



# The Key Connection

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Executive Director of  
Town Hall Seattle,  
speaker at the PSA-PBK  
Spring Luncheon:**

**Wednesday, April 28,  
11:30 a.m., at the College  
Club of Seattle**

#### Our Web site

*If you have any questions about the Association, you can probably find the answers on PSA-PBK's Web site. Now in its third year, <http://www.psa-pbk.org> has a wealth of information, including upcoming activities, past newsletter issues, details of membership, and contact information for the board and the administrative assistant. Check it out, and if you have any questions or suggestions, please let us know!*

#### Scholarships

*This year, PSA-PBK will once again award four undergraduate scholarships of \$1,500 each to students at the University of Puget Sound and the University of Washington. Applications for these scholarships are due April 16. The recipients' names will be announced in the next issue of The Key Connection.*

## Cultural visionary David Brewster to speak at Spring Luncheon

David Brewster, executive director of Town Hall Seattle, will speak at the Association's Spring Luncheon, to be held at the College Club of Seattle on April 28. During his talk, "Rebooting Seattle: Where is the Region Heading?" Brewster will discuss some surprising new regional data and its local implications. He will also describe leading contenders for strategic direction, comment on trends in education, and share his vision of a "right-sized" city.

An engaged Seattle observer for nearly four decades and founder of the award-winning *Seattle Weekly*, Brewster has earned a reputation as "one of this city's best informed and most readable writers." A Phi Beta from Yale University, he hails from New Jersey, and came to Seattle in 1965 for a teaching position at the University of Washington. In 2001, the *Seattle Times* recognized Brewster as one of the 150 most influential Seattleites in the city's history. We are honored to welcome him.

The College Club, located at 505 Madison Street in downtown Seattle, was established in 1910 to foster the spirit of camaraderie and cordiality reminiscent of the university experience. Luncheon attendees may choose between halibut steak almandine and vegetarian stir fry; the cost is \$25 per plate. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 28. To make your reservations, please use the form at the bottom of the next page, and return it to us by April 14. For driving directions and parking information, please visit our Web site, <http://www.psa-pbk.org>.

## Volunteer treasurer wanted

The search is on for a new treasurer for PSA-PBK. We need a talented person who is able and willing to keep the books, write checks, receive and deposit money—essentially, to do whatever is necessary to ensure that we are able to continue our various programs in a dependable and businesslike fashion. Please note that this is a volunteer position.

Our present treasurer, Larry Katz, will be serving out the remainder of his current term. He will therefore be able, with the assistance of Ernie Stiefel, longtime PSA-PBK treasurer and now assistant treasurer, to train his replacement over an extended period of time.

If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Larry at (206) 527-9132, [katzlarry@hotmail.com](mailto:katzlarry@hotmail.com), or Kate Ostrom at (245) 255-3151, [kateostrom@aol.com](mailto:kateostrom@aol.com).

## Tour of McCaw Hall scheduled for March 20

We invite you to tour the Marion Oliver McCaw Performance Hall with its designer, Mark Reddington, FAIA, on Saturday, March 20, at 11:00 a.m.

Formerly the Seattle Opera House, the innovatively redesigned performance hall opened its doors to much fanfare in June 2003. The hall, located at Seattle Center, is home to the Seattle Opera and the Pacific Northwest Ballet. Mr. Reddington, McCaw Hall's award-winning designer, will lead the 1½ hour tour. Go backstage, and visit the seating galleries, the lobby, and more. Learn which structures have been preserved from the 1927 Civic Auditorium and the 1962 Opera House. Be prepared for plenty of stair climbing. Flat, comfortable shoes are recommended. After the tour, join other local Phi Betes for a no-host lunch in a nearby restaurant.

The cost for this tour is \$10 per person, or two for \$15. Fees will benefit the PSA-PBK Scholarship Fund. There is a limit of 30 participants, so please reserve your spot as soon as possible, using the form at the bottom of the next page. Your check and registration form must be received by March 15. Parking information and driving directions are available at our Web site, <http://www.psa-pbk.org>.



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## Awards, recognitions, and news from our chapters

### Fifty years of PSA-PBK

*Tuesday, September 28, 2004—save the date! We will be celebrating 50 years of the Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa with a very special dinner at the Women's University Club, where we will look back at our beginnings, review the present, and finally present our vision for the future. We will also recognize the contributions to this association of Ernie Stiefel, our longtime treasurer, who has served on the board of trustees through more of these years than anyone else.*

### Saturday coffee klatches

*We are seeking people to lead discussions on current books or topics of interest at Saturday morning coffee klatches this spring. We also need meeting places: homes with room for 15-20 people would be ideal. This activity promises to be very popular—if you would like to help, please contact Bonnieclare Erling at (206) 878-2350, or [bonnieclare.erling@comcast.net](mailto:bonnieclare.erling@comcast.net).*

### High school outreach

*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 who are selected by their schools, both public and private, on the basis of their cumulative GPA as well as their outstanding contributions to their school or community. Each student receives a book with his or her name written in calligraphy on a bookplate inside the front cover. The letters to the high schools were recently dispatched, and we look forward to receiving this year's nominations shortly.*

### ERNEST STIEFEL AWARD

Each year, Ernest R. Stiefel Graduate Study Awards are given to one to three new graduate students who were elected to Phi Beta Kappa as undergraduates at the University of Puget Sound or the University of Washington. Their fields of study may be in the liberal arts, humanities, sciences, or professions. Recipients are selected on the basis of a demonstrated financial need, the strength of their application file, and a letter outlining their education, work experience, and career goals. Applications for this award are due May 21. For more information, see our Web site, <http://www.psa-pbk.org>, under Scholarships and Awards.

Ernest Stiefel is a distinguished member of PSA-PBK, having served on its board continuously since 1965.

### CHAPTER NEWS

#### ALPHA (University of Washington)

The initiation of new members is scheduled to take place in the HUB Auditorium on Thursday, June 10, at 7:30 p.m. Professor Richard R. Johnson of the UW Department of History will be speaking. The public is cordially invited to attend along with the initiates' friends and family.

On January 29 and 30, the Alpha Chapter welcomed Professor Leonard Barkan, Arthur W. Marks '19 Professor of Comparative Literature and Director of the Society of Fellows at Princeton University. Professor Barkan's visit took place under the auspices of PBK's Visiting Scholar Program. His public lecture, "Words on Pictures," which attracted a large and enthusiastic audience,

was co-sponsored by PSA-PBK and several academic units and programs at the University of Washington. During his stay, Professor Barkan also visited a class on Latin literature, made a presentation to students who either have been to or plan to visit the University of Washington's Rome Center, and attended lunches with student members of PBK, Mary Gates Scholars, and students in the Undergraduate Honors Program.

Professor Barkan was able to meet with many other members of the University of Washington community during the course of his two-day visit, including students, faculty, and staff. In addition to making formal presentations, Professor Barkan also met informally with members of the local PBK communities.

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#### DELTA (University of Puget Sound)

One of our undergraduate scholarship recipients, Sarah J. Weil, was among those honored at the University of Puget Sound's recent Annual Scholarship Luncheon. The event honored more than 100 recipients and donors of the university's scholarship awards for the 2003-04 academic year. As a donor organization, PSA-PBK was represented at the luncheon by your president, Kate Ostrom.

### Pathfinder Awards to be presented at the Spring Luncheon

At our annual luncheon on April 28 at the College Club, PSA-PBK will present the annual Pathfinder Awards to individuals and organizations in our community who have reached beyond ordinary expectations and routines to provide and inspire intellectual opportunities for others:

Through "Youth in Focus," **Walter Bodle** has used his work with a camera to motivate young people having difficulty in school and society.

**Maria Raitu**, an 18-year-old high school student, worked to motivate all her schoolmates of the same age to register to vote.

Through "Key Players," **Gary Emmons** has encouraged people of all ages to enjoy music, learn to play keyboard instruments, and then bring their music to others.

**Powerful Voices** helps girls who have been victims of abuse to learn decision-making and goal-setting skills, and trains them to pass these skills on to other girls in need.

**The Mount Baker Community Club** is honored for providing college scholarships to students who have overcome adversity and contributed to their communities. In addition, the club fosters writing among elementary school students, and houses the Central Branch Preschool in its facilities.

### Spring Luncheon, Wed., April 28 (RSVP by April 14)

Total number attending @ \$25 each: \_\_\_\_\_

Meal: Halibut \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_

### McCaw Hall Tour, Sat., March 20 (RSVP by March 15)

Total number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Price: \$10 per person, or two for \$15

### Pay your dues for 2004 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.

Please make checks payable to Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa, P.O. Box 15258, Seattle, WA 98115-9998

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

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount for Spring Luncheon

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount for McCaw Hall Tour

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount for scholarship donation

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount for 2004 dues:

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**Questions? E-mail us at [administration@psa-pbk.org](mailto:administration@psa-pbk.org), or call Kate Ostrom at (425) 255-3151.**