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Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa



The Honorable
Bobbe Bridge

Retired Justice to speak at Spring Luncheon Thursday, May 1, at 11:45 AM at the The Rainier Club

At our Spring Luncheon, the Honorable Bobbe Bridge will share with us *Reflections of a Judge: Eight years on the State Supreme Court*. She will describe the role of the judiciary in our system of government, the pressures from the inside and the outside, public expectations and perceptions, and how the rule of law may conflict with the will of the majority. These perennial questions take on new significance as special interests increasingly make large campaign contributions for or against judges and otherwise attempt to influence judicial elections. Popular pressures affect the trial courts, as well.

The luncheon will be held on Thursday, May 1, starting at 11:45 AM at the Rainier Club, 820 Fourth Avenue, Seattle. The menu will feature herb seared striped sea bass; vegetarian will include grilled marinated portobello mushroom napoleon. Tickets are \$40.00 per person. Please make your reservations using the coupon in this newsletter no later than April 14. For further information, please call (206)362-2999 or e-mail rbarnett@wshs.wa.gov. Full driving directions can be found on the club's website, <http://www.therainierclub.com/>.

Justice Bridge served ten years as King County Superior Court judge, including Presiding Judge, and was also the Chief Judge of the King County Juvenile Court. She was twice elected to the State Supreme Court, from which she retired at the end of 2007. She has received numerous awards both as a judge and as an advocate for Washington's children, and now heads the Center for Youth Justice.

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Gates of Paradise & Roman Art from the Louvre Saturday, March 29, at 1:10 PM at the Seattle Art Museum

Members of PSAPBK and their guests will have a special opportunity to tour two extraordinary exhibits at the Seattle Art Museum: Roman Art from the Louvre and the The Gates of Paradise. Roman Art includes approximately 180 pieces—many of which have never been to the United States—from one of the richest collections in the world of ancient Roman statues, jewelry, mosaics, and more. Three panels from Ghiberti's The Gates of Paradise, the baptistry doors in Florence, were created over 550 years ago.

Joining our tour avoids the need for general admission tickets. Advance reservations are essential. They must be received by Thursday, March 13 with a check payable to the Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa. The cost (which includes a special fee for the docent) is \$18 for nonmembers of the Seattle Art Museum; and \$5 for SAM members: please indicate which category you are in.

Please meet Saturday March 29, by 1:10 pm at the downtown Seattle Art Museum, 1300 First Ave. See the Web page, seattleartmuseum.org/visit/visitSAM.asp, for directions and map. A Museum docent will lead the tour of Roman Art. Thereafter we can view The Gates of Paradise. For further information, please call Nancy Blase (206)362-2999 or e-mail nancy@blases.org.

Five Pathfinders to be Honored at Spring Luncheon

The Pathfinder Award honors those who encourage others to seek new worlds to discover, pathways to explore, and untouched destinations to reach. We are pleased to announce the five recipients who will be honored at our Spring Luncheon on May 1, 2008. *American Association of University Women (AAUW) of Washington* for their National Girls Collaborative Project, advancing the agenda in gender equity for science, technology, engineering and mathematics. *Lisa Herb*, founder and President, Alliance For International Women's Rights for her work supporting and furthering international women's rights with a focus on central Asia. The *Saul and Dayee G. Haas Foundation* has provided funds throughout Washington State for 44 years to middle school, junior high and high school students to do whatever is needed to stay involved in school and school activities. *Kirk Adams*, a Phi Beta Kappa Graduate from Whitman College, who is the first blind individual to be selected as the Chief Executive Officer and President of the Seattle Lighthouse for the Blind. *Intiman Theatre's Living History Program*, which works with students throughout Washington State to develop critical thinking skills and stimulate imagination, engaging students in complex discussions about history, politics, and ethics through theatre.

PSA-PBK reaches out to outstanding high school graduates

For a number of years, the Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa has sponsored an annual award program in area high schools, both public and private, in Clallam, Grays Harbor, Island, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Mason, Pierce, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, Thurston and Whatcom counties. The program honors high school students who exemplify Phi Beta Kappa's core values - intellectual honesty, broad interests, tolerance, understanding, and the growth of the spirit as well as the mind - values which are the same today as when the Association was formed. At the same time, the program introduces Phi Beta Kappa and its ideals to those students who we hope may be elected to Phi Beta Kappa in the future. Principals at these schools are thus asked to provide the name of a student who best exemplifies PBK's core values. The student is subsequently awarded a book on behalf of the Puget Sound Association, which contains a special bookplate with this individual's name inscribed in calligraphy. Last year the Association awarded a total of 89 books. The basic criteria for the book to be selected each year are that it be a work of non-fiction appropriate to a high school level reader but also relevant and useful for someone entering college, whose subject matter is connected with a liberal education, but utilizing as its approach a scientific method and rational discourse, based on evidence underlying its assertions.

Dunn Garden Tour Saturday, June 21 at 10:00 AM

Please join us on a private tour of E.B. Dunn Gardens in north Seattle. This special 1-1/2 hour tour will be held on Saturday, June 21, starting at 10:00 a.m. Take this opportunity to explore the beautiful spring colors and natural beauty surrounding these secluded gardens, tucked away in the Broadview neighborhood. The gardens include a variety of landscapes with plants ranging from diminutive trilliums to towering Douglas firs. Reservations are \$10 per person; children under 12 and pets are not admitted. Parking is limited and carpooling is recommended. Driving directions and address will be provided when reservation is confirmed. Please send reservations by May 5 and include email address if available.

Two Ernest R. Stiefel Graduate Study Awards Offered

The Ernest R. Stiefel Graduate Study Awards are presented to new graduate or professional students who are members of Phi Beta Kappa chapters at the University of Puget Sound, University of Washington, Washington State University or Whitman College, who will attend either the University of Puget Sound or University of Washington. In 2008, two awards of \$2,500 each will be given.

Students entering any graduate or professional program at UPS or UW are invited to apply. The Web site at http://www.psa-pbk.org/scholarships_awards.html has detailed information and application form. The deadline to apply is Monday, June 23, 2008. Email stiefelaward@psa-pbk.org if you have questions.

Questions? Email us at administration@psa-pbk.org or president@psa-pbk.org

Chapter News

Alpha, University of Washington

Three times a year the Washington Alpha Chapter invites students who meet Phi Beta Kappa criteria to join the organization. At the end of summer quarter, 77 students were invited to join. At the end of fall quarter, another 104 students were extended an invitation. These are students with the most outstanding academic records at the University. They are, year in and year out, winners of prestigious national and international scholarships and awards. This year, for example, the University's Marshall Scholar was Phi Beta Kappa member Jeffrey Eaton, of Seattle.

In January, UW President Mark A. Emmert was the featured speaker at a pizza lunch with Phi Beta Kappa and Honors Program students. The students engaged him in a lively discussion across a broad range of issues.

Delta, University of Puget Sound

The University of Puget Sound chapter started the 07-08 academic year with a wonderful wine and cheese party. Professor Michael Veseth (Program in International Political Economy) offered a fascinating view into the economic and market forces that shape wine distribution around the globe. While we sipped and voted on our favorites, he filled us in on the history of the New Zealand wines we were tasting.

With the beginning of the spring semester, Delta chapter hosted visiting PBK scholar, Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, feminist historian from Harvard University. Author of "Well-behaved Women Seldom Make History," Professor Thatcher gave several classroom talks as well as a public lecture.

Association Web Site

Please visit our newly revised Web site www.psa-pbk.org for the latest information on our activities, general news and organization. Among the added items are a list of our committee membership and the identification of last year's recipients of our Pathfinder Award..

From your president

It's been a good five years. I thank the Board of Trustees for allowing me to serve as their president for this time. We have seen some changes, enjoyed good programs, and worked well together. My term may have been long, but my message is short: Continue to do what we believe in, what we were established for--keep our scholarship program healthy.

Spring Luncheon, Thursday, May 1, 11:45 AM (RSVP by Apr 14)	TOTAL ENCLOSED
Striped Bass _____ Mushroom Napoleon _____	\$ _____ Spring Luncheon
Total due: number attending ____ multiplied by \$40.00 = \$ _____	\$ _____ SAM Tour
Guest name(s) _____	\$ _____ Dunn Garden Tour
SAM, Saturday, Mar 29, 1:10 PM (RSVP by Mar 13)`	\$ _____ Scholarship Fund
Number of SAM members ____ multiplied by \$5 = \$ _____	\$ _____ Dues
Number of non-SAM members ____ multiplied by \$18 = \$ _____	\$ _____ Total Check Amount
Guest name(s) _____	
Dunn Garden, Saturday, Jun 21, 10:00 AM (RSVP by May 5)	PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO PSA-PBK
Total due: number attending ____ multiplied by \$18 = \$ _____	P.O. BOX 15258
Guest name(s) _____	SEATTLE, WA 98115-9998
DUES (PLEASE CHECK MAILING LABEL TO KNOW IF YOUR DUES HAVE EXPIRED)	
____ \$ 30 Regular	Name _____
____ \$ 60 Sustaining	Address _____
____ \$100 Patron	City / State _____ Zip _____
____ \$250 Key	Phone _____
	Email _____

Six Undergraduate scholarships available

The Association is pleased to be able to once more put member contributions to very good use. In 2007/2008, in support of our prime objective, there will be six scholarships available, at \$1500 each, for which students at the University of Washington and the University of Puget Sound are eligible. Conditions and requirements are posted on our Web site www.psa-pbk.org.

National PBK – Some of its Meetings

Ever wonder how PBK operates? I have been able to get a flavor of it having been appointed to its National Committee on Chapters. Below are some highlights.

PBK has 276 chapters at colleges and universities plus 58 associations. Its headquarters in Washington DC house the staff. The Senate of 24 people, six district senators and the remainder senators at large and officers, meets twice a year as do most of the committees (whose non-senator members may also attend the Senate's session).

The December 6-8, 2007 gathering was scheduled almost continuously, including concurrent meetings and an evening for the PBK Book Awards. The Joint Committees on Associations and Chapters focused on collaboration, current and proposed. At the Committee on Chapters session, we learned how changes in procedures are helping some chapters increase the percentage of students who accept invitations to join. The Senate meetings covered a range of topics including reports from national staff as well as the nine committees.

Have any questions? Please feel free to contact me, Nancy Blase (nancy@blases.org).



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