November Dinner Program: NOAA, Charting the Northwest

Starting with Thomas Jefferson’s establishment of the Coast Survey in 1807, much of our country’s scientific heritage is rooted in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). NOAA plays a vital role in the life of every American, from weather forecasts, fisheries management, safe navigation, and coastal surveying to remote climate research and ocean exploration.

Over 200 years ago when President Jefferson signed an Act “to provide for surveying the coasts of the United States,” thus was born America’s first science agency—the Coast Survey—and a tradition of perseverance, scientific integrity, skill bordering on art, and the courage demanded of explorers charting the unknown. Later renamed the US Coast and Geodetic Survey, this agency was among the first incorporated into today’s NOAA.

Our November dinner speaker is Richard Meyer, now retired after 35 years in various positions with the Seattle district NOAA. He joined the agency in 1960 after finishing his Army duties. Although he served in many capacities at NOAA, he is best remembered for his collection of historical nautical charts. He was also the first Seattle/Marine Center museum curator at the NOAA Marine Operations Center and ran the chart sales office at the Marine Center.

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Join us on Wednesday evening, November 4th starting with cocktails at 6 at a NEW LOCATION. We’ll be at the ROCKSALT STEAKS & SEAFOOD RESTAURANT on the southwest corner of Lake Union. Located 1223 Westlake Avenue North, just north of the A.G.C. building, we will be in the downstairs meeting room. Parking in the city blacktop lot running in front of Rock Salt is free after 6 P.M. Reservations are $30.00 and are made using the cut-out coupon on Page 3.

History is PSMHS’s middle name and our November program will let you watch it unfold.

Lisle Rose, Gary Svyerson

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