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Spring Membership Meeting: Save the Date



Mark your calendar for Wednesday, June 9, 2:00-4:00 for the Seattle Area Archivists' spring membership meeting to be held at the Diocese of Olympia (Episcopal) Archives. This meeting will include a business portion wherein we will announce the new steering committee members. The program of the meeting will consist of a tour of Diocesan House and the Archives led by Archivist Diane Wells.

The Diocese of Olympia Archives is located at Diocesan House ([1551 10th Ave. East](#)), just north of St. Mark's Cathedral on Seattle's Capitol Hill. Limited free parking is available at Diocesan House or on nearby residential streets. Diocesan House is also easily accessible by the route [49 Metro bus line](#).

Note From the Chair

The start of summer signals the end of the Seattle Area Archivists membership year. It has been a busy few months, and come to think of it, a busy year! In addition to our usual membership meetings and the sponsorship of the annual Archives Fair, the steering committee worked on a few new things. We implemented some new technologies including the [website](#) powered by WordPress; we also joined Facebook and Twitter in order to establish a larger web presence and to stay in closer contact with our local membership as well as the network of archivists and other information professionals across the country. This social networking aspect of our outreach is still nascent and we are always looking to improve, so please let us know if you have any ideas or suggestions.

Speaking of keeping in touch with archivists from other areas, this year we were also fortunate to have a large inter-regional conference held in our backyard! The Western Roundup, sponsored by Northwest Archivists, Society of California Archivists, Society of Rocky Mountain Archivists, and Conference of Inter-Mountain Archivists, brought together over 300 archivists, students, and other information professionals. By virtue of our location in Seattle, many from our membership ranks volunteered their time by serving on the local arrangements committee, assisting on the registration desk, hosting repository tours, shepherding pre-conference tours, serving as speakers for sessions, participating in preconference workshops, and simply participating by attending various parts of the conference. From my perspective, I'd say that we represented Seattle well!

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Seattle Area Archivists which we celebrated last month with a reception at the Renaissance Seattle Hotel during the Western Roundup conference. We had over 30 attendees including four of the founding members of the group. I'd like to take a moment to give a special thank you to Loretta Greene, Janette Gomes, and Anne Frantilla for their help with logistics, organization, set-up, and decorating for the party. Thank you also to all those who were able to attend and for those who have supported the group over the years. May we continue to prosper for the next 25 years!

The membership year ends in a flurry, as usual, as we conduct the election for new steering committee members. This year, we had a fine slate of four candidates vying for the three vacancies left by Kathleen Crosman, Josh Zimmerman and myself. Thank you for taking the time to consider each candidate and for participating by casting your vote. The results will be announced at the final meeting in June. Thank you to all of the candidates for being willing to serve on the committee, and thanks also to those current members for all their hard work over their respective terms.

I've enjoyed my time as chair, especially as I have gotten to know the archival community here in Seattle. I am continually impressed with the collegial nature of our group as well as the diverse collections that we all help to preserve and make available to our various publics. Thank you!

Emily Dominick

News

KING COUNTY ARCHIVES (SEATTLE)

New Processing:

Records, County Executive Randy Revelle, 1975-1986.

Randall "Randy" Revelle served as King County's third executive between 1981 and 1985. These records document the organization, activities and communications of the Office of the Executive during the Revelle administration. Primarily text records, the series in this record group include county agency files, subject files, clipping files, and program development records and state legislative files. The last two series contain small amounts of textual material from the administrations of previous County Executives John

Spellman and Ron Dunlap. A small number of color aerial photographs (1984) document properties proposed for inclusion in King County's Farmland Preservation program. Other topics represented in these records include construction of a new county jail; surface water management and flood control in the Green River Valley; relations with

Kingdome stadium tenants (professional sports teams); interactions with cities and officials in King County, including Seattle mayor Charles Royer; and Randy Revelle's interest in mental health policy and programs. **95 cu. ft.**



King County Executive Randy Revelle and Seattle mayor Charles Royer jointly proclaim National Public Works Week while administrators look on, 1982. [King County Archives Series 400, File 3119.]

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON LIBRARIES SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

[Gust P. Rakus Hellenic studies collection, 1935-2003.](#)

Accession number 5543-001

4.16 cubic feet (5 boxes)

Gust P. Rakus (1916- 2003) was a Greek immigrant who came to the Pacific Northwest in 1933. He collected books, photographs, newsletters, and memorabilia of Greek Americans in the Pacific Northwest. Rakus graduated from the University of Washington in 1940 and began a career as an educator and foreign language teacher that spanned more than thirty years. He was active in the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA) and the Greek Orthodox parish of Saint Demetrios.

Materials include programs, newsletters, handbooks, minutes, clippings, photographs, correspondence, and other materials primarily relating to the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA) at national, district, chapter, and individual levels.

[Stimson Bullitt Papers, 1921-2008 \(bulk 1950-2008\).](#)

Accession number 5297-007

16 cubic feet (16 boxes)

Stimson Bullitt was born in 1919. He attended Yale University and the University of Washington Law School, and was admitted to the Washington State Bar in 1949. He served in the Navy during World War II and won a Purple Heart. In 1952 and in 1954 he made two attempts to run for Congress. He authored three books, *To Be a*

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Politician (1959), *Ancestral Histories of Scott Bullitt and Dorothy Stimson* (1994), and *River Dark and Bright* (1995). He served as President of the Bullitt Company, 1955-1965, and of the family's business, KING Broadcasting Co., in 1961-1971. He was president of Harbor Properties in Seattle in 1972-1996, and chaired its board in 1996-2001. Bullitt passed away on April 19, 2009 at the age of 89.

Correspondence, diaries, photographs, moving images, records of Harbor Properties, Inc., records of the Bullitt Foundation and other documents relating to Stimson Bullitt's personal and professional life.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES & RECORDS ADMINISTRATION - PACIFIC ALASKA REGION

Eight student workers are keeping the National Archives & Records Administration, Seattle hopping this summer. In addition to her usual workload, Archivist Patty McNamee is directing the student's work, providing training, answering questions and keeping eight projects moving forward. The students attend Seattle University, Western Washington University, University of British Columbia, University of South Carolina, Washington State University, University of Michigan, San Jose State University and Yale. Each student will work from ten to twenty-two weeks on archival processing, conservation, exhibit development and description projects. Records from the Forest Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs and United States District Courts will be better preserved and more accessible as a result of their efforts.

Newly Received Records -

Records newly received at NARA, Seattle include wildland fire incident reports from a variety of National Forests, station journals from

the Naval Air Station-Seattle, historic preservation related files from the General Services Administration and Congressional budget records from the Bonneville Power Administration.

HAVE AN EVENT THIS SUMMER?

Even though there will be no newsletter over the summer, we can still help. Send us career opportunities, trainings, or any other information that you may have and we'll post it on our website. For more information, email: seattleareaarchivists@gmail.com at any time.

WANT TO HOST A SAA MEETING AT YOUR REPOSITORY?

Let us know. We're always looking for different repositories to host events and meetings. Please contact seattleareaarchivists@gmail.com for more information.

HAVE ANY IDEAS FOR MEETINGS, PROGRAMS, OR ANYTHING ELSE?

We're always open to new ideas for virtually anything archives related. It's your Seattle Area Archivists. We're especially looking for volunteers to host or plan Archives Reading Group meetings and Café des Fonds programs. Please contact: seattleareaarchivists@gmail.com

Summer Calendar

June 10 (11:30 AM to 1:00 PM)

NARA - PACIFIC ALASKA REGION
[Brick Wall Genealogy Discussion Group](#)

Come bring your brown-bag lunch and your "impossible genealogy problem" and our knowledgeable staff will brainstorm possible solutions! All sessions are FREE.

June 12 (Sat 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM)

NARA - PACIFIC ALASKA REGION
[Immigration & Naturalization Records for Genealogists and U.S. Federal Court and Prison Records.](#)

July 4-7

[Association of Jewish Libraries Annual Convention \(Seattle\)](#)

Karyl Winn (retired University of Washington Libraries, Special Collections), Doris Steifel (Washington Jewish Historical Society) and Nicolette Bromberg (University of Washington Libraries, Special Collections) will be giving a talk on the collaboration between the Washington Jewish Historical Society and Special Collections in which the WJSH collected historical materials from their community and the UW Libraries serves as the archive for the WJSH. The collaboration has lasted for about 30 years now. Recently we put up a [Jewish Archives photography collection](#) on our digital site.

July 10 (Sat. 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM)

NARA - PACIFIC ALASKA REGION
[Overview of the National Archives](#)

What is a Repository? What is an Original

Document? What does NARA-Pacific Alaska Region, Seattle WA have to offer? An overview of the types of documents held and how the public can access the information. Please bring your questions and know your answer may require some research...

July 15 (Thurs. 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM)

[Seattle's Herstory: Celebrating a Century of Suffrage](#)

Join the Museum of History and Industry and Seattle Architecture Foundation as we explore Seattle's role in Washington's equal suffrage campaign--a movement as old as the city itself. This tour is given in conjunction with MOHAI's exhibit Women's Votes, Women's Voices opening in July.

See MOHAI's [events calendar](#) for other events related to women's suffrage on MOHAI's events calendar.

August 10-15

[Society of American Archivists Annual Meeting \(Washington DC\)](#)

Joint meeting of CoSA, NAGARA, and SAA

August 14 (Sat. 10:00 AM)

Japanese in the Lumber Industry in the Pacific Northwest

A presentation created by Ken House based on information from the Weyerhaeuser Archives and the Snoqualmie Valley Historical Society - to be presented by Dave Battey at the Meadowbrook Farm Interpretive Center, 1711 Boalch Avenue, North Bend.

The Origins of the Seattle Area Archivists

Josh Zimmerman

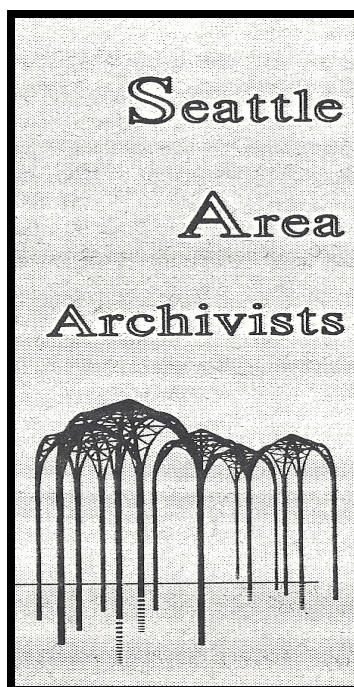
I hope you all know by now that the Seattle Area Archivists is celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary this year. In April we had a great time reminiscing and talking with past, present, and potential members at a ritzy anniversary reception on the 27th floor of the Renaissance Seattle Hotel during the Western Round Up. Though we've finished the cake and were forced to leave the cozy downtown penthouse, we still have a little bit of celebration to squeeze out of the year.

When any type of anniversary rolls around, thoughts inevitably turn to origins and beginnings. People often reflect on origins in order to make the past meaningful in the present or to lend a different perspective on their current lives or the communities in which they live. As archivists, we're all too familiar with origins. We help users explore origins of all kinds, but we rarely get a chance to engage in the kind of research that we so often help to facilitate.

I thought what better way to celebrate Seattle Area Archivists' silver anniversary than by conducting a bit of archival research of my own in time for the last newsletter of the membership year. For this project, I referred to our archives (yes, we have archives). I also briefly interviewed the group's founders: Loretta Greene, Karyl Winn, and Sister Rita Bergamini, SP. The information that they provided helped me fill the gaps in the documentation about the Seattle Area Archivists' origins, unique organizational structure, and name.

ORIGINS

Although we normally associate the Seattle Area Archivists with our particular geographic area, the intellectual seeds for this organiza-



Front Cover of the Seattle Area Archivists' Brochure, 1994.

tion were sewn far from the Puget Sound. It was actually the [Society of American Archivists](#) (founded 1936) and the [Delaware Valley Archivists Group](#) (founded 1980) that provided the impetus and model for the group that would sprout into the Seattle Area Archivists.

When archivist Loretta Greene moved to the West Coast from the Philadelphia area, she was hired as assistant archivist at the

Sisters of Providence Archives in West Seattle. In Philadelphia she had been an active member of the Delaware Valley Archivists Group and liked that group's camaraderie. She suggested to her supervisor, archivist Sister Rita Bergamini, that they form a similar group in Seattle. Bergamini not only agreed, but also told Greene that she had been talking about the very same thing with Karyl Winn from the Special Collections at the University of Washington Libraries. Despite both living and working in Seattle, Bergamini and Winn had actually met at the Society of American Archivists' annual meeting years before. At that meeting and subsequent annual meetings, the topic of forming an archivist's group in the area came up, but nothing had ever materialized. Winn credits Sister Rita Bergamini with both "the idea and the initiative." However, according to Bergamini's 1985 notes, it

was Greene who really got the idea off the ground. Despite their modesty, these three women share the credit for without their combined hard work and dedication there wouldn't be a Seattle Area Archivists.

FIRST MEETING

The first membership meeting was held on June 4, 1985 at the Sisters of Providence Archives in West Seattle and lasted two hours. The first meeting was attended by twenty-one archivists, representing various repositories from around the area such as Laird Norton, Group Health Cooperative, Sisters of Providence, Seattle Municipal Archives, Archdiocese of Seattle, Weyerhaeuser, Edmonds Dominicans, National Archives & Records Administration – Alaska Pacific Region, University of Washington, Washington State Archives – Puget Sound Branch, and Rainier Bancorporation Archives. “People were crammed into a small room,” remembers Greene. She further describes the meeting's atmosphere as “high energy” and recalls that a sense of optimism about the group's future pervaded the first meeting.

The importance of that initial meeting cannot be overstated. “Connecting,” according to Greene, was the major outcome of the first membership meeting. It established a professional network, but it also had very practical implications for researchers. “Many times after that first meeting, researchers were directed to appropriate repositories because we knew each other existed,” as Greene points out. This type of early network building is easy to take for granted in a time when collecting scopes, contact information, and finding aids are posted online and readily accessible to those who have an Internet connection. Meetings continue to play a crucial role to the membership. They are still great places where colleagues can catch up and share ideas, and where students can make connections with those working in the profession.

REPOSITORY TOURS AND EVENTS

Repository tours have always been integral to our yearly event programming, but in the beginning, they were absolutely necessary. In my discussions with Bergamini and Greene, they both underscored the importance of tours. At that time, many archivists in the area didn't know each other or their collections very well. Repository tours allowed members to network with other archival professionals and more importantly, learn about local repository practice. “Not only did we get better acquainted by mingling on the tours, we also learned about each archives' holdings, strengths, personnel, and priorities,” as Winn recalls.

Over the years, meetings have been held at various repositories throughout the Seattle area including the Weyerhaeuser Company Archives, the Group Health Cooperative Archives, the Episcopal Diocese of Olympia in Seattle, the Boeing Archives, the Marymoor Museum in Redmond, the Washington State Historical Society, and the Museum of History and Industry, as well as the stand-bys of the National Archives and the University of Washington.

The group originally agreed to meet four times per year. The summer meeting, Greene states, “had the least attendance so we decided to have a summer picnic/potluck” which was open to families and took place after work usually at a member's house or a park. Greene remembers them as a “great success.” Though the summer picnics have disappeared, we still have three meetings per year and an archives fair event for archives week in October. In addition to meetings and the fair, last year we added the Archives Reading Group and Café des Fonds, a small showcase or discussion of archival topics. As an aside, we're looking for volunteers to keep these two great programs going next year. If

you have any ideas for readings or programs, want to help out, or if you're interested in putting together a program for either one, please let us know: seattleareaarchivists@gmail.com

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

I have to admit that when the then chair suggested that I run for a position on the steering committee, I was completely ignorant of Seattle Area Archivists' organizational structure. "What position should I run for?" I naively asked, expecting it to be similar to other archival organizations. I learned that day that this type of structure is extremely unique. Early members voted for a unique structure where members vote on candidates for the steering committee, not specific positions. Then at the first meeting of the year, the committee decides amongst themselves who will take each of the five positions (chair, vice chair, secretary, treasurer, and member-at-large). As Greene points out, other organizations often have trouble getting candidates to run for chair or vice-chair. She states it was "easier to get candidates for our structure." This open structure also allows committee members to utilize strengths and follow interests in the organization. Greene sees this as a distinct advantage for those who want to get a feel for other positions while serving on the committee. For instance, you could serve as the treasurer for the first year (of your two year term) and then, depending on your preference, serve as the vice-chair, chair, or another position the next year.

NAME

If you're anything like me, you've wondered how the name, Seattle Area Archivists, came into being. Its current acronym (SAA) is identical to another prominent national archival organization and to avoid confusion, I rarely use it to talk about the Seattle Area Archivists, preferring instead to fully spell out or say the group's complete name. It's interesting to note

that the current name was voted on by members who at the time voiced similar concerns. According to Karyl Winn's May 1986 meeting notes, steering committee members discussed various names for the organization such as Association of Seattle Area Archivists (ASAA), Seattle Area Archivists Group (SAAG), and Seattle Archivists Group (SAG). They later asked for member suggestions and narrowed down the list to two choices: Puget Sound Archives Conference and Seattle Area Archivists. The December 2, 1986 meeting minutes state that "our old name" seattle area archivists (lowercase letters) was still a possibility."

Finally at the January 29, 1987 meeting, the membership voted to keep the capitalized version by a vote of 14 for Seattle Area Archivists and 9 for Puget Sound Archives Conference. Our name has been capitalized ever since. Winn recounted to me that, "our acronym was the same as SAA [Society of American Archivists] so we referred to ourselves as 'little SAA' and often wrote it as 'saa' to distinguish." It's nice to see that I'm not the only one who had trouble talking about our group.

Whatever letters you use as an acronym, one thing is for sure, Seattle Area Archivists has helped (and continues to help) archivists in the area connect and share concerns and ideas. After twenty-five years, it is still a vibrant part of the area's archival community.

Thank you to Loretta, Sister Rita, Karyl, past and present members, and those who have helped (and continue to) make Seattle Area Archivists what it is today. Happy Anniversary! I wish you twenty-five more years of great members, leaders, and meetings in the Seattle area.

Anniversary Wishes

I thought that another great way to celebrate Seattle Area Archivists' 25th anniversary would be to give members—past and present—the opportunity to talk about their time in the organization in their own words. In addition to members, I have also solicited letters from other archivists in the Northwest region and the country at large. I want to thank everyone who submitted their best wishes.

It's a bit of a shock to realize that the Seattle Area Archivists (or "the little saa," as we referred to it at the time) is turning 25 this year. I attended the first meeting of "saa" at a time when my career as an archivist was just beginning, and am happy to send my congratulations to all of you who are celebrating 25 years of professional fellowship and support.

From November 1981 through January 1986 I had the good fortune to live in Seattle. My first job as an archivist was at Laird Norton Company, a family-owned company with interests in real estate and the lumber industry. It was a fascinating job that got me started on a career path that I have thoroughly enjoyed.

At the time I moved to Seattle, the population of the greater metropolitan area was about 2.2 million people, as compared to 3.5 million people now. The region was undergoing a transformation from an economy dominated by Boeing and the lumber industry to a more diverse economic base heavily influenced by technology. The recession of the early 1980s was hitting the area very hard. My husband remembers a billboard from the time at the edge of the city that said, "Will the last person to leave Seattle please remember to turn out the lights."

There were not many archivists in the area at the time, and many of us were "lone arrangers" who felt a need to connect with others like ourselves. We were all excited to attend our first meeting of the Seattle Area Archivists and to start making connections with one another.

When I first moved to Seattle, I fell in love with the area and thought I would never leave. So it was with a great deal of regret that I felt compelled to leave the city to pursue a job opportunity at Kraft Foods in Chicago. I spent the next 11 years at Kraft, followed by 12 years at Ford Motor Company in Dearborn, Michigan. Through the years my responsibilities have incorporated more and more records management responsibilities, and since July 2009 I have been working as Senior Manager of Global Records and Information Management at CSC, an IT services and outsourcing firm headquartered in Falls Church, Virginia.

During the 25 years since I joined the Seattle Area Archivists, I have continued to be professionally active, including stints as president of the Academy of Certified Archivists from 1995 to 1996 and as president of the "big SAA" (Society of American Archivists) from 2006 to 2007. As much as I have enjoyed networking with colleagues on a national and even international level, I will always fondly remember the start of my career in Seattle, and the kinship I felt with my fellow professionals there.

Congratulations and best wishes on reaching this important milestone!

By Elizabeth W. Adkins, CA, CRM

I was a recent graduate of Western Washington University's graduate program in Archives and Records Management and new to the profession when Seattle Area Archivists was formed in 1985. SAA (or little saa as it was called then) meetings were a great place to meet other archivists and discuss common issues and concerns. Some of our concerns remain the same, such as how to deal with the processing backlog, but today there are other more complicated problems such as managing and preserving electronic records.

SAA meetings were often the only time we had a chance to get together even though most of us worked in the greater Seattle area. Workload or being the only archivist in the organization precluded long periods of time out of the office.

SAA encouraged archivists in the Seattle area to collaborate more and consult with each other more frequently. I think it also helped us embrace outreach to the public with more enthusiasm than if we were doing it alone.

I don't often get to the meetings any longer but I try to make sure that staff from the National Archives attend and participate on the steering committee so we stay connected to the archival community.

One of the SAA events that stands out in my mind, because I got into trouble at work was a summer picnic meeting at Gas Works Park in 1989 (or 1990). I sent out the meeting announcement from work and got into trouble for using government mail because it was a "social event" not a professional meeting. In my mind, social events help solidify the bonds between members of the professional organizations.

Candace Lein-Hayes
NARA Pacific Alaska Region

I came to Seattle late in 1983, and worked in Special Collections at the UW Libraries until late 1998. At the outset, the hardest thing seemed to be getting saa people together, with members in Tacoma and Federal Way and West Seattle. For me, the highlight was 1990, when Seattle, and saa, hosted the SAA national conference. Planning for that event, and carrying it off, was a BIG job, and we were all justifiably proud of ourselves. Oddly enough, I think one of the highlights was getting Nordstrom to support the conference by supplying canvas tote bags--this was about the time we started being conscious of such reusable objects de giveaway. I still have my bag, frayed and supple, with its logo--Nordstrom in lower case letters, brown typeface! I have many good memories of Scott Cline, Christine Taylor, Megan Moholt, Karyl Winn, Loretta Z. Greene, Paul Spitzer, and many others. My congratulations to saa on its 25th anniversary!

Best regards,

Richard H. Engeman
Public historian

Walking into the reception Thursday evening to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Seattle Area Archivists, I was first surprised to see so many people that I didn't recognize (likely the effect of not attending meetings regularly for many years). And then I was impressed by the vibrancy that a continuing influx of new members brings to the organization.

After a great conversation with the new Casey Family Programs archivist, I found "old-timers" Diane Wells, Loretta Greene, and Rebecca Pixler, and we began to reminisce. As I recollect, the early days of Seattle Area Archivists programming consisted simply of learning about each other's repositories. The visit to Diocesan House and the Diocese of Olympia Archives is my strongest memory: impressive architecture imbued with history, intriguing records of personal stories that collectively create the institutional story. Being new to the profession in the 1980s, these visits were my first exposure to the great variety of archives and archival collections.

We longtime members also discussed organization branding and the birth of "little" saa. There were those of us who believed SAA was so closely linked to the Society of American Archivists ("big" SAA) that using the same acronym for our local organization would create confusion and encroach on the larger Society's brand. As a result, membership agreed to use all lower-case letters for our acronym – thus "little" saa was born.

Over the years "little" saa became capitalized, which in a visual sense suggests that Seattle Area Archivists has grown up. We see that maturity in the established administrative processes and leadership roles, meeting program and newsletter content, effective use of new technologies, sponsorships and partnerships, and introduction of the Café des Fonds and Reading Group.

In this milestone anniversary year, congratulations to those who started the organization and shepherded it through the early years, and to all who keep it a viable means for professional development and discussion today.

Megan Moholt, C.A.
Weyerhaeuser Company

Big changes came to Seattle in the 1980's. The Queen City became the Emerald City. Soundgarden began grunge's assault on hair rock. The Seattle Municipal Archives opened. And the Seattle Area Archivists, affectionately known as little SAA, was born. 25 years later, SAA is all grown up.

Archivists have always been a scattered bunch. Their need for training, information exchange, and planning has been ably met by this micro-regional. But its real power has been to build bonds among archivists and their friends, infusing a sometimes solitary profession with a sense of camaraderie. We PDX archivists have looked at our neighbors to the north as a model and are anxious to see our group's second birthday.

So Happy Birthday, Little SAA! Here's hoping the next 25 years are as fun as the last ones have been.

Terry Baxter
Records Analyst and Archivist
Multnomah County Records Program

I became involved with the Seattle Area Archivists organization while a MLIS student at the University of Washington starting in 2002. Meetings of the SAA were held at different archives around the sound and every program was very interesting. Being a secret ballet fan, I approached Birgit Hansen after her tour of the Pacific Northwest Ballet Company Archives. She gave me an opportunity to volunteer at the ballet archives under her guidance. Working with Birgit at the archives is still one of my favorite memories of being a MLIS student. I had the opportunity to be on the board and work with delightful individuals. Unable to attend meetings on a regular basis now, I greatly miss being a part of such an interesting community.

Best wishes for a very happy 25th anniversary and many, many more to come!

Best regards,

Marjorie Ann Reeves

When Josh contacted me about providing some remarks in honor of the Seattle Area Archivists' 25th year anniversary, I was surprised and humbled on behalf of the Delaware Valley Archivists Group to know that our modest organization served as a template for a similar collective of archivists from almost 3,000 miles away. DVAG was, and remains, an organization whose mission is to bring together archivists in the Philadelphia area to participate in the professional activities at the local level. Having been a member of DVAG for the last few years, I continue to be inspired by my fellow archivists in Philadelphia and its environs. And since it is a local organization, there is ample opportunity to let them know this in person.

I'm sure members of the Seattle Area Archivists can identify with this sentiment. Local archives organizations are often one of the few opportunities for many in our profession to learn from and network with their peer archivists. No organization that fails to commit to the highest level of service to its membership stays around for one year, let alone a quarter century. I offer my congratulations from Philadelphia for the Seattle Area Archivists' 25th Anniversary, and I wish you the best of luck for another 25.

Jordon Steele
Chair
Delaware Valley Archivists Group

Congratulations to Seattle Area Archivists on your 25th anniversary! I could attest to value of your organization firsthand with more than one example, but one will forever stand out.

While working on my MA thesis in History/Archives, I attended a presentation sponsored by your group--March 8, 1998 at the National Archives branch at Sand Point, to be exact. The presentation featured Charles Cole, Videotape Librarian at KCTS. Mr. Cole spoke about the preservation and selection issues he was facing with over 30,000 broadcast tapes of original programming, mostly in their original, aging Betamax format, and the looming conversion to digital and high definition broadcasting. This presentation not only informed a major theme in my thesis but forever altered my perspective on archives and technological change. I was grateful then that there was a local organization with the interest and wherewithal to give these issues a forum in such an informal and accessible setting that a poor grad student could show up unannounced and benefit from it.

Ever since, I've admired the vitality and relevance of your organization and all of you as members, whether it be organizing Archives Month activities, hosting interesting and engaging events, or simply sponsoring one of the breaks at the Northwest Archivists annual meeting. Now, as president of NWA, I can state with honesty and personal appreciation how grateful we are that Seattle Area Archivists provides such a fine example of professional advocacy, engagement, and community. Thank you for 25 great years!

Tony Kurtz

President,
Northwest Archivists



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