



The Key Connection

news & events

Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa

Spring Luncheon, April 27

“The Adventurous Life of Thor Heyerdahl: A Personal View by Another Adventurer”

Wednesday, April 27, 11:45 am
Red Lion Hotel, 1415 Fifth Avenue, Seattle



Our luncheon speaker this spring is an archaeologist of Egypt, knowledgeable about current political developments there, but personally connected with one of the great explorers of our time. Donald P. Ryan, Ph.D., is best known for his research in Egypt including excavations in the Valley of the Kings where he has discovered lost tombs and controversial mummies. A Faculty Fellow at Pacific Lutheran University, he has written eight books, most recently *Beneath the Sands of Egypt: Adventures of an Unconventional Archaeologist*, which describes many of his adventures. He knows intimately the Egyptian archaeologists, museums, and sites affected by the recent turmoil.

But there’s more:

Donald Ryan was also Thor Heyerdahl’s right-hand man during the last seven years of Heyerdahl’s life. Known to many of us for his bold trans-Pacific voyage on the balsa raft *Kon-Tiki*, Heyerdahl (1914-2002) followed up by other adventures including other experimental voyages (the *Ra* and *Tigris* expeditions on reed boats), and important archaeological investigations on Easter Island and in Peru, the Maldives, the Canary Islands and elsewhere, as excitingly described in many popular books translated into numerous languages. Apart from his scientific endeavors, Heyerdahl was also noted as a peace advocate and global environmentalist.

Ryan worked with Heyerdahl on several projects, including the mysterious pyramids of Guimar in Tenerife; he inherited some of the great explorer’s research and will complete his last book. What is it like to work with a legend? Donald Ryan will tell us.

Ryan is a former professional mountain guide and teaches mountaineering part-time. He continues to climb regularly and is involved in a variety of other adventure sports including mountain-biking, skiing, adventure racing, long-distance running, paragliding, spelunking and Hawaiian outrigger canoe racing. He is known to carry a croquet mallet to mountaintops and other far-flung places for additional recreation. More information is on his website <http://www.plu.edu/~ryandp/>.

The luncheon takes place on Wednesday, April 27, at the Red Lion Fifth Avenue Hotel in downtown Seattle, 1415 Fifth Avenue, at 11:45 am. The cost is \$35 per person; menu choices are London broil or Portobello mushroom ravioli. Guests are welcome. Please return your reservation using the coupon in this newsletter by April 19, or pay online at <http://psa-pbk.org/online-payments-donations.html>.

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Tour Burke Museum and Henry Art Gallery

Thursday April 7, 5:30 p.m. at the Burke Museum

Members of PSA-PBK and the Washington Alpha Chapter will have the opportunity to jointly tour the Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture and the Henry Art Gallery. Students and guests are welcome. We will meet at 5:30 p.m. on April 7 inside the main entrance of the Burke Museum, located on the University of Washington campus at the corner of 17th Avenue N.E. (Memorial Way) and N.E. 45th Street. Parking is available adjacent to the building or on the street. There is ample bus service to the UW campus.

Featured exhibits at the Burke Museum include two photography exhibits: The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and The Owl and the Woodpecker. The Burke will also have an exhibit on the origin and heritage of Ainu culture, in addition to their ongoing exhibits, Life and Times of Washington State and Pacific Voices, where 17 different cultures are represented. For a description of the exhibits with a map and directions, visit <http://www.washington.edu/burkemuseum>. The Burke will be open until 8 p.m. The Burke café will also be open until 8, if you wish to purchase food or beverages.

After viewing the exhibits at the Burke Museum, we will walk to the Henry Art Gallery, located on campus at 15th Avenue N.E. and N.E. 41st Street. The Henry will be open until 9 p.m.

The Henry Art Gallery will feature over 100 photographs by Japanese Americans in their new exhibit, Shadows of a Fleeting World: Pictorial Photography and Seattle Camera Club. They will also be displaying a selection of photographs by Uta Barth from their permanent collection, and two new sculptures by Lucy Pullen: Cloud Chamber and Spark Chamber. For more information on the exhibits, visit <http://www.henryart.org>.

Admission to both museums is free this day, but please RSVP so we know to expect you. You can do so using the newsletter coupon, or by sending an e-mail to administration@psa-pbk.org. If you have questions, please call Linda Wilenberg at (425) 641-1606.

Japanese Garden tour

Thursday May 21 11:30 a.m

Tea Ceremony Demonstration at 1:00

Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa will tour the Seattle Japanese Garden on May 21 at 11:30 a.m. We are fortunate to also have the opportunity to watch a demonstration of the Japanese tea ceremony at 1:00 p.m., following the garden tour. The Japanese Garden is located within the Washington Park Arboretum at 1075 Lake Washington Blvd East, Seattle, WA 98112. This 3 1/2 acre formal garden was designed and constructed under the supervision of world-renowned Japanese garden designer Juki Iida in 1960. We will be touring the garden at the peak of its floral season and on the only day that it has public tea ceremony demonstrations. The cost of the tour is \$7. Observation of the tea ceremony is free. If you would like a serving of traditional matcha tea and a sweet the cost is \$5.

After the tour, you may want to join other PSA-PBK members for a no-host lunch at a nearby restaurant. Please RSVP by mailing in your reservation or use the Paypal option.

Five undergraduate scholarships available

Thanks to your support, we are once more able to offer five \$1,600 scholarships for the academic year 2011-12. Students at the University of Washington and the University of Puget Sound who have a financial need and who have maintained a GPA of at least 3.8 are eligible. The deadline for applications is April 1 for UPS and April 18 for the UW. Requirements and application forms are posted on our Web site, http://psa-pbk.org/scholarships_awards.html.

Four 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 recipients who will be honored at our Spring Luncheon on April 27.

DAVID BREWSTER, for founding *Seattle Weekly*, Town Hall Seattle, and Crosscut.com, providing writers, musicians, activists, thinkers, politicians, and scientists a forum in Seattle and offering the people of the Seattle area access to extraordinary thinking and expression.

STANLEY CHERNICOFF, of the University of Washington, for his commitment to helping students succeed. He started the Dawg Daze program to assist incoming freshmen make a successful transition to the university. He also founded the Dream Project, in which UW students go to low-income Washington communities and assist qualified high schoolers with the college application process.

TIMOTHY JONES and STARBUCKS COFFEE, for founding and sponsoring the “Hot Java Cool Jazz” concerts, which have supported and showcased young musicians, and have raised over \$200,000 since 1995 to help the music education programs of participating Puget Sound area high schools. The last concert raised \$35,000 for the program.

CAROL WISELEY, international entrepreneurship instructor at Mercer Island High School, for inspiring students to be business leaders on both the international and post-secondary stage. Under her guidance, students have learned the skills of corporation development, civic engagement, and service learning while establishing actual trading partnerships with Ghana, China and Kenya.

Spotlight on new Board Members

Aspasia Bartell

Aspasia Bartell was inducted into the Washington Alpha Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa in 2007 and graduated magna cum laude from the University of Washington’s Jackson School of International Studies in 2009. She served a four-year term as a board member on the Dale Turner Family (formerly Shoreline/South County) YMCA Board of Management, and has worked as a research assistant at the University of Washington and a data analysis intern at the Washington State Department of Commerce.

As a UW undergraduate, Bartell served as president of the 400-member chapter of the Golden Key Honor Society. In 2008, she was named Golden Key Honor Society National Student Leader of the Year for her work as president of the UW chapter. In addition, she was named the YMCA of Greater Seattle Association-Wide Young Adult Volunteer of the Year in 2007, and a Mary Gates Leadership Scholar in the same year. At graduation, she was named her department’s Outstanding Graduating Senior.

This past year, Bartell received PSA-PBK’s Ernest R. Stiefel Graduate Study Award. She is currently a first-year MBA student at the UW’s Foster School of Business.

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Members who are not on the board but serve on committees: Greta Austin, Nancy Blase, Chuck Goldstein, Carol Goodall, Wilson O’Donnell.

To serve on a committee, or join the Board of Trustees, please e-mail Linda Willenberg at linda@willenbergs.com.



In Memoriam: Ernest R. Stiefel, 1921-2010

Ernest R. Stiefel (PBK University of Washington, 1949) joined the board of the Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa in 1965, and remained a member for over 40 years. During that time, he served as treasurer and assistant treasurer. He had a strong commitment to our mission of supporting liberal-arts education at the University of Washington and the University of Puget Sound. Our Ernest R. Stiefel Graduate Study Awards were named in his honor. We were saddened to hear of his death. The following obituary was provided by his family.

Ernest R. Stiefel passed away peacefully on October 18, 2010, surrounded by his family. He was born on June 17, 1921 in Frankfurt am Main, Germany. He considered it a miracle that he was able to escape Germany in July 1940 by way of Russia, Manchuria, Korea, and Japan, arriving in Seattle on August 3, 1940 with the first group to take the eastern route. Penniless, he was greeted and assisted by the Seattle Jewish community, a debt he spent his life repaying through community service. [Note from PSA-PBK: In 2000, Ernie wrote “A Memorable Journey” for the Washington State Jewish Historical Society, detailing his trip of many thousands of miles.]

He served in the United States Army Air Corps from 1943 to 1946, returning to Europe during the war as an intelligence officer. He returned to Seattle and graduated in 1949 from the University of Washington with a degree in business administration and as a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He passed the CPA examination in May 1949 with the highest score in the state and then practiced public accounting until his retirement in 1986. A highly intelligent and passionate accountant and business advisor, he had a strong and loyal client following.

He devoted himself as a leader in the Jewish and greater Seattle community. He was a founder of Congregation Beth Shalom and Congregation Ner Tamid. He served as president of Congregation Beth Shalom, the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle, Hillel at the University of Washington, and the Jewish Education Council; as treasurer of the Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa; and on the boards of numerous other organizations, including United Way of King County, the Washington State Jewish Historical Society, and Music of Remembrance. He was the financial conscience of many organizations. Passionate about Jewish education and Jewish continuity, he was gifted with an exceptional memory for detail, and enjoyed researching family genealogy and German Jewish history. He was devoted to his loving family. Ernie is survived by his loving wife of nearly 60 years, Doris J. Stiefel, and his children, David (Joy), Mark (Sheryl), Sharon (Davida Alperin), and his grandchildren, Elana, Jason, Miriam, Nathan, Michael, and Emi. He was a role model to all of them and his presence will be sorely missed.

Ernest R. Stiefel Graduate Study Award \$3,700 this year

The Ernest R. Stiefel Graduate Study Award is given to graduate or professional students who are members of Phi Beta Kappa chapters at UPS, UW, WSU, Whitman College, University of Hawaii, University of Idaho, University of Oregon, Lewis and Clark College, Reed College or Willamette University; and who will begin their graduate studies at either the UPS or UW in the academic year 2011–12. This year, one award of \$3,700 will be made. The deadline is June 20. Requirements and application forms are posted on our Web site, http://psa-pbk.org/scholarships_awards.html.

We couldn't do it without you

It is only because members like you are willing to bite the bullet and provide the means, that we are able to follow through with scholarships, book awards, and Pathfinder honors. You make it all happen, and can take pride that young people are encouraged to pursue the education that will help not just them but our whole community.

You can be pleased that the people in our area get well-earned praise for helping with education for all. We can only say “thank you” and “thank you” again. We humbly publish your names below as our way of showing the appreciation we feel. The people listed on the next page made contributions — some more than once — between the beginning of our fiscal year, July 1, 2010, to our cutoff date for this publication, February 8, 2011.

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Organ music and architecture: Our January tour

Our January tour of Beneroya Hall started with a short concert on the beautiful Watjen Organ. Eighteen Phi Betes and friends were escorted by a chatty and knowledgeable docent who told of early problems in building the hall and obtaining and installing the organ.

It is a true community organ with scheduled free public performances. We enjoyed opera transcriptions which cover a wide range of sounds, demonstrating the smallest to the largest of the 4,490 pipes. You can still enjoy a free concert of Viennese classics on July 6 or a celebration of Franz Liszt's 200th birthday on August 1.

LMN Architects faced some unusual problems in building on the site. We appreciate most the absence of intrusive sound, even though buses and light rail run beneath it and near it. Beneroya Hall is actually an insulated concrete box within a box, supported by rubber pads. Even though it houses two concert halls, the 2,500 seat S. Mark Taber Foundation Auditorium and the 540 seat Illsley Ball Nordstrom Recital Hall, no sound leaks from one to the other, making it possible to have two concerts at the same time. Sight lines, too, were given meticulous attention, as well as acoustics, making both halls patron friendly.

One delightful fact provided by our docent: the beautiful wood panelling within the main auditorium came from one tree in northwest Africa.

Benaroya Hall is a jewel in downtown Seattle, not just for concertgoers, but for all citizens. From the Remembrance Garden on the west side, to the spectacular night views from the lobby, to the beauty of the concert halls themselves, some would say it was a bargain at the \$114.1 million cost.

Online payment now available for dues, donations, and events

We have recently begun to accept credit cards for payment of membership dues, scholarship donations, and selected special events. You might say that we are finally realizing the existence of high technology in our financial operations, and, in doing so, are recognizing the preference of an increasing number of our members to make payments online.

You will notice a PayPal icon in the left column of our home page. Click on the link, or go directly to <http://psa-pbk.org/online-payments-donations.html>, and you will be guided through the payment process. Be sure to be specific in describing your membership and donation categories. You will be e-mailed a receipt directly from PayPal shortly after you authorize the payment. When we are accepting online payments for particular events, such as the Spring Luncheon, special payment buttons will be provided.

Remember: it is still possible to make these various payments by mail. Just fill out the membership or scholarship forms, which are still available on the Web site, and mail them (along with your check for the appropriate amount) to PSA-PBK, P.O. Box 15258, Seattle, WA 98115-0258.

We thank board member Benjamin Lukoff for his leadership in making online payments possible. He will continue to monitor the implementation, so if you have questions or concerns about the new system, please feel free to send an e-mail message to web@psa-pbk.org or call Linda Willenberg at (425) 641-1606.

Members are reminded that PSA-PBK is a 501(c)3 organization, which means both dues and donations are tax-deductible. We are also able to accept matching funds from employers who have such programs. In the meantime, take a peek at the Web site, and send in that contribution which you have been going to make for some time — but just didn't have an easy way to get it done!

Message From Your President

As spring approaches, I am looking forward to more daylight, warmer weather, and flowers in bloom. I am also excited about the many events we have planned for this spring. At our Spring Luncheon on April 27, we will present Pathfinder Awards to individuals and organizations who have gone to extraordinary lengths in support of education. We will recognize high academic achievement in Puget Sound-area high schools by presenting book awards to selected graduating seniors.

Providing financial assistance to students is at the core of our mission. Last year we were able to award \$12,000 in scholarships to students at the University of Washington and the University of Puget Sound. We have budgeted the same amount for scholarships this year. Your annual dues and tax-deductible contributions fund all of our scholarship and award programs. Thank you for your continued support of the Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Spring Luncheon and other events.



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Spring Luncheon, April 27, 11:45 am, (RSVP April 19)

London broil _____
Portobello mushroom ravioli _____
Number of attendees @ \$35 = _____
I would like to pay for lunch for a Pathfinder award winner x\$35= _____
Guest name(s) _____

Japanese Garden Tour, 5/21, 11:30 am (RSVP May 13)

Number for tour _____ x \$7.00 = _____
Number for Tea ceremony _____ x \$5.00= _____
Guest name(s) _____

Burke Museum/Henry Art Gallery, 4/7 5:30 pm (RSVP April 4)

Number of attendees _____
Guest name(s) _____

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Volunteers needed to present high school book awards

Looking for a little inspiration? Try volunteering to present a high school book award this spring. It takes very little time, and you will be energized and uplifted by the students' hard work and the quality of their academic and community pursuits. During May and June, we award personally inscribed books to outstanding graduating seniors in the Puget Sound area. This is just one of the many ways we work to encourage and reward outstanding achievement in the liberal arts and sciences. Principals and guidance counselors at participating schools are asked to provide the name of a student from each school who exemplifies what Phi Beta Kappa represents: a love of learning, as demonstrated by their academic achievement as well as a record of service to others.

Schools may select multiple award recipients. However, we can only pay for the first book per school. Additional books may be ordered at a cost of \$35 each, including shipping and handling.

We need Phi Beta Kappa members like you to present the books at the schools' awards ceremonies! If you would like additional information about the program or would like to volunteer, please call Linda Willenberg at (425) 641-1606 or e-mail either pbkhighschoolcoord@psa-pbk.org or president@psa-pbk.org.



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