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 an economic downturn.

He will be presenting a 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, Suabek 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 was also 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 Captains, 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 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]
2007 Fundraising Campaign Raises over $17,500

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

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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:

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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-deck viewing of marine work-boats.

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