



Newsletter October 2008

Calendar 2008-09

- October 14: Meeting at University Branch Library, 5:30pm with Prof. Wm. Rorabaugh
- October 15: Deadline for AYP proposals for Annual Conference
- November 11: Pat Baillargeon speaking about Eleanor Roosevelt's Legacy
- December: No meetings
- January 13: Banquet at UW University Club with guest speaker Sen. Slade Gorton
- February 10: Monthly Meeting
- March 6-7: AYP Conference at MOHAI
- April 14: Coll Thrush to speak
- May 12: Monthly Meeting

October 14th Meeting

This is definitely a first for the Newsletter, introducing a speaker with a website:

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=89441573>

Our guest is William J. Rorabaugh, who was interviewed by NPR to mark the return of legal beer 75 years ago. He is author of a half dozen books on American history and a widely cited authority on the consumption of liquor, spirits, wine and booze following his distinguished examination of American drinking in *The Alcoholic Republic*. On Oct. 14th he'll speak on "After Repeal: Washington Liquor Laws and Regulations in the 1930s"

Those who thought that prohibition created strange behaviors that were corrected with Repeal in 1933 will realize this was not so. Repeal introduced restrictions, inconsistencies, corruption, blind eyes turned and complaints--equally strange--that society has struggled to correct and always very incompletely.

In Rorabaugh words, " When Prohibition was repealed in 1933, each state had to decide how to handle alcohol under the new system of strict state regulation envisioned by the advocates of Repeal. About half the states, including Washington, established state liquor store monopolies for the retail sale of hard liquor and wine. Beer was sold in licensed private stores. Alcohol consumed on the premises was limited to beer, which was available only in licensed beer taverns. Taverns could also sell wine, but few chose to do so because of the extra license fee. The legislature and the Washington State Liquor Control Board adopted many rules that today seem strange. Each had a reason, and many of these policies lasted until the 1970s, when less restrictive policies were adopted."

The Guild is very pleased to welcome W. J. Rorabaugh, Professor of History at the University of Washington, where he has taught since 1976. A native of Louisville, Kentucky, he grew up there (very wet) and in Tallahassee, Florida (very dry). After graduating from high school in Tacoma (beer turf), he attended Stanford (AB, 1968) and Berkeley (Phd, 1976) (wine country). His first book, *The Alcoholic Republic* (Oxford, 1979) revisits heavy drinking in the Early Republic.

Deadline Oct. 15 for AYP Conference Proposals

The Alaska Yukon Pacific Exposition, will be “centennialized” in multiple events, the first being the Guild’s annual March conference. Program Chair for the conference is Trish Hackett Nicola. Anyone wishing to be part of the program should contact her at PNWHGConference@gmail.com and submit a proposal before October 15th to Trish at: **2908 27th Ave. West; Seattle WA 98199**. The conference takes place the first Saturday in March at the Seattle’s Museum of History and Industry.

Look at the next link to see the AYP Conference Flyer or go to Guild’s website. <http://www.pnwhistorians.org/News/PacNWHisGuildFlyer.pdf> If clicking on the link is not sufficient, do a Control+Click.

Members of the Program Committee are Trish, Paul Spitzer, JoAnne King, Lorraine McConaghy (MOHAI), Kathleen Crosman (NARA) and Susan Karren (NARA).

Guild Board, 2008-09

The Board is composed of four regular members and a Treasurer. It has filled a recent vacancy with the selection of Bridget Murphy. Bridget has kept tabs on membership and assisted the Guild in many ways over the years.

Board members and their email addresses are:

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Vania Mihova is our webmaster. Bridget Murphy continues as our membership coordinator. Please use the above email addresses. DO NOT use the “Reply Button” to respond to this email Newsletter. To reach the Guild by U.S. mail, write to:

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Membership Renewal:

To renew or join for 2009, please go to <http://pnwhistorians.org/Join/application.asp>

Three Items of Interest to Members

Seattle Audubon is recruiting a volunteer Publisher for our newsletter, Earthcare Northwest, which is currently published 9 times per year to 5,500 households in the area. For more information, please contact Jen Mullen, Volunteer Coordinator, at 206.523.8243 x 12 or jenm@seattleaudubon.org.

The DLR Group, an architectural firm in Seattle just finished the historical renovation of Lincoln High School in Tacoma. The school included "original Tacoma Milk Glass" but no one seems to know what Tacoma Milk Glass really is or where/when/how it was produced. Normal milk glass is a known material, but they are trying to track down the history of Tacoma Milk Glass. If you have any information, please contact, Keri DeTore, DLR Group, 206.461.6026

Ruth Anderson writes the Third Annual Authors' Expo is to be held at the Meeker Mansion, 312 Spring Street, Puyallup, WA, on Saturday, November 1, 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. Participating authors will be selling and signing a variety of genre at this free event, which will include access to all public rooms in the historic house. For information, contact Ruth Anderson at 253 845-4502, or e-mail expomeekerm@comcast.net.

Make That Four Items of Interest---for there is a P.I. article about that most remarkable online encyclopedia of Washington state history, HistoryLink. See http://blog.seattlepi.nwsourc.com/seattlepolitics/archives/149135.asp?from=blog_last3