



The Key Connection

news & events

Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa

Author to Speak on “The Underlying Order”

Thursday, April 16 at 11:45 a.m. at Women’s University Club



Professor
Larry Cheek

What happens when a boatbuilder and architectural journalist inhabit the same body? We will find out at the Spring Luncheon on Thursday, April 16, where Lawrence W. Cheek—well-known locally as the tough-minded and clear-headed architecture critic of the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, will be the featured speaker. His topic, “The Underlying Order,” pulls together his experiences as a boatbuilder and a critic who tries to inject beauty into Seattle and American architecture.

Cheek writes that “once you have built a wooden boat, or even are contemplating one, it is impossible to walk through a forest and not see boats in the trees. If you are a committed conservationist, the adult flank of your brain will scold you for these immature and appalling thoughts—killing trees for a self-indulgent toy... the idea!” And yet, the similar shapes of boats and trees suggests “an underlying order of things,” an order that may define beauty.

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Can a concrete or steel box 40 stories high be beautiful? Can it reflect an underlying natural order? Cheek writes that “what cities are now doing is celebrating our mastery of technology rather than our partnership with nature... it’s not necessarily healthy or conducive to creativity.”

Lawrence Cheek’s latest of 15 books is *The Year of the Boat: Beauty, Imperfection, and the Art of Doing It Yourself*. More information is on his Web site, <http://lawrencewcheek.com>.

Hear and discuss these provocative ideas at the Spring Luncheon, which begins at 11:45 a.m. on Thursday, April 16, at the Women’s University Club, 1105 Sixth Avenue at Spring Street in downtown Seattle. Reservations are \$35 per person. Please fill out the attached coupon, which we must receive no later than April 6.

Spring Kaffeeklatsch: “A Long Way to Freedom”

Sunday, May 17, 2 PM, 626 174th Place N.E., Bellevue

On Sunday, May 17, at 2 p.m., PSA-PBK board members Gerry Oppenheimer and Ernie Stiefel will lead a Kaffeeklatsch on their exodus from Frankfurt am Main in 1940. They both arrived in Seattle within three weeks of each other. Because of restrictions occasioned by World War II, they had to travel through Russia and Japan to reach the United States, one of the few countries that would accept Jewish immigrants. Kay Wilson will host this event at her home, 626 174th Place N.E. in Bellevue. The Kaffeeklatsch costs \$5 per person, and we request that you register by May 3. To do so, please fill out and mail the coupon on Page 5. Driving directions appear on the Upcoming Activities page of our Web site, <http://psa-pbk.org>.

Six 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 six recipients who will be honored at our Spring Luncheon on Thursday, April 16.

Bob Bridge, for funding a program to hire University of Washington math students to tutor struggling math students in Renton high schools.

Lisa Dallas, principal of Adna Elementary School, for fostering student writing and art documenting the winter 2007 Lewis County flood in the book *This Flood Happened*. This project helped the children heal from their experiences of the flood.

Elliott Wolf, publisher, who, through fundraising and dedicated work, made possible the publication *This Flood Happened*.

Quincy Jones, who has provided support and help to raise funds for the Northwest African American Museum, Seattle Community College, Garfield High School, Jazz Alley, and Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. He has, through the years, supported the Garfield Jazz Ensemble.

Terry Pottmeyer, executive director of Urban ArtWorks, which empowers at-risk and court-involved youth through the creation of public art.

Joe Tice, who, as director of the Tukwila Food Pantry, is committed to educating the community about hunger. He also supervises a program assisting young volunteers in developing civic responsibility and public-speaking skills, and improving their grades in junior high, high school, and community college.

Your President's Message

I want to thank all of you for your continued support of PSA-PBK. This year, your donations are funding five undergraduate scholarships, one graduate study award, six Pathfinder Awards, and book awards at Puget Sound high schools, as well as speakers and academic and cultural events. For more information about our activities, please visit our Web site,

<http://psa-pbk.org>. We are currently seeking members who would like to serve on the Board of Trustees and our committees for the 2009-2012 term. Please contact me at (425) 641-1606 or linda@willenbergs.com if you are interested.

–Linda Willenberg

The officers who serve your organization

Linda Willenberg, President; Gerald J. Oppenheimer, Vice President; Myra Lupton, Secretary; Daniel J. Leach, Treasurer; Ernest R. Stiefel, Assistant Treasurer

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Nancy Blase, Chuck Goldstein, Nick Kontogeorgopoulos

Graduate scholarship available

The Ernest R. Stiefel Graduate Study Award—\$3,000 for the 2009/2010 academic year—is a wonderful opportunity for PBK members who are beginning their graduate or professional studies at the University of Puget Sound or the University of Washington. PBK members who are graduates of UPS, UW, Washington State University, or Whitman College are invited to apply. Application materials are available at http://psa-pbk.org/scholarships_awards.html and must be received by June 22, 2009. For more information, e-mail stiefelaward@psa-pbk.org.

Questions? Email us at administration@psa-pbk.org or president@psa-pbk.org

PSA-PBK co-sponsors celebration of Lincoln's 200th birthday

Over 70 PBK members and their guests heard University of Washington history professor Tracy McKenzie share his thoughts about the legacy of Abraham Lincoln at a reception held February 12 in the University of Washington Club on campus.

The event brought together about 40 UW students, 14 PSA-PBK members, and UW faculty and staff to mark the 200th anniversary of Lincoln's birth. The event was co-sponsored by PSA-PBK, the Washington Alpha Chapter of PBK, and the UW Honors Program. In addition to marking the birthday of our 16th President, the event provided a forum for future and current PBK members to interact, and for UW students to learn about the value and significance of PBK membership. Zev Handel, Alpha president, served as host and MC for the evening. Linda Willenberg, PSA-PBK president, and Cara Engel, chapter liaison from the national society, also spoke briefly. Before and after the programmed addresses, attendees met and mingled while enjoying delicious and appetizing refreshments.

Professor McKenzie's address was the centerpiece of the evening. He observed that the mythology surrounding Lincoln has often obscured his human qualities, both positive and negative. The man who served his country during its most trying times was certainly not beloved by all during his lifetime. McKenzie sketched a picture of a man with extreme contrasts in manners, appearance, and speech, and one who evoked passionate responses, including hatred, in his contemporaries. McKenzie is an expert in 19th-century American history and winner of the 1998 Distinguished Teaching Award. His spirited address, though brief, sparked numerous spirited conversations among those present.

Upcoming Events

Coming up this fall: a visit to the new Northwest African American Museum, date to be determined. Exhibits promise to be outstanding.

A spring garden tour is also in the planning stage. Date, time, and location will be announced on our Web site, <http://psa-pbk.org>, as soon as plans are set. We have found all our garden tours both informative and lots of fun.

Three generations, three UW grads--all three Phi Beta Kappa

On his 95th birthday, Leo Bloch was pleased to learn that his granddaughter, Hannah Richards, was to be inducted into the Washington Alpha Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, making his a three-generation PBK family. His daughter, Nanci Richards, has served as treasurer of the Puget Sound Association.

Bloch graduated from the UW with a B.A. in political science in 1932. He went on to get a J.D. at the UW in 1935, with a 4.0 average. He is still active in the business his father founded, Bloch Steel Industries.

Nanci Richards graduated in 1975 with a B.A. in business (accounting). She is currently director of finance at Ronald McDonald House Charities of Western Washington and Alaska, a position she has held for the past seven years.

Hannah Richards is on track to graduate this June--with college honors--with a B.S. in molecular, cellular, and developmental biology. As of this writing, she has been accepted to the doctoral program in clinical biochemistry at the University of Cambridge, but is still waiting to hear from other institutions.

When Nanci asked her father to share his thoughts about Phi Beta Kappa, he said that PBK represented the well-rounded, thoughtful individual, and that membership could only be obtained by someone with intelligence and a good work ethic. These traits helped him to achieve a happy life, with excellent family relationships and a successful business. He has had the opportunity to help others, and feels extremely fortunate to have been able to pass on his genes to his descendants. He is very proud to have a third-generation Phi Beta in the family. It was a wonderful gift to get the news on his 95th birthday!

When Aristotle was asked how much educated men were superior to the uneducated, he replied, "As much as the living are to the dead." -- Dionysius of Halicarnassus, 20 B.C

Honor Roll of those who make our programs possible

We would like to personally thank each and every person who has contributed to our scholarship funds and other programs. As a small token of our appreciation, we list here all those who have contributed to any scholarship fund or who have subscribed to membership in the Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa in an amount greater than the basic \$30 dues, anytime between July 1, 2007, and February 1, 2009.

Many of the 172 amazing people listed here have contributed on several occasions. Large amounts or small, all are important to those students who have been able to continue excelling in their studies because of your generosity.

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Chapter News

UW Alpha Chapter News

Alpha Chapter has secured an additional \$3,000 from the University of Washington President’s Fund for Excellence to pay the initiation fees of students with demonstrated financial need. This follows last year’s grant of \$5,000. The results have already been dramatic, with acceptance rates reaching levels not seen since the mid-1990s.

Delta Chapter shares information on liberal arts at UPS

The University of Puget Sound offers four interdisciplinary minors: African American studies, gender studies, Latin American studies, and environmental policy and decision making. This last program is designed to help students integrate their major areas of study with an understanding of how individual and collective decisions interact with the environment. The term “environment” is considered critically, with recognition of the often blurry and even indistinguishable boundaries between natural and human-built or managed environments.

Environmental issues for study thus range from those related to non-human species and habitats to those concerning social and human health problems associated with population density and industrialization. While environmental issues reflect certain empirical realities about the physical world and its limits, they also engage contests among competing human values and visions for the future. Environmental issues are strategically defined, managed, promoted, and challenged by a complex and often conflicting array of social actors. In a word, environmental problems are political.

Students who minor in environmental policy and decision making develop an understanding of the multiplicity of values, norms, interests, incentives, and scientific information that influence decisions on environmental issues; learn to critically examine the social, political, and economic contexts for decisions on environmental issues; and engage in interdisciplinary dialogue and apply systems thinking to address current and projected environmental problems.

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Education is an admirable thing, but it is well to remember from time to time that nothing worth knowing can be taught. -- Oscar Wilde, “The Critic as Artist,” 1890

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TOTAL ENCLOSED

Smoked duck breast salad _____
Tart apple and spiced pecan salad (vegetarian) _____
Total due: number attending _____ at \$35.00 each.= \$ _____
Guest name(s) _____

\$_____ Spring Luncheon
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Kaffeeklatsch, May 17, 2:00 p.m. (RSVP by May 3)

Total due: number attending _____ at \$5.00 each.= \$ _____
Guest name(s) _____

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Five undergraduate scholarships available for next year

In pursuit of our primary objective, the Association will be offering five \$1,500 scholarships, made possible by contributions from our members, for the academic year 2009/2010. Only students at the University of Washington and the University of Puget Sound are eligible. Conditions and requirements are posted on our Web site, <http://psa-pbk.org>

PSA-PBK Reaches out to Outstanding High School Graduates

The Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa continues to sponsor an annual award program in high schools, both public and private, in Clallam, Grays Harbor, Island, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Mason, Pierce, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, Thurston, and Whatcom counties. The program honors high-school students who exemplify Phi Beta Kappa's core values—intellectual honesty, broad interests, tolerance, understanding, and the growth of the spirit as well as the mind—values which are the same today as they were in 1776 when the society was founded. At the same time, the program introduces PBK and its ideals to those students who we hope may be elected in the future. Principals are asked to provide the name of a student who best exemplifies PBK's core values. On behalf of the Association, this student is then presented a book with a special bookplate featuring his or her name in calligraphy. Basic selection criteria for the books are that they be a work of non-fiction appropriate to a high-school-level reader, but also relevant and useful for someone entering college, whose subject matter is connected with a liberal education but utilizes a scientific method and rational discourse, based on evidence underlying its assertions.

“The preservation of the means of knowledge among the lowest ranks is of more importance to the public than all the property of the rich men in the country.” -- John Adams, “A Dissertation on the Canon and Feudal Law”



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