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State Attorney General to speak at Fall Luncheon *Friday, October 19, at 12 noon at the Coast Bellevue Hotel*



What is the fastest growing crime in the nation, costing consumers \$50 billion a year? Washington Attorney General Rob McKenna says that it is identity theft. At the PSA-PBK Fall Luncheon on Friday, October 19, he will speak on “The Attorney General’s Role in the Fight Against Identity Theft.” Attendees will learn how citizens can protect themselves and what to do if they become victims. McKenna has, among other things, convened the first statewide Identity Theft Conference and formed working groups to fight this trend.

The luncheon will start at 12 noon on Friday, October 19, at the Coast Bellevue Hotel, 625 116th Avenue N.E., Bellevue. Tickets are \$27.50 each. Please make your reservations using the coupon in this newsletter

no later than October 12. For further information, please call (425) 255-3151 or e-mail rbarnett@wsns.wa.gov. To reach the hotel, take I-405 to N.E. 8th Street, head east, and turn right on 116th Avenue N.E. Full driving directions can be found on the hotel’s website.

Rob McKenna is Washington’s 17th Attorney General, succeeding Christine Gregoire in 2005. As the state’s chief legal officer, he provides legal services to state agencies, boards, and commissions. McKenna graduated from Sammamish High School in Bellevue. At the University of Washington, he earned a B.A. in Economics and a B.A. in International Studies--both with honors-- served as student body president, and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He received his J.D. from the University of Chicago in 1988, where he served on the Law Review.

Holding the fall luncheon in Bellevue rather than Tacoma is an experiment as our Association strives to serve its members better. The spring luncheon will continue to be held in Seattle.

Young Phi Betes gather for fun and friendship

The first-ever meeting of young Phi Betes took place on July 10 at Twist Restaurant and Lounge in Seattle’s Belltown neighborhood. All in attendance enjoyed themselves while socializing and making new friends. The next event is being planned for fall or early winter, and everyone is welcome. If you would like to attend, please write Dan Leach at dleach1@gmail.com or Kyle Coen at Kyle.Coen@macys.com. We look forward to seeing everyone.

Kaffeeklatsch in Tacoma November 3, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

You'll be very glad you took part of your weekend to attend this intimate and interactive event, where you'll enjoy food and beverages while conversing with other members and their guests. Then you'll sit back and listen to Professor Amy Ryken of the University of Puget Sound describe how we can get elementary school children to do real science and engage in the processes of science and mathematics, instead of memorizing facts and formulas. Dr. Ryken holds an M.P.H. and Ph.D. from Berkeley and has taught at UPS since 2001.

This Kaffeeklatsch will be in the home of member Shirley Harris-Lee, 901 Park Drive, Tacoma, 98403. Directions from north and south recommend taking I-5 exit 133 onto I-705, then Schuster Parkway. Complete directions are on the website www.psa-pbk.org, or call Shirley (253) 383-4371. The cost for this event is \$5. To register, call Margaret Palmquest at (206) 325-4940, email her at mpalmquest@hotmail.com, or use the newsletter coupon on page 3. Registration is requested by October 27.

UW grad awarded Ernest R. Stiefel scholarship

A University of Washington graduate student has received the Ernest R. Stiefel Graduate Study Award in the amount of \$3,000. Aaron J. Ferguson, a geography major, will begin his graduate study at the UW Evans School of Public Affairs, and within the next three years expects to receive a second master's degree from the College of Forest Resources. He intends to work in the fields of environmental advocacy, sustainable development, and social justice.

Five PSA-PBK undergraduate scholarships awarded

PSA-PBK scholarships in the amount of \$1,500 each have been awarded to the following students: Sarah Glancy (Geology/Politics & Government), Elena Martinis (English Literature/Spanish), and Madeline Ryer (History/German) from the University of Puget Sound; Lara Hayden (Social Welfare) and Kelsey Milne (Speech & Hearing Sciences) from the University of Washington. For more information on scholarships, visit our website at <http://www.psa-pbk.org>.

From your president

We are constantly impressed by the quality of students who apply for our graduate and undergraduate scholarships. We are also acutely aware of the growing costs faced by these young people--costs that can prevent them from continuing their chosen course towards a liberal arts degree.

Because of our belief in these students and our desire to promote the liberal arts, PSA-PBK has provided thousands of dollars in scholarships over the last three decades. We have only been able to do so because of the generosity of members and their friends. Think of the continuing advantage to all of us as our communities are enriched with the fruits of this investment. We have heard from one past recipient that the award he received was crucial to the completion of his degree, and that over time he has been able to help his children complete their degrees. And so the benefits multiply. You will soon receive a letter requesting your additional support of our scholarship fund. Rest assured that we strive to be good stewards of your money. Every penny is dedicated toward furthering this worthy cause. Your gift, large or small, will be important in keeping these scholarships growing. We all hope you will respond.

Speak up! Let your thoughts be known

Do you have a favorite place or event that you think would be good for a tour or a Kaffeeklatsch? Please let us know so we can make our future planning serve all our members. Please include your ideas as you return the coupon on page 3 of this newsletter. Just write down topics, places, hours, and subjects of interest to you, in the space provided below or email to activities@psa-pbk.org. Phi Betes' curiosity is unbounded. Give us a chance to satisfy yours.

Questions? Email us at administration@psa-pbk.org OR call Kate Ostrom at 425.255.3151

Chapter News

Alpha Chapter news

The Washington Alpha Chapter at the University of Washington has established contact with Ed Taylor, the newly appointed Dean of the Office of Undergraduate Academic Affairs. This has resulted in an agreement for continued cooperation of the two organizations in the furtherance of their overlapping goals in support of liberal education.

Debra Glassman of the Business School has been elected President of the Chapter. The entire chapter warmly welcomes the 164 candidates from the 2006/2007 academic year who accepted the invitation to join.

Delta Chapter news

The Washington Delta Chapter at the University of Puget Sound is looking forward to spring semester, when they will be hosting a PBK Visiting Scholar, Laurel Thatcher Ulrich of Harvard University, on

February 25 and 26, 2008. Recently appointed the 300th Anniversary University Professor, Ulrich joined the Harvard faculty in 1995, prior to which she was at the University of New Hampshire. Her major fields of interest are early American social history, women's history, and material culture. She is the author of *Good Wives: Image and Reality in the Lives of Women in Northern New England, 1650-1750*; the Pulitzer Prize-winning *A Midwife's Tale: The Life of Martha Ballard Based on Her Diary, 1785-1812*; *The Age of Homespun: Objects and Stories in the Making of an American Myth*; and, most recently *Well-Behaved Women Seldom Make History*. Professor Ulrich is a member of the American Philosophical Society and a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. She was named a MacArthur Fellow in 1992. Recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship and two awards from the National Endowment for the Humanities, she has been honored with awards for excellence in teaching at Harvard.

If you would like to receive information and updates on events electronically, please provide your email address on this coupon.

EVENTS

Fall Luncheon, Friday, Oct 19, 12:00 Noon (RSVP by Oct 12)

Salmon _____ Vegetarian _____

Total due: number attending ___ multiplied by \$27.50 = \$ _____

Guest name(s) _____

Kaffeeklatsch Saturday, Nov 3, 11:00 AM (RSVP by Oct. 27)

Total due: number attending ___ multiplied by \$5 = \$ _____

Guest name(s) _____

Suggestions _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED

\$ _____ Fall Luncheon

\$ _____ Kaffeeklatsch

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The Last Word: Pathfinders, Scholarships, IRA Option, Officers

Nominate Pathfinders for spring awards

Your PSA-PBK Board is currently seeking nominations for the 2008 Pathfinder Awards, to be presented at the Spring Luncheon. The Pathfinder Awards reflect the imagery on the Phi Beta Kappa key--a hand pointing to the stars--and honor those who encourage others to seek new worlds to discover, pathways to explore, and untouched destinations to reach.

If you would like to nominate an individual, institution, or corporation to receive this honor, please send the name to Linda Willenberg at linda@willenbergs.com.

Undergraduate scholarships

In support of one of its major objectives, the Association once again makes available undergraduate scholarships. For the academic year 2007/2008 five such scholarships were awarded at \$1,500 each. Conditions and requirements for the academic year 2008/2009 will be posted on our Web site.

Opportunity

If you are 70½ years of age or older and make contributions in 2007 directly from your IRA to qualifying charities, including PSA-PBK, you may enjoy certain tax advantages. Consult your CPA or other tax expert.

Officers

Here are the officers who lead your organization:

Kate Ostrom, EdD -- President
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Ernest R. Stiefel -- Assistant Treasurer

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