



# The Key Connection

PUGET SOUND ASSOCIATION OF PHI BETA KAPPA  
PSAPBK, P.O. BOX 15258, SEATTLE, WA 98115-9998 WWW.PSA-PBK.ORG

## From Your President.

### Exciting news!

**National PBK has selected Seattle to host the 2003 Triennial Meeting.**

Representatives of chapters and associations from all over the country will be attending. Mark your calendar for August 6-10.

This is your chance to get involved in the planning of a once-in-a-lifetime event.

To be a part of the planning committee, contact Nancy Blase:  
phone: (206) 685-2132  
fax: (206) 685-1665  
president@psa-pbk.org

Greetings! Since the Fall newsletter, our Board members, and many others, have accomplished a great deal. For starters, we revised the Association's bylaws. Yet we think you'll find some of the other changes we've made a bit more tangible to you.

### New Newsletter Format

You may recall in our previous issue, I asked for members willing to do small tasks for the Association. Linda Wilmer of Wilmer Communications contacted me and offered to give our newsletter a new updated look. As you can see, she and her colleague, Courtney Dallaire, have done just that. Thanks to them both!

### New Web Site

Our old URL was a free site with just a few paragraphs of text. Using our domain name and a new web host, our current web site now provides up-to-date information and a sleek new design. Check it out at [www.psa-pbk.org](http://www.psa-pbk.org). Thanks to our web site designer, Bill Hill, who is currently seeking a job in public information, web graphics or instructional design. I will gladly refer him to your institution if you contact me.

As always, I look forward to hearing from you about these or other topics.

Nancy G. Blase

## Spring Luncheon: *Search for an Islamic Identity, April 18*



Professor Jere L. Bacharach, Spring speaker. April 18, noon, at the WAC.

Islam is in the news these days, but there are stories behind the stories. On April 18, Phi Beta Kappa members will hear, and see, one of the most important as Professor Jere L. Bacharach speaks to us on the topic, "Search for an Islamic Identity." This profusely illustrated talk starts with the use of unusual materials, coins and monuments, and explores how quite varied approaches to Islam coalesced into a recognizable Islamic identity. A discussion of general issues of common identity will then turn to the United States. The speaker will suggest parallel developments.

Bacharach, a member of the Department of History at the University of Washington since 1967, recently finished his term as director of the Jackson School of International Studies, and has also served as President of the Middle East Studies Association.

Professor Bacharach has an incredible knack for seizing opportunities and carrying his audience along on the journey. In his words, "I am seeking ways to travel to new places and explore new topics, always trying to keep as open a mind for what awaits me." A gifted scholar and eloquent speaker, he has given public lectures from Bellingham to Cairo, Jerusalem to the Smithsonian. PSAPBK is now fortunate enough to add Seattle to his extensive, and certainly most impressive, itinerary.

This special event is being held at the Washington Athletic Club, 1325 Sixth Avenue, on April 18, at 12 noon. The cost is \$30.00 per person; advanced reservations required. Let your friends and colleagues know they are welcome, too. Complete and return the attached form and send it along with a check. The deadline for reservations is April 11.



**Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa**

P.O. Box 15258  
Seattle, WA 98115-9998

## Awards & Recognitions: Association and Chapters

### Spring Activities

#### Spring Luncheon:

"Search for an Islamic Identity,"  
with speaker Jere L. Bacharach.  
Thursday, April 18, 12:00 noon  
See lead story for details.

#### Free Walking Tour

of the new Puget Sound  
Environmental Learning Center,  
Saturday, April 27,  
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

This is your chance to see the Center,  
located on Bainbridge Island, and  
tour part of its 255 acres of bog, pond  
and forest before the grand opening.

Bring drinking water and boots  
for muddy conditions. For more  
information, visit [www.pselc.org](http://www.pselc.org).  
Advance reservations required.  
See form below.

#### Other Activities

Get the updates on future  
outings by visiting our new PBK  
web site at [www.psa-pbk.org](http://www.psa-pbk.org).

### "Want Ad"

If you have accounting  
experience—and a little extra  
time—PSAPBK could definitely  
use your help. Please email  
[administration@psa-pbk.org](mailto:administration@psa-pbk.org).

### Pathfinders Awards

The PBK Pathfinder award reflects the imagery  
found on our distinguished key, a hand pointing  
to the stars. It is awarded to those who encourage  
others to seek new worlds and discover untouched  
destinations. Congratulations to this year's winners:

**Seattle Girl's School** was founded by Marja  
Brandon with the express intention of encouraging  
adolescent girls to discover new paths. Armed with  
the latest teacher training and research, this unique  
institution focuses on building the confidence and  
self-image of young women so they may pursue  
careers in math, science, and technology.

**Clarence Acox**, makes Garfield High rock. He has  
directed the school's award-winning jazz band for  
decades. From the band's inception in 1980, when  
they immediately placed second at the Reno Jazz  
Festival, through appearances at Lincoln Center's  
"Essentially Ellington" competition, Acox has  
devoted a lifetime to encouraging young people to  
reach for the stars.

**Mary Margaret Welch** asks tough questions and  
aspires to high standards. At Mercer Island High  
she requires students to integrate technical and  
scientific learning with the business and research  
world that exists outside academia. Truly, she  
inspires others to break new intellectual ground.

**Elena Mayer**, an 8th grader at The Evergreen  
School, is the type of youth leader who willingly  
tackles the unknown to open new paths for her

peers. As a student council member, she reached  
beyond her required duties to champion positive  
change, including the establishment of a girls-only  
class time to meet the special needs, and address  
particular issues of her female classmates.

### Pathfinders Awards Ceremony

Be there to cheer on this year's distinguished  
Pathfinders Awards recipients as they are honored at  
the PSAPBK's annual Spring Luncheon, at noon on  
Thursday, April 18, at the Washington Athletic Club.  
To sign up, use the form at the bottom of this page.

### Washington Alpha Initiation Ceremony

The Alpha Chapter at the University of Washington  
will hold its annual initiation ceremony Friday, June  
14, at 7:30 p.m. This year's speaker is Peter Ward,  
a Professor in the department of Geological Sciences  
and Adjunct Professor of Zoology, specializing in  
paleobiology. The event is open to the public and will  
be held on campus in the Auditorium of the Student  
Union Building, (HUB).

### Rhodes Scholarship

For the second year in a row, a member of the  
University of Washington Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa  
won a Rhodes scholarship. Elected as a Junior, this  
year's successful candidate, Elizabeth Angell, is an  
early entrance student at the Robinson Center, just  
like her predecessor. Ms. Angell majored in History as  
well as International Studies, and will focus on the  
history of Scotland's national identity and nationalist  
movements at Oxford.

### Nominate a star for an Ernie Stiefel Scholarship

*Know of a worthy student?  
Eligibility requirements state  
applicants must be members  
of PBK elected at the UW or UPS,  
must demonstrate financial need,  
and are starting graduate student  
programs at the UW or UPS.*

*For applications, please write to:  
PSAPBK, P.O. Box 15258,  
Seattle, WA 98115-9998.  
For more information, visit  
[www.psa-pbk.org/scholarships\\_awards.html](http://www.psa-pbk.org/scholarships_awards.html).*

### Make a difference.

### Make a donation to the new Ernest R. Stiefel Scholarship.

For years, Ernie Stiefel's lively treasurer's reports have been the highlight of many a PSAPBK meeting. Fiscally conservative, he managed to keep our money safe while gaining the highest rate of return, allowing us to provide scholarships to many worthy students.

Often referred to as the "backbone of the organization," Ernie was elected to the PBK Alpha Chapter on his graduation from the UW in 1949. He has served on the board continuously since 1965. To this day, he continues to benefit our organization with his many years of experience and invaluable knowledge gained while working at an international firm of certified public accountants. It is in his honor that the board has established a new scholarship, the Ernest R. Stiefel Phi Beta Kappa Graduate Study Award. Scholarships will vary from \$1,500 to \$3,000, and will be granted to anywhere from one to three students per year.

Thanks to many dedicated and generous members, our scholarship fund continues to grow. But there are many other bright individuals worthy of the future a scholarship can commence. You can make a real difference in someone's life by making a donation today. (See the form below.) And, as Ernie Stiefel reminds us often: Leave your legacy by remembering PBK in your will.

#### Spring Luncheon, Thursday, April 18 (RSVP by April 11)

Total number attending: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cost: \$30 each, members or guests  
Meal: Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_

#### RSVP for free Walking Tour, April 27

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Total number attending: \_\_\_\_\_  
Place: Puget Sound Environmental Learning Center, Bainbridge Island  
(Driving instructions will be sent to your address.)

#### Make a difference. Make a donation.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I want to enliven the future of a worthy student in need.  
(Your enclosed donation to the new Ernest R. Stiefel Phi Beta Kappa  
Graduate Study Award is tax deductible, and greatly appreciated.)

#### Pay your dues for 2002, and get involved!

It's never too late to offer your support. And remember, dues are tax deductible.  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$ 25.00 Regular \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 50.00 Sustaining \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 100.00 Patron  
\_\_\_\_\_ Please contact me, I have some time I can offer to PSAPBK.

#### My enclosed check to PSAPBK is allocated as follows:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount for Spring luncheon  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount for Ernest R. Stiefel Scholarship  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount for 2002 dues  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Total check amount**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check(s) payable to: Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa, P.O. Box 15258, Seattle, WA 98115-9998

**Questions? Email us at [administration@psa-pbk.org](mailto:administration@psa-pbk.org), or call Nancy Blase at 206-685-2132.**