



Did You Know...?

Ferry traffic has been a concern since 1919 when the first car ferry started operating from Mukilteo?



Waiting for the Ferry

Park Avenue was Mukilteo's main street?



Shops along Park Avenue

In the 1920s there was a ball field near where the Speedway now goes over the railroad tracks?



Ball field in old Mukilteo

Later, there was a Little League ball field in the Mukilteo State Park, now Lighthouse Park. (The Historical Society does not have a photo of that ball field—can you provide one?)

There were strawberry fields “out in the country” and Mukilteo kids picked strawberries for pay?

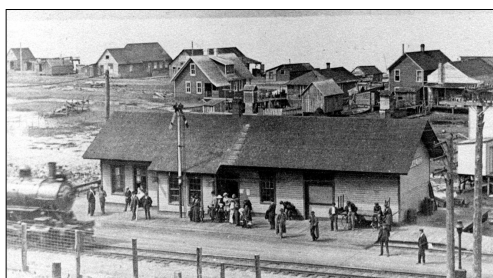


The Andersons in their strawberry field near Nelson's corner, where the Marriott Town Suites is now located on the Speedway.



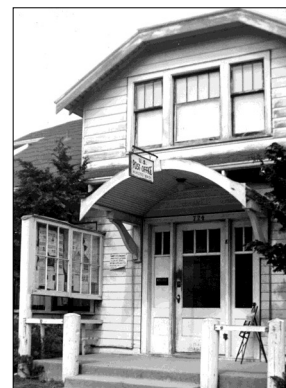
Beverly Dudder Ellis and Marg Klemp Caley are among the kids in the car going to pick strawberries in fields belonging to Mr. Potts along the Speedway between 88th and 92nd.

The railroad depot was on Park Avenue?



Railroad depot

The building on Second Street next to Arnie's was built as a Post Office by Postmaster David Burkland in the 1930s?



1930s Post Office on Second Street

The building housing the Diamond Knot Brewery and Alehouse on Front Street was once Mukilteo's bus barn?



Bus Barn

In the 1950s, a building supply company was located on Second Street where Arnie's is now?



Building Supply Store

John Collier

Message from our President

As we all gather to celebrate Thanksgiving this year, we should not forget to express our gratitude for the achievements of MHS in 2014. Many may seem routine: another successful season of service at the Light Station, a well-attended Remembrance Ceremony in Pioneer Cemetery, increased beautification of the lighthouse gardens, and active participation in the Lighthouse Festival, including the parade and Pioneer of the Year Ceremony.

Because much of this—and a lot more—is done every year, it may seem simple. But I suspect that many of you reading this are fully aware of just how much time, talent, and energy it takes to make something appear effortless.

Rather than name all those who pitched in this year—which would fill this newsletter—I would like to focus on the three persons who are “graduating” from our core cadre of Officers and Directors.

Brenda Thorsen served with great distinction as second Vice President and as the one who produced the fine programs we have enjoyed for the past two years.

Kim Nguyen has been amazing as Secretary and a very effective “stickler for details”—a much needed corrective for my own, shall we say, “relaxed” organizational approach.

Finally, Eileen Pridmore has served for several years as an exemplary Treasurer, excelling in the two essential elements of the job: financial/accounting competence and impeccable integrity. We will miss the wisdom of all three on our governing board, but we are reassured by their willingness to continue to volunteer as the need arises.

There is further good news as we look toward 2015. At our general meeting on November 13, we elected three new officers: Joanne Mulloy as Second Vice President, Margaret Summitt as Secretary, and Sheila Wright as Treasurer. The new officers and those continuing in leadership roles are already working on projects, namely setting up a regular schedule for maintenance and prioritized repairs at the light station, and developing, with the cooperation of Jericho Bridge Church, a very professional and attractive walking tour of the entire Lighthouse Park area. The new leadership will begin in earnest with a Planning Retreat on Saturday, January 3, 2015.

You should have received by now an invitation to our MHS Holiday Potluck Party to take place on Sunday, December 7, 2:00 to 4:00, in the Christiansen Room at Rosehill. It promises to be a grand occasion, so if you can attend only one event this holiday season, let it be this one!

John Collier, President ♦



MHS Calendar

December 6, 13, & 20, noon-4pm - **Light Station gift shop open.**

December 7, 2-4 pm - **The Best MHS Holiday Party Ever**, Rosehill Christiansen room.

December 13, 1-3 pm - **Santa at the Lighthouse.**

January 8, 2015, 7:15 pm - **Monthly Membership meeting**, Rosehill. ♦

Walking Tours of Mukilteo

MHS has joined forces with Jericho Bridge Church to develop three walking tours of Mukilteo, complete with attractive brochures, signed stops, and QR codes that will enable people to access more information on their electronic devices.

Don Saul, Pastor of Jericho Bridge, is working with an MHS group that includes John and Ann Collier, Sally Morrison, Brian and Ellen Judd, and Kim Nguyen.

The committee was awarded a \$4,550.00 grant from the City of Mukilteo 2015 Lodging Tax Grant Committee toward certain project costs. The first phase includes thirteen stops, incorporating art work and interpretive signs around Lighthouse Park and the Lighthouse grounds.

Two other walking tours are planned - one along Front Street and lower Park Avenue, and another for “Upper Old Town”, including Rosehill, the Pioneer Cemetery, and other historic sites. ♦



You are Invited

Mukilteo Historical Society—Annual Christmas Party and Pot Luck

Rosehill Community Center—Christiansen Room

Sunday, December 7, 2014, 2-4 pm



Bruce Richter: *In Memoriam*

Bruce Richter's death on October 25, at the age of 91, is being mourned by many, including members of the Mukilteo Historical Society. In celebration of their life-long commitment to Mukilteo, Bruce and his wife, Sylvia (Tude) Zahler Richter, were chosen by MHS as Pioneers of the Year in 2004. Bruce served Mukilteo in many capacities, including 17 years on the City Council, beginning in 1990. Bruce also served on the Planning Commission for many years and was a Volunteer Fireman.



High School graduation



Born in Mukilteo in 1923, Bruce loved telling stories about growing up in Mukilteo. Boating and fishing occupied much of his time when he was not in classes at Rosehill School.

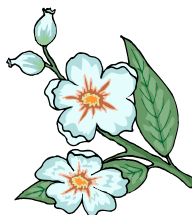
One of his favorite stories came from the Prohibition Era when there were stills hidden away in the woods above Old Town. Bruce remembered sitting on a load of home brew on the back of a truck that his father was driving, when they were pulled over by the local constable. Bruce could see that his father was nervous, and was told to keep quiet, even though he didn't know what they were hauling. Bruce must have breathed a sigh of relief (and surely his father did!) when the father and son were only questioned and then let go without an inspection.

Later as an adult, when Bruce was a volunteer firefighter and living near the firehouse on 3rd Street, he would rush when the siren sounded to be there first—so he could drive the fire truck. There is also a story about the time his pants caught on fire when he got too close to the flames they were fighting. It would be hard to find any of our older citizens who does not have some tale from the warm and humorous collection of Bruce Richter stories!



Bruce and Tude, June 1944

Bruce worked at Scott Paper Company while he and Tude raised their children, Jeff and Jamie, here in Mukilteo. Bruce's contributions to Mukilteo will long be remembered—MHS expresses its sympathy to Tude and all the family.



Fun Trivia: Lighthouse Keeper is a Judge in 1909 Debate

The Mukilteo Enterprise in an article on February 18, 1909, described a debate at Rosehill School. Resolved: That this country owes a greater debt of gratitude to Abraham Lincoln than to George Washington. Mr. Peter Christiansen, Mukilteo's first Lighthouse Keeper, was one of the three judges, who decided in favor of the affirmative. ♦



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