Medal of Merit Nominations Sought
At its May 5, 2010, dinner meeting, the Society will honor an individual who has made major contributions to the preservation and promotion of the maritime history of Puget Sound or has rendered distinguished service to PSMHS. A single winner for 2010 will be selected by an anonymous selection committee. George Osborn and Jerry Matson are Co-Chairmen of the Committee, but do not take part in the selection process.

Nominations should state why the nominee should receive this prestigious award. All nominations will be kept confidential, known only to the judges and the Award Committee. Past recipients of the Honorary Life Member and Medal of Merit awards are not eligible. A list of those recipients will be found in the “awards” section of the new Society website at www.pugetmaritime.org.

Nominations can be e-mailed to George Osborn at georgeosborn@comcast.net or mailed to George Osborn, 3823 N. Frazee Ave., Tacoma, WA 98407. Nominations must be received by March 28, if e-mailed. If mailed postmarked no later than March 27.

Lifetime Achievement Award
Captain Ralph Stachli, Jr. received the 2009 PSMHS Medal of Merit Award. He was President of the Society in 1955 and 1956. On February 3, the Transportation Club of Seattle will honor Ralph with a Lifetime Achievement Award at their noon luncheon. It will be held at the Rainier Golf & Country Club. Ralph was President of the Transportation Club in 1960. Please let George Osborn know if you would like to attend the luncheon.

In October the Society will play an active role with its partner MOHAI in helping the national recognition. Prior to that assignment, she was Executive Director of the Anacondas Museum and the National Historic Landmark W.T. PRESTON from 1993 to 2000.
Sunday Afternoon At MOHAI [continued from front page]

Dr. McConahy has received the Governor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching History, the DAR National Heritage Medal for Oral History, the AKCHO Charles Payton Award, and the Annual History Award from the Pacific Northwest Historian’s Guild.

Our meeting will begin at 2:00 P.M. on Sunday, February 7th. We will be meeting in MOHAI’s McCurdy Room. The buffet will be served at 2:00 P.M. and will feature salad, clam chowder, our famous “tugboat stew,” breads, a dessert, coffee and tea. Our price per person is $16. The program will follow at 3:00 P.M.

Join us and come away with a fresh look at early Seattle and a understanding of our “Old Navy.”

Please use the coupon on Page Three to make your reservations. Last minute phone reservations are difficult to handle, so please make your reservations and pay early.

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Karen was President of the Washington Museum Association for four years and has been very active in key historical and museum organizations. In June 2009 she received the WMA Board Award recognizing her contributions to the museum community. She holds a Master’s degree in History Museum Studies from the State University of New York and a BA in American History from University of Puget Sound.

In joining PSMHS, Karen Marshall brings a wealth of operational experience to our society. Her knowledge is ideally suited to assist us at this critical time as we review our collections and prepare to be part of MOHAI’s move to South Lake Union.

A Word From Karen Marshall, Interim Executive Director

Hello Members! I am pleased to become part of the PSMHS family. My first few weeks were spent grant writing, meeting many of our dedicated volunteers, listening and learning. It is a joy to work at both Chander’s Cove and at MOHAI with such an enthusiastic and knowledgeable group who give so freely of their time and talents to support the educational and preservation mission of our organization. If you’ve thought about volunteering as your 2010 resolution, please give me a call to discuss some immediate and future opportunities. A significant part of my time is devoted to plan and implement processes in preparation for the move of the PSMHS collections from the current site at MOHAI in 2012. My project for the next month is to work on administrative and organizational matters such as updating policies, procedures and our agreement with MOHAI. In addition, I am always looking for funding opportunities. Speaking of funds...have you sent in your Annual Appeal donation yet? If not, perhaps this is a great time; start the new year off with a tax deduction! Do you have a suggestion for a possible funding source? Please give me a call; I would love to hear from you with suggestions, concerns or if you’d just like to say “hello.” Since I work Tuesday through Thursday, the best way to reach me is by e-mail at admin@pugetsoundmaritime.org or by phone at 206.324.1136 ext. 41; I do check for messages if I am unable to answer. Thank you for your support of the PSMHS!

$5,000 Grant Received

PSMHS was delighted to learn that we were granted $5,000 from the Kelly Foundation of Washington to assist in the preservation of our artifacts, ship plans and archival materials. The application for the grant was written and submitted by Interim Executive Director Karen Marshall.

As we prepare to move our collection as part of the relocation of MOHAI, we will need archival storage materials which will protect our items for future generations. The Kelly Foundation of Washington is just one of many granting organizations we will be approaching to assist in this project.

Please! Please! Please!

From your dinner meeting co-ordinator, Pat Hartle: We have talked about this many times before. Because we work with a restaurant that must order food and staff to accommodate our needs, it is most important that our reservations are mailed in a timely manner. As has been said often, we need to have the count by noon on the Monday before a dinner meeting date of Wednesday. My phone number is always on the coupon that you may have mailed away and it is on the front page in the lower left hand corner of this Newsletter and I am listed in the Seattle phone book. Please help us work better with our restaurant partners.