



Mukilteo's Pioneer of the Year: Janice McCaulley Henry

Mukilteo's Pioneer of the Year for 2017, Janice McCaulley Henry, has a lot of family! Janice's mother, Hazel Riches McCaulley, was the tenth of twelve children. And Hazel's mother, Mamie Gongia Riches, was the oldest of twelve children. So Janice has **lots** of relatives, many of whom lived in Mukilteo through the years.



Janice at Lake Stevens, 1937.

Janice's grandparents, Mamie and Edward Riches, came from Wisconsin to settle in Western Washington in the early 1900s, coming to the Mukilteo area in 1906, the year in which the Mukilteo lighthouse began operation.

Then Mamie's parents, Joseph and Mary Gongia (Janice's great-grandparents), also decided to move from Wisconsin to Western Washington. They sold their Wisconsin farm and, with their six youngest children, boarded the Great Northern for the four or five day train ride to the west coast.

Settling in Mukilteo, Joseph worked at the Crown Lumber Company. They had a large house near the beach and took in boarders. Later they moved to a house

up the hill. They also lived in Seattle for a while, but after Joe died, Mary moved back to Mukilteo to live with family. Mary, who died in 1931, was known as "Grandma Gongia" to Mukilteo kids.

Mamie and Edward Riches, Janice's grandparents, lived in the Edgewater area where they raised their twelve children. Edward was a chicken farmer and at one time had 1,000 chickens in two large coops. They also had a strawberry patch just past Edgewater. Edward owned the hall located near the Post Office on Park Avenue that was used as a skating arena and also for dances. Two of his sons, Claude and Walter, managed the hall. Claude and other members of his family played in a small band for dances.

Jan's father, Ralph McCaulley, came to Mukilteo before 1920 and worked at the Crown Lumber Company. He and Hazel Riches were married in Everett; they lived in one of the small beach houses where Lighthouse Park is today. They had four children, and Janice, born in 1935, is the youngest.



From left: Janice, 8; Carmel, 13; and Yvonne, 10.

Jan grew up in a house at 912 5th Street that Ralph had built using hand-split shakes and beams from the mill. Jan remembers fondly how her father loved music—when the ships docked in Mukilteo he liked to play his violin with the Filipinos playing mandolins and ukuleles. He also played piano in addition to the violin, an instrument Jan played in the Rosehill school orchestra.



From left: Carmel, Yvonne, and Janice, 1970s.

After graduation from Rosehill school, Jan went on to Everett High. She remembers going to the beach where Alma Ek ("Ekie") watched over all the kids as they swam there. Janice and her husband Larry Rise had three daughters: Leanne, Karen, and Lynda. Janice now has three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Her second husband, Dean Henry, died in 2007.

Jan has lived in her house at 605 3rd street since 1960; the house is now one hundred years old. She enjoys doing art work, mostly using pastels. She also likes playing golf and gardening. Her garden was on the Mukilteo Garden and Quilt Tour in 2015.

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A Message from our President

Earlier this week, I was sitting in Quarters A at the lighthouse, gazing out the window, when I noticed the beautiful morning outside. The sky was an amazing color of blue with white cottony clouds. The water was a completely different color of blue, and calm. The ferry was docked and loading cars and people. I soaked in the beauty of where we live and volunteer. It's never a bad day down at the lighthouse, even in the other seasons, although summer is pretty great. There's usually a breeze off the water and so much activity.

I just returned from a short trip to the Washington coast and peninsula where I was reminded of all this beauty that surrounds us. There were many similarities between my coast trip and the lighthouse grounds—lots of water, wind, and ever-changing clouds. I saw many international visitors there, like we have at the lighthouse.

I saw many old growth trees on this trip, including early Sitka spruce and a Western red cedar that was 600 to 900 years old. There were many maples covered in moss, as well as the non-native California redwoods. I took a ranger-led walk for over three hours and learned more about the wildlife, birds, native and non-native plant species, politics between the National Park and the National Forest, the history of those who settled there, the unique strengths of each tribe in that area, and Sasquatch stories.

President Franklin Roosevelt was invited there by the timber companies to show him that there was no need for a national park and, ironically, he was so impressed that he designated it Olympic National Park.

Earlier in the week, I cautioned my nephew to stay on the trails, because so much work goes into making and maintaining them. The ranger reinforced this with a story of a retiring ranger who marked all the trees and culverts and created a map for those who would take his place. She explained that gravel is brought in on a motorized wheelbarrow. So much work and thought and kindness goes into these areas that we love.

I felt right at home there in the woods and it reminded me of what we do every day to keep the lighthouse shining. The grounds are maintained in partnership with the City of Mukilteo. The docents share history with our visitors who often share back to us more rich information about this area. The appreciation of the beautiful setting is obvious with so many photographers and families marking history with weddings and ceremonies. We keep track of our international visitors each year so we know how far folks traveled to see us.

So many little details come together to make it all work. There are big things that our Board and volunteers do on a daily basis that make it fun and keep it all running. I became clearer about that while volunteers were on their own vacations this summer. So many people bring so much affection to the lighthouse in a humble way. It's amazing to be part of it.

Joanne Mulloy, President ♦



MHS Calendar

Thursday, August 10, 7 pm, **General Membership Meeting**, Rosehill. Meet the Pioneer of the Year.

Thursday, September 14, 7 pm, **General Membership Meeting**, Rosehill. Mukilteo Mayor Jennifer Gregerson presents her annual update.

Thursday, October 12, 7 pm, **General Membership Meeting**, Rosehill. Chad Kaiser discusses lighthouses and Fresnel lenses. ♦



From the Treasurer...

As of June 30, 2017, the following cash assets were included in the Mukilteo Historical Society bank accounts:

Bank of America Operating:	\$33,996.97
OpusBank Checking:	\$4,300.59
OpusBank CD:	\$10,212.06
OpusBank CD:	\$31,232.05

Second quarter financial statements for the Mukilteo Historical Society will be presented to the members at the August 10, 2017 General Meeting. The statements will include revenue and expenses for the period ending June 30, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Friedrich, Treasurer ♦

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Rosehill orchestra, 1946. Janice is in the middle row on the right.

Janice will be our guest at the MHS meeting on Thursday, August 10, sharing her memories of growing up in Mukilteo. She will be riding in the Lighthouse Festival parade with our MHS contingent on Saturday, September 9, and will be honored in a reception at the lighthouse at 3:00 pm that afternoon. ♦



Cemetery Corner

By Margaret Summitt

One of the untold stories of Pioneer Cemetery is the death and burial of Kaijo Tamai.

It's all there in the death certificate.

Dr. C. E. Chandler, Mukilteo's hometown doctor, was called to a household in Japanese Gulch on April 21, 1918.

He determined that the 40-day-old infant girl, daughter of T. K. Tamai and Kiyoko Kodoma, had died of suffocation from bed clothing.

The undertaker is listed on the death certificate as E. Rosseau. Burial was made in Mukilteo, probably in the Pioneer Cemetery.

"E. Rosseau" was Eli Rousseau, who had come to Mukilteo to live in 1910 after making his wealth in Everett from prostitution, bootlegging, and shady dealing. He owned a large piece of property with an apple orchard and rose garden (he was fond of roses) across Lincoln Avenue from the Rosehill School. He also owned a tract just south of the cemetery.

According to the 1910 Census, Rousseau employed a full-time gardener and a "housekeeper," Beatrice De Rosier, whose more lavish burial arrangements he had also paid for. Beatrice died at age 54 in 1917 and her grave can be seen on the street side of the cemetery. Beatrice may have done some housekeeping for Mr. Rousseau, but she was very much a part of the business that he continued in Mukilteo.

The grave of infant Kaijo Tamai is not marked. For his corporal work of mercy, we can lay one rose on Eli Rousseau's grave, wherever it is. He was deported to Canada in 1922 after a felony conviction for operating a speakeasy in Mukilteo. ♦

Memorial Day Celebration

By Peter Anderson

Each year we pause to reflect on the heritage we enjoy thanks to those who preceded us. Mukilteo's Pioneer Cemetery provides a beautiful and tranquil venue for such contemplation. In preparation for Memorial Day, MHS volunteers gathered at the cemetery on May 20th to wash the gravestones and place small national flags, crosses, and flower arrangements at each marker. Other volunteers gathered at the Light Station early on Memorial Day to load, transport, and set up chairs for guests at the cemetery.



Cemetery Clean-up Crew on May 20, 2017 included (pictured left to right) John Collier, Ann Collier, Alex Bonner, Margaret Summitt, Isabella Summitt, Lynette Steffanson-Goad, Chris Goad, Judy Richstad, Joanne Mulloy, Eric Richstad, George Summitt, Sally Morrison, and (not pictured) Peter Anderson.

The May 29th Memorial Day ceremony began with musical selections performed by members of MPS Brass and a flag presentation by members of VFW Post 2100. Master of Ceremonies, Margaret Summitt, dressed as Mary Fowler (wife of Mukilteo founder Jacob Fowler), gave a brief history of Pioneer Cemetery and some of the people buried there. Guest Speaker Mayor Jennifer Gregerson delivered the featured remarks, reminding us all of the significance of Memorial Day. Mayor Gregerson closed with the following words: *"On this Memorial Day, in this pivotal moment, it is time for our indispensable nation to show once more that we were born to serve humanity and lead the way to a more peaceful and more sustainable future."*

For the full text of Mayor Gregerson's Memorial Day speech, see: <http://mukilteowa.gov/wp-content/uploads/Memorial-Day-Remarks-2017.pdf>. ♦

Ball's Park at Hale Garden a Highlight on Tour

by Margaret Summitt

The weekend of July 15-16 brought many visitors to Mukilteo for the Biannual Garden and Quilt Tour. This event, a cooperative effort between the Mukilteo Lighthouse Quilters' Guild and the Mukilteo Way Garden Club, featured quilts in lovely garden settings.

MHS members Margaret Summitt, Isabella Summitt, and Diane Tinsley were present on Saturday to interpret the unique historic significance of the Hale Garden at 5th Street and Park Avenue. The garden is located on Brewery Gulch, where in 1875 a brewery was built. The brewery had several owners over the years, including Mukilteo co-founders Morris Frost and Jacob Fowler, before they went bankrupt. The brewery burned down in 1882.

In about 1910 the Ball family operated Greenwood Park at this site. A suspension bridge crossed the gulch and led to a park with cabins, picnic tables, gazebos, and swings. Large gatherings and celebrations made the place popular in the summer. Visitors this past weekend especially noted the stone structure that is still visible near the hot tub. Made of river stones cemented together, it reminded some of a shrine and others of a birdhouse. It is thought to be an architectural folly with no known purpose. The home and garden are currently owned by Dan and Wendi Hale. The Hales bought the property ten years ago and have done major rework to the garden and house. ♦

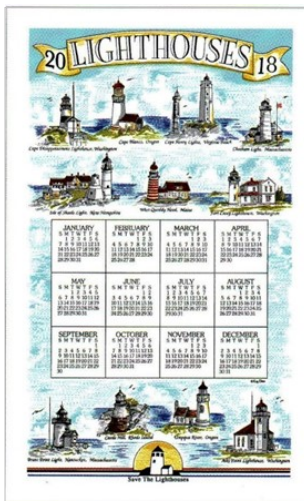
Gift Shop News

The season seems to be passing quickly and the cupboards are emptying out. Please continue to suggest another item for a guest when they ask for an item that is no longer in stock. For example, we are almost out of the smaller size of our lighthouse prints, but we do have a good supply of the larger ones. We seldom do a reorder during our season, as we want to be able to purchase new items for the next year.

US Lighthouse Passports are an exception. These are selling exceptionally well this year, so an additional 24 have been ordered. We also recently received a backorder on nautical placemats and 2018 Lighthouse Calendar towels. Only 12 of each of these were ordered, so if these are items you are looking for, stop by the gift shop soon.



Nautical Placemat



Lighthouse Calendar towel

And to take part in the Fidget Spinner craze, we will have them available with our lighthouse logo before the end of the month. If you don't know what these are, just ask anyone under the age of twelve.



Fidget Spinner

On a sad note, we have discovered a few instances of shoplifting. We ask that all gift shop volunteers continue to greet guests and wander the shop and exhibit rooms when guests are present. Mitch Owensby, our Maintenance chairperson, installed a security mirror in the corner above the Christmas tree. This will help us watch activity behind the apparel rack, where an empty jewelry box and other packaging were found. It is difficult to understand someone would steal from a non-profit, but we all need to do our part to deter this activity.

On a happy note, Mim Loree provided information on a possible new notecard for next year. We appreciate this kind of help. We cannot repeat it enough that without all the wonderful MHS volunteers, the gift shop would not be stocked with items that our guests want. Thank you.

Sue Anderson and Nancy Joao ♦



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- ☐ **Archives/Trunk Treasures**—Collect and archive documents, photos, and artifacts. Organize exhibits. Present Trunk Tales.
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☐ **Maintenance**—Liaison to Board about Light Station and Pioneer Cemetery issues and plans.
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