Dear Members and Friends,

Our final meeting of the year was held following the Appreciation Open House, “Christmas on the Homesteads,” and a celebration of the 125th anniversary of Washington Statehood in November 1889. Chili contest winner, Ron Schillinger, generously shared his delicious chili with the members and monetary winnings with the museum along with the delicious potluck dishes brought by our members. Santa even made an appearance to share in the festivities.

The major business items were to report and share the items we have acquired from our successful Pierce County Landmarks Grant, our goals for the coming year, our many successful activities over the past year and our solvent financial status. In addition, we voted and passed an amendment to our bylaws, changing from having quarterly meetings to one annual meeting since we are having so many regularly scheduled events and activities in which members can participate.

As we close the museum for December and January, I reflect on how grateful I am for the support of the talented society board, our faithful docents, the loyal members, the community and the sponsors who continue to make the Key Peninsula Historical Society and Museum the educational and inspiring place that it has become. We continue to expand opportunities for young and old to learn together about the rich heritage that makes the Key Peninsula so unique.

Expansion of our exhibit will include communities….. so, moving into 2015, please watch your mail for the many opportunities to participate in the new events and volunteer activities as they develop.

With Kind Regards for a Joyful Holiday Season,
Judy Mills
253-884-2511 or djmills@centurytel.net

*History isn’t about dates and places and wars. It’s about the people who fill the spaces between them.* –Jodi Picoult

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An Exciting Opportunity for KPHS

The Cooil / Murray / Alvestad Homestead

In 1882, William Cooil, who had sailed from the Isle of Man, married Kate (Anna Tiedemann) of Lakebay and they built a home on 160 acres at a place near Springfield (Wauna). They tried to grow hops, but were unsuccessful due to hop lice that infested the plants. We have since learned that western Washington is not the most favorable climate for hops due to the heavy moisture. The house was situated on the western edge of the acreage and was mostly a meadow and modeled after William’s original home. They had a daughter in 1883, a son in 1887 and a second daughter in 1889. However, William mortgaged the land, and with failing crops, the couple divorced. Kate moved with the girls to Tacoma while the boy stayed with William, who moved to Spokane to work off his debt. After their son Jack’s death, he went to the Alaska gold fields.

In 1908, the land was sold to William Murray and his sons. William’s granddaughter, Helen, married Paul Alvestad and in 1968 they purchased the ranch. Paul and Helen’s descendants continue to farm the property.

Mr. L. Paul Alvestad has offered to give us the house if we can move it to a suitable location. A committee has been formed and we have started researching the opportunities and potential for this project.

If you are interested in participating, have skills in writing grants, raising funds, getting permits, acquiring land, rehabilitating old structures, or have available land please contact Paul Michaels, treekpn@comcast.net; Robert Whitman, rrobert227@centurytel.net; or Judy Mills, djmills@centurytel.net

A Big Thank You to Our Community Support Network

El Sombrero Family Mexican Restaurant, Key Center
Food Market, Key Center
Trader Joe’s, University Place
Cash and Carry, Bremerton
Purdy Costless Pharmacy
Albertson’s, North Gig Harbor
Cape E Farm and Vineyard
Home Association Band, led by Dr. Roes
Subway, Key Center
Angel Guild, Key Center
Rusty Roots Bluegrass Band
Key Peninsula Parks
Key Peninsula Civic Center
Longbranch Improvement Club and Marina
Bluegrass Minstrels Band
Towey Productions, LLC
Museum Activities

KPHS Quarterly Meeting — 11/08/2014

Guests making crafts — Christmas on the Homestead

Blue Grass Minstrels— Christmas on the Homestead

Docents Betty and Mavis — Christmas on the Homestead

Program Coordinator Christine Anderson — Christmas on the Homestead

Preschool storytime
Will it Snow for Christmas?
Adapted from MOHI Snow Report

Puget Sound Pioneer Weather Diaries

Meteorological observations made by the Early Settlers meticulously noted the weather and its effect on their daily lives.

1852–53 Unmercifully Cold
Winter storms

1861–1862 The Big Winter
Snow on the ground for 3 months

1875 Icy Wind
Lakes and streams froze

1880 Big Snow
21 inches in December

1893 The Big Snow
45 inches Jan. 27 – Feb. 8

1896 Early Snow
20.5 inches in Nov., more in Dec.
Settlers on Key Peninsula brought their Christmas traditions with them.

Settlers from various backgrounds brought their Christmas customs to the Key Peninsula.

The Germans brought evergreen trees indoors and decorated them with candles. The Scandinavians brought cookies. The Irish set a special candle in the window to welcome the Christ Child, and the English brought plum pudding and Christmas Cards.

At first each group followed its own customs. But gradually, people began to blend Christmas customs and enjoy the warmth of the Holiday Season with family and friends.

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**Scandinavian Ginger Cookies**

- 1 cup butter
- 1 egg
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ginger
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 3 tablespoons molasses
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 3 cups flour
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon

You may add a bit of grated orange rind or a dash of cardamom.

**German Rolled Sugar Cookies**

- 1 1/2 cups butter, softened
- 2 cups white sugar
- 4 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 5 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt

**DIRECTIONS**

In a large bowl, cream together butter and sugar until smooth. Beat in eggs and vanilla. Stir in the flour, baking powder, and salt. Cover, and chill dough for at least one hour or overnight.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Roll out dough on floured surface 1/4 to 1/2 inch thick. Cut into shapes with any cookie cutter. Place cookies 1 inch apart on un-greased cookie sheets.

Bake 6 to 8 minutes in preheated oven. Cool completely.
Museum Business
Key Peninsula Historical Society

Mission Statement
The mission of the Key Peninsula Historical Society is to gather, record, preserve and disseminate information on the history of the Pierce County area generally known as the “Key Peninsula,” so that succeeding generations of residents will have a firm and accurate record from early exploration and settlement to the present.

Memorials
Canon Arthur Bell and Samuel Reid by Olive Bell Reid

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This is our current list. If you do not find your name and believe you paid your dues, please let us know.

Send to KPHS, 17010 S. Vaughn Rd. KPN, Vaughn, WA 98394
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Membership renewals for 2015
Betty Beal
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Tim and PJ Kezele (B)
Richard Minor (P)
Julie and Bill Bingham
Judy and Don Mills
Matthew and Lisa Mills
Kristin, Gabe and Zack Mills
Martin and Robin Mills
Colleen and Frank Slater

New Members for 2015
Robin Peterson
Ed Baxter
Laura Baxter
Evon Robbins
Leila Luginbill

A generous gift for education was received from Sylvia Haase

Museum Store
Our museum store offers a variety of books, mugs, t-shirts, maps and family tree charts. If you are looking gifts while our store is closed, please call 253-844-2511 for a special opening to buy a bit of KP history.

Videos
On your next visit to the museum be sure to ask the docent to show you our videos on logging: “Steam Logging in History and Models” and “Spar Tree.”

Peninsula High School Scholarship
This year we participated in the valuable scholarship program at PHS. In an effort to increase our support for next year we are asking you to save and send us your Food Market receipts so we can receive 1% of the sales through the generosity of your local Food Market in Key Center and Lake Kathryn. You can either drop off the receipts at the museum or send to KPHS at 17010 S. Vaughn Rd. KPN at Vaughn, WA. 98394.

Memorial Donations
All memorial donations are used to preserve and present the history of the Key Peninsula and are a wonderful way to remember loved ones and friends.
President Judy Mills called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm. Welcome all present; old and new members, and guests. Presented review of KPHS events for 2014.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Cathy was not here. Copies of income/expenses passed out to those present. Please see file for specifics. Judy states, "the museum is in good shape financially." "The new exhibits and website looks great, many thanks for those who have put in all their volunteer hours."

OLD BUSINESS: Christine discussed that museum members have given more than 6,000 hours worth (out of a required 5000 hours) volunteer hours to receive a $5,000.00 grant from Pierce County Landmark’s Commission that has allowed us to purchase equipment and supplies for our educational and community outreach programs.

Judy requests and welcomes someone to take over the KPHS website task (KPmuseum.org) and also the museum's Facebook page, that will help the museum to let members and public to keep up on events, etc. We also discussed that there have been requests from members to change from having the quarterly meetings to just an annual meeting, since there are many ongoing activities and events that give opportunities for participation on a regular basis. The annual meeting would continue to include an annual report, election of officers, and a speaker. Ballots were passed out to those present to vote "yes" or "no" whether to change quarterly meetings to annual.

Members were reminded to save receipts from the Food Market in Key Center and Lake Kathryn. The Museum receives 1% from total receipts. Other retailers that offer donations are Fred Meyers, Bartell Drug Store, and the Amazon Smile Program. Please see attached information.

The Museum can order new t-shirts with the new KPHS logo! Please let Judy know if you would like to order. The old t-shirts are still for sale at a discounted price.

Christine presented the Museum’s 4 major goals with power point presentation: "Preservation", "Presentation", "Progress", and "Personnel". Discussion was held on new goals/changes and known calendar events for 2015. Poster board displayed to present these goals to those present. Treasurer’s report also posted.

Ron Schillinger donated $35 to the museum that he received from the 1st Prize Chili Cookoff Contest at today’s "Winter Warm Up." Congratulations and Thank you Ron!

President Judy again thanked and welcomed members and guests for attending today’s meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm.
Minutes submitted by Sec. Darcie Long
Ways you can support our efforts to preserve and present the history of the Key Peninsula

Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program
Fred Meyer will donate up to $2.5 million each year to non-profit organizations like the Key Peninsula Historical Society. All you have to do is link your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to the Key Peninsula Historical Society. Every time you shop at Fred Meyer and use your Rewards Card, a portion of the purchase price will be donated to support the museum.
www.fredmeyer.com/topic/community-rewards-4

'B' Caring Program through Bartell's Drug Stores
Next time you visit your local Bartell’s ask for a B Caring card application and designate the Key Peninsula Historical Society as your non-profit of choice and up to 4% of your purchase price will be donated to the Museum. Already have a card and want to add KPHS? Log into your account online or call 800-931-6258 and add the Key Peninsula Historical Society.
http://www.bartelldrugs.com/b-caring-card

AmazonSmile Program
Do you shop at Amazon.com? If you do Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to Key Peninsula Historical Society whenever you shop on AmazonSmile. AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service. Just log in using the following link and you can get started. https://smile.amazon.com

The projects of the Key Peninsula Historical Society and Museum would not be possible without the generous support of our members and donors.
# Museum Activities — 2015 (Draft)

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<td>Monday, March TBA 5:00–9:00 p.m.</td>
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<td>Annual Membership Meeting — Election of officers and speaker TBD</td>
<td>Saturday, March 28 12:00–3:00 p.m.</td>
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<td>Spring Preschool Storytime</td>
<td>3rd Thursdays, TBA 11:00–12:00</td>
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<td>KPHS Spring Open House &amp; Livable Community Fair</td>
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<td>Key Peninsula Museum Appreciation Open House — “Early Communities Celebrate Christmas”</td>
<td>Saturday, November 7 10:00–3:00pm</td>
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Society board meetings are held the first Tuesday of the Month year around. 10:30 coffee and memories. 11:00 meeting starts. All are welcome.

Remember that with our switch to a calendar year

dues are due December 31, 2014

Individual $10, Family $25, Patron $100, Business $50

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**Key Peninsula Historical Society Membership Form**

Name: ____________________________ Address: ____________________________

E-mail: __________________________ Phone: ___________________________

Level of membership: □ Single - $10  □ Family - $25  □ Patron - $100  □ Business - $50
□ New  □ Renew

Museum donation or gift: ____________________________ Total ____________________________ Check ________  □ Cash

Are you interested in volunteering? □ Yes  □ No  □ Maybe later

Mail to: Key Peninsula Historical Society, 17010 S. SaturdaVaughn Rd. KPN, Vaughn, WA 98394.
You can help!
Short on funds but you want to help the museum this year? Here are some ideas that might work for you:

- **Be a docent for the museum.**
  Help keep the museum open by donating three hours once or twice a month on Thursdays or Saturdays.

- **Help us compute.**
  Share your computer skills with those who are just learning.

- **Help us sort and categorize current items in the museum.**

- **Help us with some carpentry and other maintenance projects.**

- **We need representation on the board from the Wauna and Horseshoe Lake area.**

Call 253.884.2511 or 253.884.5403 to find out what skills you can contribute to your museum.

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