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Jim Wilke, speaker at the PSA-PBK Fall Luncheon: Thursday, October 6, 12:30 p.m., in the Murray Board Room of the University of Puget Sound's Student Center

Famed jazz radio personality to speak at Fall Luncheon

Jim Wilke, host of the radio programs *Jazz After Hours* and *Jazz Northwest*, will speak at the Fall Luncheon in Tacoma on Thursday, October 6, at 12:30 p.m. (a slightly different time than in previous years). The luncheon will be held in the Murray Board Room in the University of Puget Sound's Student Center. Jim's national program, *Jazz After Hours*, has been on public radio since 1984; his guests have included many of the jazz world's greatest artists, including Dizzy Gillespie, Max Roach, and Ray Brown. His weekly show, *Jazz Northwest*, can be heard on KPLU-FM. Before turning his radio focus to jazz, Jim was program director at the classical station KING-FM. Also a recording engineer, he taught jazz history for 25 years at Cornish College. Jim was the first non-musician to be inducted into the Seattle Jazz Hall of Fame.

Jim describes jazz as a very democratic style of making music, shaped by societal issues in the United States 100 years ago. He relates it to the American spirit of cooperation among peers and talks of the admiration jazz as an art form has engendered in other countries. He calls his talk "The Most American Art Form" and will discuss and illustrate some of the many permutations of the music during its history and continuing evolution. Jim suggests that jazz is admired in other countries "because of the free and participatory spirit of making music together. A synergism that is perhaps analogous to the best of the American spirit. It's still regarded as largely American music, but because of its open nature, jazz can embrace many different cultures. It did this when the music originally evolved out of a mixture of cultures. It's still evolving as it encounters and absorbs additional musical cultures."

Please make your reservations early using the attached coupon. The cost is \$20.00. The UPS Student Center is located in Tacoma at N. 15th and Warner; parking is south of the building (off 14th Street), and the Murray Board Room is located in the northwest corner of the building.

Watch your mailbox

In early fall, PSA-PBK will launch its first ever direct appeal for contributions to our scholarship fund. As you know, we've been awarding scholarships for several decades now, thanks to members who have been willing to add to the amount they remit each year to the Association for dues. Also, though, during these decades, the number of academically talented young people who are in need of financial aid to complete their degree programs has risen dramatically. So we'll be asking for your help to increase our ability to meet the need. Thanks to the work of students in graphic design and printing at Highline Community College, we have a beautiful brochure and a set of materials which we will send to each member soon. Please be generous.

UW Alpha Chapter initiates 100

The Washington Alpha chapter welcomed about 100 new members at its Spring Initiation. Family and friends celebrated the occasion with applause and good cheer. Eugene Webb, UW Professor Emeritus of Comparative Religion and Comparative Literature, spoke on "Religion as a Humanistic Study in the 21st Century." His address can be read on the chapter's Web site at <http://depts.washington.edu/uwpbk/>.

The sweet side of the Eastside: Tour of Boehm's Candies on November 2

A group of lucky PSA-PBK members will have the chance to visit a delicious piece of local history. Founded in Ravenna by Julius Boehm and George Tredlock in 1943, Boehm's Candies moved to Issaquah in 1956. In addition to the factory, the tour will visit the Edelweiss Chalet, a replica of a 12th century chapel near St. Moritz, Switzerland. The tour will conclude with a visit to the retail store (of course!) topped off by a sampling of some of Boehm's famous confections. All this takes place Wednesday, November 2. You may register for the tour by including your request and the \$5 fee with the coupon on the back of this newsletter. Please include any requests for wheelchair accommodations, as this will affect the tour's design, and please make sure we receive your registration by October 1.

Program on bioterrorism at UPS

Professor Judith Reppy, Professor in the Department of Science and Technology Studies at Cornell University, will deliver a lecture on "Bioterrorism in a Historical Perspective" on November 8 at the University of Puget Sound. Professor Reppy is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the board of directors of the Federation of American Scientists, and has served on the National Academy of Sciences' committee on research standards and practices to prevent the destructive application of biotechnology. For further details and to make reservations, e-mail Eric Orlin at eorlin@ups.edu.



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**From your president,
Kate Ostrom**

The postcard from London had a simple and direct message: "Thank you once more and I'll write you again from Bosnia." And from Bosnia, the young scholar wrote of how much she already had learned, just from being there. She was one of the graduating seniors selected to receive our book award, a part of our high school outreach program. Her exuberant but brief notes arrived as she was assuming the responsibilities of a work mission this summer in Sarajevo. When she returns home this fall, it will be to the beginnings of a college career which could very likely lead to her initiation into PBK. She, like other book award winners, has demonstrated academic ability and enthusiasm for learning. Therein lies the pleasure for those of us fortunate enough to be able to meet these young people and accept their thanks for being included in this popular program. They are the largest group of people honored by PSA-PBK each year, and the program offers us the greatest opportunity to demonstrate to young people that we support them in their studies. It also offers us, individually, the opportunity to go to ceremonies, present the books, and meet the recipients. It is difficult to match the bright smiles, the handshakes and the voiced appreciation. The book award program is just one of three major programs we support--in fact exist for. Undergraduate and graduate scholarships continue to grow, as does the popularity of our Pathfinder awards. All bring us the reward of knowing that we are promoting excellence in scholarship and citizenship. For that I am grateful, and glad to continue an active role in PSA-PBK.

High school outreach

For many years, the Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa has sponsored a program to recognize outstanding high school students in the Puget Sound region. These are graduating seniors of both public and private high schools who are selected by their schools on the basis of their cumulative GPA combined with their outstanding contributions to their school and/or community. The students receive a book, provided by PSA-PBK, with their name handwritten in calligraphy on a bookplate inside the front cover. This past year, the Association sent books to a total of 84 high schools. Members of PSA-PBK's Board of Trustees, as well as other member volunteers, personally packed the books to be sent to the schools, as they have done for many years. As an Association, we congratulate these fine young students--we expect much of them in the future.

We are currently selecting the title for Spring 2006. Have you read a book lately that you feel would not only inspire a graduating high school senior, but be one he or she would enjoy reading? Let us know using the contact information at the bottom of the page.

September kaffeeklatsch

The fall kaffeeklatsch, to be held on Saturday, September 10, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., will feature Irvin Emanuel, M.D., who will lead a discussion on universal health care in the United States. This is the only industrial democracy that does not have universal health care. Our per capita expenditures on health care are the highest in the world, while at the same time we have the poorest indicators of population health. Dr. Emanuel, Professor Emeritus of Epidemiology and Pediatrics at the

University of Washington, will discuss the consequences of the state of our health care system, both on individual Americans and on other aspects of national life. This kaffeeklatsch will take place at the home of Justice Bobbe Bridge in Magnolia. Attendance is limited, so please send your registration along with a \$5 per person registration fee as soon as possible. See the coupon at the bottom of this page.

Would you like to be notified about the details of the next kaffeeklatsch, which is now in the early planning stages? If so, check the box in the coupon at the bottom of the page. (Our next newsletter will arrive too late to help you plan.) You may also tell us about any topics or discussion leaders you would like to have considered for future kaffeeklatsches.

PSA-PBK Scholarships Awarded

We are pleased to announce that the Association has selected six students to receive its scholarship awards. Melissa Jones, who has just begun a master's program at the University of Washington, received the 2005 Ernest R. Stiefel Graduate Study Award of \$3,500. The scholarship committee was impressed by her career goals and statement of financial needs. PSA-PBK established this award four years ago in honor of Ernie Stiefel, who has served on our board continuously since 1965.

The Association also awarded \$1,500 scholarships to five undergraduates: Jason Bensch (chemistry/German) and Christine Vanos (chemistry/Spanish) at the University of Puget Sound and Michelle Elmquist (political science), Jennifer Howk (political science), and Bryan Speare (mechanical engineering) at the University of Washington.

Two individuals, two groups honored as "Pathfinders"

The Pathfinder Award could not have been given to more varied and deserving individuals and groups than those who were honored at last spring's luncheon. The certificate describes them as reaching "beyond their professional boundaries with specific projects that stimulate intellectual achievement in others." Three are associated in some way with education. **Barbara Clinton**, faculty member at Highline Community College, goes far beyond her job description as she motivates and encourages those unusually capable students who are struggling in the school environment. Cofounder of the League of Education Voters, **Steve Miller** has been a tireless advocate on behalf of public education who, as a board member of the Bellevue School District, helped to develop policies that support students. He was primary author of two initiatives which have had profound impacts on education: #728 (class size) and #884. The two groups rewarded included **We the People**, a national program of civics instruction which research has shown to produce students who not only outperform their peers in political science courses, but register to vote at twice the usual rate. The **Puget Sound Theatre Organ Society** was recognized for their work in encouraging young people to learn to play the pipe organ through scholarships and lessons. They also keep the history of pipe organs alive, as they rebuild and maintain organs including the magnificent organ at the Paramount Theatre and organs nearly forgotten in Franklin and Roosevelt High Schools. Any Phi Beta can nominate an individual or a group for the Pathfinder Award—just contact us through the e-mail address at the bottom of this page.

Pay your dues for 2005/2006 and get involved!

It's never too early to support PSA-PBK. Please check the date on your mailing label to see if your membership has expired. Dues are tax-deductible.

____ \$30/Regular ____ \$60/Sustaining ____ \$100/Patron
____ \$250/Key ____ Please contact me, I want to volunteer.

Fall Luncheon, Thursday, October 6

Total number attending @ \$20 each: _____

September Kaffeeklatsch, Saturday, September 10

Total number attending @ \$5 each: _____

Boehm's Candies Tour, Wednesday, November 2

Total number attending @ \$5 each: _____

I would like to attend [], host [], or lead [] the next **kaffeeklatsch**. Please call me.

I suggest this title for the **2006 Book Award**: _____

My enclosed check to PSA-PBK is allocated as follows:

\$ _____ Total amount for Fall Luncheon
\$ _____ Total amount for September Kaffeeklatsch
\$ _____ Total amount for Boehm's Candies Tour
\$ _____ Total amount for scholarship donation
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