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HALLOWEEN GREETINGS



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Janice Ahl's Memories of Leavenworth, Washington

Next Meeting – October 18, 2008

At Russellville Grange – 12105 NE Prescott Street

10:00 am to 4:00 pm – Card sales to begin at 10:30



President's Corner

We had a really great meeting in September, about 50 people attended. The food was really outstanding and the cheesecake was out of this world. Thank you Maggie Parypa! We met our newest members who joined in August, Leroy and Cheryl Boyer who live in NW Portland. They are very eager to learn about postcard collecting.

We also had a new member who joined at our meeting on September 20th:

She is Deb Habel, who lives in SW Portland. She collects Washington D.C., Virginia, Ohio, Omaha and Oregon. She said when she retired, she did research on what was the best hobby to join, and postcards were number one! After buying postcards on eBay, one of the sellers suggested she try to find a local postcard club. She found us by doing a search engine search for postcard clubs in Portland.

Multitalented Maggie has influenced at least one other member who has written a Hometown History and it is featured in this issue. Thanks to Janice and Jim Ahl for all their work in writing and composing such a wonderful story on Leavenworth. I understand Kenn Lantz is polishing up his Hometown History as well and he says it will be submitted soon.

And let's get the word out to all that on **November 15**, we will have Jerry Kelly's digital slide presentation of **Postcard Collecting and the History of Postcards**. We will also have information on postcard dating at the November Meeting, as requested by some of our newer members. We will elect next year's officers and Steve Bieler will be in charge of the kitchen that day. I want to give a word of thanks to **Gerda Edwards** for donating some cards to the Club Card boxes.

One of the most important positions on The Webfooters Board is the Membership Chair, which will be vacant at the end of this year. The Membership Chair collects dues from new and existing members and maintains a current roster and generates a list of people up for renewal each month. Currently, the member information is managed with Microsoft Excel, which is a standard program on many computers. Our Membership Chair helps us track growth as we add new members. Who will step forward to fill this important position for The Club in the coming year?

SHOW DEALERS – It is not too early to sign up for tables for our show in April. Several dealers have already signed up and paid, so the best locations are going fast.

Sign up to receive Webfooter emails

Anyone who is not receiving our regular emails and would like to sign up to receive them, please send an email request to webmaster@thewebfooters.com



Roster Addition

We welcome Deb Habel!!

Habel Deb

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Portland, OR

Collects:

Virginia; Washington DC; Toledo, Ohio; Omaha; Oregon – Sisters, Black Butte, Manzanita, Oceanside and Portland



Northwest Collectibles Presents
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October 18 and 19, 2008

Kliever Armory

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**Old Postcards, Photographs, Stereo View Cards, Books,
Stamps, Valentines, Matchbooks, Magazines, Prints,
Maps, Trade Cards, Movie Posters & Much More!**

Early Bird Show Hours:

Saturday: 8 - 10 am

Admission: \$20 (Also good Sunday 10-4)

Regular Show Hours:

Saturday: 10 am - 6 pm

Sunday: 10 am - 4 pm

Admission: \$5 (Good for Saturday & Sunday)

Upcoming Shows:

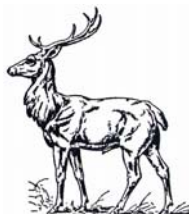
Portland Oregon
at Kliever Armory
February 28 and March 1, 2009

Kent Washington
at Kent Commons
February 21 and 22, 2009

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FREE APPRAISALS

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Edouard Pecourt's Tango Memorial



Jocelyn played a beautiful piano piece; she is talented on so many levels. The live tango music was an incredible gift to Edouard's memory and his friends.

There were quite a few Webfooters in attendance at Edouard Pecourt's (member number 749) memorial celebration dinner. It was great to visit with Henry & Shirley Pollak who used to baby sit Jocelyn when she was a little girl.



Alex Krebs (right), the owner of Tango Berretin on SE 63rd and Foster, is a world renowned tango dancer & music composer. He played a lively bandoneon duet with Dr. Levy that filled the room with such a cosmopolitan spirit.

Dr. Bertram Levy who lives half of the year in Buenos Aires, Argentina, played his bandoneon with his daughter Madeline on violin, and Dr. Beatus Meier, a retired music professor and composer on piano.



The amazing thing was they decided what to play right there in front of us. Meanwhile the aroma of South American Argentine barbeque and banquet, provided by friends Diane and Phil Ford, was enough to create one of the most memorable services I've ever attended. *Maggie Parypa*

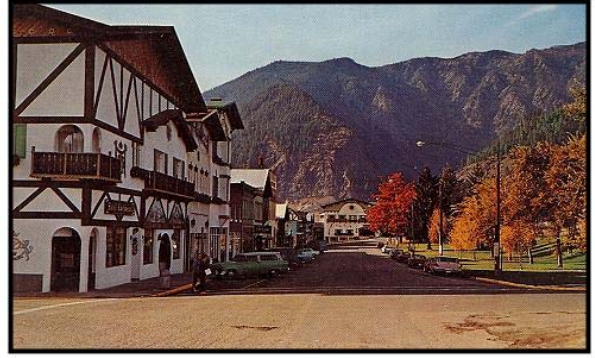
HOMETOWN HISTORIES

Greetings from

Leavenworth, Washington

By Janice Ahl

Memories of growing up in beautiful and picturesque Leavenworth, Washington are easy to recall. The steep, tree-covered mountains literally come right down to the bowl-shaped valley floor. The two rivers rushing over the rocks are crystal clear even today!



My grandparents' home, which they occupied in 1912, still stands on a knoll above the city park – a short distance from the stores on Main Street. The grade school, junior high and high school share several acres across from the Methodist Church that we attended. Life in Leavenworth was a simple, peaceful time in the pre-war days of the 1930s.

Today the town of Leavenworth is known as a "Bavarian Village," which is the result of a 1960s marketing class project at the University of Washington. Now it is known for its "Autumn Leaf Festival" which is attended by thousands of visitors each fall.



My parents' little home was approximately 4 acres, out Icicle Road, 1-½ miles from town. It had pasture-land, fruit trees, and a barn for a cow. There were some chickens, usually two pigs, and a garden to tend. All this provided for lots of fruits to can and a root cellar to hold apples, carrots, cabbage, potatoes and onions for winter meals.



Janice, Charles and Mary

Directly across the road was the Wenatchee River, backed by mountains you could almost reach out and touch. During the summer, we would swim in the river—that's where we learned to swim. There was a time when we could have walked in to town and swim in the city pool, but swimming in the river was much more fun, if not riskier!



Our place had a backyard that sloped downhill to the Leavenworth Golf Course.

There was lots of land on which to play or run, but sledding and skiing on our back yard slope were the favorites.

In the early days, Leavenworth was a lumber mill town and also a railroad center. The Great Northern Railway came all the way from the East Coast, a second engine attached nearby (south of town) giving extra power to make it over the mighty Cascade Mountains. This rail stop in the pre-World War II days hosted a community ski jumping competition right on the edge of town. A "Norwegian" family that lived in Leavenworth had boys who were good athletes, and they invited their relatives from Lake Placid, New York to come on the train to participate in the event. Needless to say they thrilled the spectators from all across the country with their long jumps of that era.

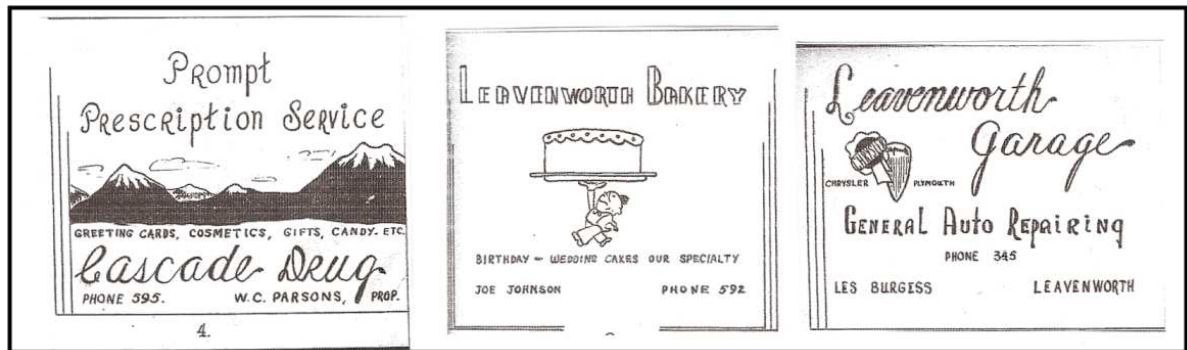
We four kids had many freedoms to enjoy – such as hiking, biking, sledding, swimming, picnics and golf. My oldest brother Charles became a caddy to earn money. He was called into the army in 1943 and went on to college after the war and became a Methodist minister. My older sister Mary was quite enterprising. She made apple boxes for one of the local orchardists and in one summer made enough money to go to junior college in Wenatchee. She also went on to college and married a Methodist minister.

We were exposed to music at an early age and we tried our hands at various instruments. Our grandparents' home had an upright piano which now resides with me in our home.



Our little town had a “jot-em-down” store where we bought staples and basic items we didn’t raise. My other brother John, who is two years older than me, approached the grocer, Mr. Coontz, for a job. When asked what he could do, John replied, “Sweep the floor.” He was hired!

The town also had a hardware and drug store, a mill, a small hospital, a theatre, a bakery, a dairy and of course, fruit warehouses and packing plants. My dad was a “Ford” mechanic and when the apples were picked in October; our mom worked all fall sorting, checking, stamping or packing the fruit. She said she worked in the fruit sheds to earn money for Christmas extras.



* Ad copies from the Community Methodist Church Cook Book – April 1946.

Our social life centered around the church, the grange and family. We kids would go to the movies while our parents went to Grange meetings. After the movie, we would walk to the grange hall, meet our parents and have sandwiches, cookies and cake. We also learned to dance there, not ballroom, but polkas, schottische and other round dances (chicken dance).

In the summer, the creamery in town had delicious ice cream! It was our Sunday-afternoon treat when our Uncle Talbot was around. He liked that almost as much as we did.

Life was simpler then. No TV, no Starbucks. No cell phones either. In fact, we had line phones, but they were “party lines.” We were only allowed to talk on the phone in case of emergencies or to convey messages.

There was more time to smell the flowers – the red Indian paint brush was a favorite of mine. We could always count on our neighbors in a time of need and in-town, we visited our extended family almost daily. It was a great, healthy childhood – growing up in Leavenworth.

Board Meeting Minutes

Attending the September 17, 2008 Webfooter's Board Meeting, held at Elmer's Restaurant were: Mark Moore (President), Tony Roberts (Vice President), Arne Soland (Treasurer), Maggie Parypa (Secretary), Steve Bieler (Membership Chair) and Irene Adams (Member-at-large). After a call to order at approximately 7:00 PM, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published.

Financial Report – Arne Soland gave a report of The Club's accounts. Since our rent has doubled for the meetings this year, table rent at meetings was increased to \$7.00 for a full table and \$4.00 for half tables.

Report of Standing Committees

Membership Chair Steve Bieler reported that there are 213 Active Members (97 individual Members, 82 Family Members, 27 Patron Members, 6 Honor Members and 1 Charter Member). 15 active members owe dues. Unfortunately Steve Bieler will not be able to continue as Membership Chair next year. Please consider filling this important roll for our club in our upcoming election. He has offered to teach the new officer until the new person has become comfortable with the position. Arne Soland can accept dues for membership if Steve is not available at the meetings.

Refreshments – Reimbursement of up to \$30 is available for those contributing this service. If you are providing refreshments don't forget to save your receipts for Arne.

Auction/Show – Mark has finished working on the 2009 show card. It has children being carried in a goat cart. Please feel free to take these to shops in your neighborhoods to help us advertise both our Club & our upcoming show. Some of our best tables for the show are already rented. It is not too early to get your spot reserved.

New Business

IRS Reporting Requirements have been changed. We now have to file a Form 990 for all non profit organizations & clubs. In the past if you made under \$25,000, there was no need to report it. We have three years to catch up with this information.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

The next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 12th, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Maggie Parypa, Secretary

POST CARD GARAGE SALE – 1535 NE 53rd Ave

October 31 and November 1, 2008 – Hours: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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Club Officers

President/Editor.....Mark Moore
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Secretary.....Maggie Parypa
Treasurer.....Arne Soland
Membership Chairman.....Steve Bieler
Members-at-Large.....Irene Adams, Brian Hansen and Phyllis Palmer
Historian.....Joe Macdonald
Librarian.....Steve Kuryk



Calendar

October 18 – Webfooters Post Card Club Meeting at Russellville Grange
12105 NE Prescott St near 122nd & Sandy Blvd – 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

November 12 – Webfooters Board Meeting at Elmer's Restaurant (no host)
10001 NE Sandy Blvd – 6:30 pm (Board Meetings held every other month)

November 15 – Webfooters Post Card Club Meeting at Russellville Grange
12105 NE Prescott St near 122nd & Sandy Blvd – 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

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