MARCH 2008
Puget Sound Maritime Historical Society
P.O. Box 9731
Seattle WA 98109-0731

MARCH DINNER PROGRAM:
MASON CONSTRUCTION:
OVER 100 YEARS OF WATERSIDE BUILDING

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Obituary News

Last month we had a very good article about the death of Hal Will. He will be long remembered and much missed but over the last year we have lost a number of other members.

In August of 2007, we lost Bob McNeil. He served on the Board of Governors of the Society and was President of the organization 1989 & 1990. Also in August Louise Shields died. Her obit was only in the cross sound papers so very few of us knew about it. She was preceded in death by her husband Captain Ed Shields. Both she and Ed were Honorary Life Members. The Shields family was very involved in the cod fishing industry and were former owners of C.A. THAYER now a museum ship in San Francisco plus a large fleet of other heavy duty water-working equipment. Manson Construction has formed a reputation for good work completed in a timely manner.

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MARCH DINNER MEETING:
WEDNESDAY
MARCH 5, 2008
SWEDISH CULTURAL CENTER
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MENU: CHICKEN WITH PEACHES
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TO MAIL IN YOUR
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• BAR OPENS AT 6 PM,
DINNER AT 7 PM

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PSMHS DINNER, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2008

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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE 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 Earlie 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 caterers reserves several days in advance. Walk-ins cannot be guaranteed a meal.

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Name(s): 

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PSMHS Newsletter, April 2008

Evolving Society Vision Outlined

As the Society enters its 60th anniversary year, new president Chuck Fowler outlined a new, evolving vision for the venerable maritime historical organization’s future.

In presentations to members during the January meeting and subsequent special sessions for Society volunteers at MOHAI and Chandler’s Cove mini-museum, Fowler presented a six point program to move the organization forward during 2008. Implemented through the new board, these new goals are designed to help the Society become more collaborative, credible, professional, sustainable and overall the preeminent maritime historical organization in the Puget Sound region and Washington State.

Achiving these goals will be evolutionary according to Fowler and “build on the firm foundation created by the organization’s dedicated leaders, volunteers and members during the past six decades.” He noted that with the continuing development of Lake Union Park and the planned move by MOHAI into a renovated former Navy Reserve Armory building, the Society has the opportunity to help its museum affiliate of the past half century create a wonderful new museum at a spectacular downtown waterfront site.

“The Seattle City Council has directed MOHAI to create a maritime-themed new Seattle, King County and regional museum in the Armory building,” Fowler said, “and the Society is dedicated to helping MOHAI achieve this focused goal.”

According to the new president, two of the Society’s highest priority goals for 2008 will be to (1) develop a practical strategic business plan to chart the organization’s future, and (2) hire a fully qualified, full time museum professional with maritime history education credentials and working experience.

“Our highly motivated volunteers have provided excellent service through the years,” Fowler said. “However we now need professional administrative and curatorial help to guide us during our current period of dramatic transition as well as future growth.” Fundraising has already been secured to hire the new museum professional for an initial two year period.

The Society board and volunteers will be working systematically on other new initiatives during the months ahead he noted, with on-going progress reports to the membership.

Chandler’s Cove Museum Volunteers Needed

New Chandler’s Cove mini-museum volunteer coordinator Bob Abendroth needs you! To keep the museum open during regular hours, noon to 5 P.M. seven days a week, Bob needs dedicated volunteers to cover the full schedule. You’ll learn more about our regional maritime history, meet, greet and talk to interesting visitors, and help spread the word about our fascinating Puget Sound maritime heritage. So give Bob a call at 206-371-3739 and sign up today.

2007 Fundraising Campaign Tops Out At Over $18,000

Additional contributions were received since December 31st which has brought the total for our 2007 Fundraising Campaign to $18,056. The additional contributors are Robert Sylvester, Charles Cordiner, and Roy and Mary Bruce in memory of Hal Will. The Society thanks each of you for your generous contributions.

Members Renew at Higher Membership Levels

We thank the following members who have renewed their annual membership dues at elevated levels during January 2008:

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