Old. Come join us as we recap and enjoy 100 years of the Port of Seattle. Seattle is a maritime city. Our waterfront is where it all started these many years ago. For the first 50 years things just began where ever they wanted and however the person with the money wanted it to be. Our waterfront became a conglomerate of train tracks, finger piers, trucks, horse wagons; whatever it took to get to the waterfront. Ships came into the docks and the congestion all around was creating log jams of vehicles going every which way.

Finally it became apparent that some entity had to be created to better organize things and get some order for efficiency. It was recognized that Seattle’s deep water port was a tremendous asset and should belong to the people. In September 1911 the Port of Seattle was created as the First Public Port in the State of Washington.

Today its scope is broad from container ships, fish boats to cruise ships all feeding the economy. The Port is guided by an Executive Director with a five member Port Commission overseeing all. We will have as our guest speaker the President of the Port Commissioners, Bill Bryant. Port commissioners are elected by the public for four-year terms with one elected from their group to serve as President. Bill was elected in 2007 and after one year was elected President and then re-elected in January 2010.

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We're Back At Ivar's This Month

We will be having our meeting at Ivar’s Salmon House at 401 NE Northlake Way, Seattle. We have fully handicapped access to our meeting room. There is plenty of parking on the north side of Northlake as Ivar’s has two parking lots split by 6th Avenue NE. There is also handicapped parking on both the east and west side of the restaurant.

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Rottler, Dave Shannon, Mark Shorey, James Taylor, Nigel Tugby, Robert Turner, Gordon Tweit, Ray Watne, Norman Werner, Mike and Margaret Wilcox, George Willcock, Ed & Ginny Wortman. We also thank those donors who have submitted the Boeing Matching grant applications.

Jack Carver Memorial
As you all read in our last newsletter, the founder of our PSMHS library passed away in January. His family so generously requested that memorials in his name be sent to our organization. We are so grateful that as of March 2 we have received $3,850 in donations in his name. He loved the library so much. We thank his wonderful wife for suggesting this.