

Spring 2001

Greetings from our Board of Directors and welcome to our new member Walt Rodgers, a retired attorney.

Thanks and appreciation to our hostesses Kisi Goode and Florise Stenhouse and all of those faithful members who bring cookies and juice every meeting; to our telephone committee - Barbie Ford, Florise Stenhouse, Vonnie Burchard and Kisi Goode. Another thank you to Barbie Stevenson who has been videotaping our speakers and meetings. We need a new volunteer to take over this very important job beginning with the meeting on April 16. Remember we only have six meetings per year.

Another opportunity to volunteer - we plan to participate in Summer Celebration again this year July 14-15. If you would like to help meet and greet in our booth for three or four hours, please call one of our board members. We try to have two or three volunteers in the booth at any time.

Our program to install commemorative plaques at significant sites on Mercer Island is moving ahead. We are grateful to those members whose generous donations are making this possible. To date, plaques have been placed at Roanoke Inn from member donations, the V.F.W. Hall from a donation from Hunter Simpson and Luther Burbank Park from a donation by Ted Rand in memory of his father who was superintendent of the Parental School for many years. Plans are underway for a multiple plaque to be installed at Slater Park which will contain information in story form on the Roanoke Ferry Landing, the East Seattle School and other significant sites not yet determined.

From Bud Liebes, our past president, the next meeting of the Eastside Heritage Council will be Wednesday, March 28 - 12:30 p.m. at the Winters House in Bellevue. Bud has been representing our Historical Society and invites members to join in their very productive meetings. The last meeting was hosted by the East King County Convention and visitors Bureau on Cultural Tourism and it emphasized the fact that history plays such a critical part in any cultural tourism program.

The following meetings are all at the Community Center at 1:00 p.m.

March 19 -- Our own Joe Joseph with more information we haven't seen on the floating bridge.

April 16 -- Claire Rauum - whose old fashioned costume lends flavor to her stories about early Washington history.

May 21 -- Show and Tell on Mercer Island by any of our members. This is a chance to share a story of experience of the early years.

Contact any board member with program ideas or offers to volunteer.