



The Key Connection

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From your president

Greetings to all members of the Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa, from your new president. I can't think of a better time to enter a leadership role than this one, when your organization has been involved in the positive experience of the recent Triennial Council.

We renewed old friendships in the organization, and found new ones as well. In fact, the Triennial, though at times a trying experience, became a focal point for renewing and strengthening this association. And this association has much to be proud of. I recall my own initiation (back when the world was young and so was I), when it was association sponsors scholarships, book awards, and pathfinder honors with no active involvement other than paying dues and wearing a shiny bright key. Now your awards, luncheon meetings in fall and spring, and makes other activities available besides. We like to think that we are increasingly living our motto: Philosophy (the love of wisdom) Is the Guide of Life.

Kate Ostrom

Volunteers needed

Thank you in advance for your generous financial contributions. We could not offer scholarships to worthy students, or offer programs to our members without your help.

Now we would like to encourage you to donate your most valuable asset—your time. PSA-PBK needs your help in everything from publicity and public relations, to helping us plan events of interest to our members, and the public at large.

If you'd like to volunteer, please fill out the form on the reverse side.

UPS President, Ron Thomas, Fall Speaker

Ronald R. Thomas, the new President of the University of Puget Sound, will speak at the Association's Fall Luncheon "The Knowing Smile, the Ocean of Truth, and the Seal of Hope." Mr. Thomas became President in July of this year, coming from Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut.

An advocate of liberal-arts education and involvement with the community, he has a reputation for eloquence and stimulating juxtaposition of ideas. A professor of English literature who has taught at the University of Chicago, he has written *Detective Fiction and the Rise of Forensic Science*, which connects the 19th century tools of forensic science—lie detector, camera, and fingerprints—with the detective novel. As a teacher, he has invited students to read Charles Darwin, as well as Jane Austen and Mark Twain, along with Wigmore on legal evidence. He has insisted that we tell stories to ourselves and each other, and these stories "shape our conceptions of justice, influence how we experience love, and help us imagine the direction of our careers." He has also been described as "a recovering surfer."

Attendees at the luncheon may visit the History Museum's exhibit galleries free of charge during the day. Exhibits include "1001 Curious Things," about Seattle's Ye Olde Curiosity Shop, with rare artifacts from the Smithsonian and other museums; "Tribal Journeys," about how contemporary Indian canoe journeys promote values and traditions among Indian youth; and "Grafton Tyler Brown," paintings and lithographs by the celebrated 19th-century African-American artist; as well as the large Hall of Washington History.

Driving directions: From I-5 in Tacoma, take exit 133 onto I-705. After about half a mile, exit at South 21st Street, and turn left across the I-705 freeway one block (the History Museum is visible at the right). Turn right on Pacific, and the first right into the History Museum's parking lot. Express buses from Seattle stop in front of the Museum at 1911 Pacific Avenue.



*Ron Thomas, President,
University of Puget Sound,
speaker at the PSA-PBK
Fall Luncheon:*

*Wednesday, November 5,
12 noon, at the
Washington State
History Museum, Tacoma*



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Awards, recognitions, and news from our chapters

Fall Activities

Fall Luncheon

See lead story for details.

Henry Art Gallery Tour James Turrell's Art and Skyspace Exhibit

Sunday, October 26, 2:00 p.m.
\$8.00 adults; 6.00 seniors.

Ready for an exciting tour? Please join us on an exploratory jaunt through the James Turrell art and skyspace exhibit, a 50-minute journey led by an experienced guide at the Henry Art Gallery, 15th N.E. and N.E. 41st, Seattle. Please send your reservations ASAP; see the form below.

Four scholarships awarded this year

Students from both the University of Washington and the University of Puget Sound received \$1,500 each in the Association's annual program to foster education.

The recipients from the UW are: Candace Lynn Faber (Political Science), Amanda H. Morgan (Psychology) and Emma O'Neill (Geography); and from UPS: Sarah J. Weil (Mathematics).

These annual awards are made possible by your dues, contributions, and bequests.

Continue the legacy

As part of its mission, PSA-PBK awards scholarships to well-qualified undergraduate and graduate students in financial need. Long ago, the Association established a scholarship fund for these grants. We rely on member donations to assure this much-needed tradition continues generation after generation. May we suggest, next time you revise your will you consider including a bequest to the Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa.

HIGH SCHOOL OUTREACH PROGRAM

For years, PSA-PBK has sponsored a program to recognize outstanding high school students in the Puget Sound region who will likely be elected to PBK in the future. These are graduating seniors of both public and private high schools who are selected by their schools on the basis of their cumulative grade point average combined with their outstanding contributions to their school and/or community. Each student receives a book with his/her name written in calligraphy on a bookplate inside the front cover. This year's book, sent to 60 participating schools, was *The Metaphysical Club* by Louis Menand, described as "A Story of Ideas in America," and winner of the Pulitzer Prize.

ERNEST STIEFEL AWARD

We are pleased to announce the Association has selected Blythe Summers to receive the 2003 Ernest R. Stiefel Graduate Study Award, in the amount of \$2,000. Blythe was initiated at the UW in 2001, and has been working full-time since. She begins graduate studies at the UW's Information School fall quarter, 2003. The Award Committee was impressed by her education, career goals, and work experience. PSA-PBK established this award two years ago in honor of Mr. Stiefel, known as the "backbone of the organization; he has served on its board continuously since 1965.

PATHFINDER AWARDS

At the Spring Luncheon in 2004, PSA-PBK will give the annual Pathfinder Awards to individuals and institutions in our community who have "reached beyond the ordinary in their accomplishments." We invite members to nominate any who inspire intellectual opportunities for others. Contact Myra Lupton, 206-232-2897.

Successful in Seattle—PBK 40th Triennial Council

A total of 519-plus guests convened in Seattle, August 6-10 to attend the 40th Triennial Council, at The Westin Hotel. The Triennial included meetings of standing committees, groups of like-interest delegates, and the governing body of the delegates plus discussion groups on useful topics, including administering scholarship programs.

While our Association had two official delegates, Nancy Blase and Gerald Oppenheimer, many others volunteered at the registration/hospitality desks, and/or attended sessions and special events. PSA-PBK hosted the Delegates' Reception, held at the top of the Columbia Tower. Money for this event was donated by Washington State chapters, associations, and a number of individual members.

What did we gain most? Primarily information, and the chance to become acquainted with this state's chapters and the other Washington state associations, as well as many other members, and members of the national staff. We renewed ties with past board members, and perhaps most important, the conference generated significant enthusiasm among our members, many of whom had not been involved with PSA-PBK prior to the Triennial. Less than two years ago, the PSA-PBK Board weighed the pros and cons of accepting National's invitation to host its Triennial meeting. We nervously took the plunge. But this conference—and the benefits we have received—have far exceeded expectations! For more information about this Triennial, visit www.psa-pbk.org.

Nancy Blase, Past President

CHAPTER NEWS

ALPHA (University of Washington)

At its annual meeting, held on May 28th, the Washington Alpha Chapter elected officers and other Executive Committee members for the coming year. The new officers are Michael Shapiro (President), Christine Ingebriksen (Vice President), Pam Steward (Secretary), and Nancy Robinson (Treasurer). An audience of well over two hundred people attended the Chapter's initiation ceremony, which took place on June 12th. Mary-Claire King, American Cancer Society Professor of Genome Sciences and Medicine at the UW, spoke at the event.

The National Association informed this chapter we will be receiving a visit on January 29th and 30th, 2004, from one of the Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholars, Professor Leonard Barkan, the Arthur W. Marks '19 Professor of Comparative Literature and director of the Society of Fellows at Princeton University. Further details to be provided at a later date.

DELTA (University of Puget Sound)

On September 18 and 19, the University of Puget Sound PBK Chapter welcomed Alan Shapiro, PBK visiting scholar and classical archeologist, who spoke on the topic "The Art of Democracy in Ancient Athens." The event was followed by a special reception and dinner on campus at UPS.

Professor Shapiro is a classical archaeologist with a particular interest in Greek art, myth, and religion of the Archaic and Classical periods. His interest in the interrelationship among art, religion, and politics is represented in his book "Art and Cult under the Tyrants in Athens." He is currently working on a study of hero cults in fifth-century Athens.

Fall Luncheon, Wednesday, November 5 (RSVP by October 30)

Total number attending: _____
Cost: \$28 each, members or guests
Meal: Chicken _____ Vegetarian _____

RSVP for Henry Art Museum Tour, Sun., Oct. 26 (RSVP by Oct. 15)

Time: 2:00 p.m.
Total number attending: _____
Adults @ \$8 each: _____ Seniors @ \$6 each _____
Place: Henry Art Museum, 15th Ave. N.E. & N.E. 41st Street, Seattle

Pay your dues for 2004, and get involved!

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

_____ \$ 30.00 Regular _____ \$ 60.00 Sustaining
_____ \$ 100.00 Patron _____ \$ 250.00 Key

_____ Please contact me, I want to volunteer for PSA-PBK.

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

\$ _____ Total amount for Fall Luncheon
\$ _____ Total amount for Henry Art Museum Tour
\$ _____ Total amount for Scholarship Donation
\$ _____ Total amount for 2004 Dues
\$ _____ Total check amount

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