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Presidents Message

Leo A. Waltsak

Hello everybody,

As I start this New Year as President of the USS Cabildo Association, I would like to thank all our shipmates, their spouses and families who attended our most recent reunion in Seattle, WA. It was a blast! We had so many exciting and fun moments and events that it is difficult to name them all. A big warm Thank You goes out to Maureen & Dale Bittle for hosting the Seattle event. Their hard work and attention to detail made this a wonderful trip. A special Thank You to all the Ladies that set-up and maintained our Hospitality Room with all the tasty foods and treats. You all outdid yourselves, and each of us appreciates your efforts.

Marshall Kendrick, our most recent past President, is making plans for our 2014 reunion to be held in Long Beach, CA. I'm sure this location will bring back many memories for



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those Shipmates who were stationed there. I have been to Long Beach many times, and still find it hard to believe how much it has changed since I was stationed there. Where's the Pike? I hope you can make the trip, and look forward to the camaraderie and catching up with you again.

My wife, Claire, and I wish you all good health and peace through the coming year.

2013 Seattle Reunion Recap

Leo Waltsak

Our four "Sleepless in Seattle" days were filled with fun and friendship. We took three interesting tours in which we learned a great deal. Our first tour through the city of Seattle was narrated by our guide, Sheila, who did a splendid job. We learned the most extraordinary information about Lake Washington. The Lake never freezes as the temperature remains between 35° and 43° degrees F, and it is 985 feet deep with Octopi 30 feet from tentacle tip to tentacle tip. There is no way you will see this Sailor in those waters. She took us through downtown past the Stadiums, the Space Needle and many tall buildings. As she presented details on the growth of the city, our fellow shipmates Bruce Bishop and Henry Jackson's sons provided their commentary as they are locals to Seattle. Bruce, a former Seattle Taxi Driver, provided us with insight about the city's olden days. Between them all we learned quite a lot about Seattle and came away with a good overview for a return visit.

Sheila was so happy with our spirited jovial group that she marked a telephone pole for our benefit to let Seattle know the Cabildo sailors had been to town.

We traveled through the hills to see the beautiful landscape and scenic sites of Lake Washington. During this tour we visited the world famous Pike Place Market. The Market is so unique... We didn't get to see the Fish Mongers throw the fish to each other, but it was worth the trip to see the all the beautiful (and cheap) flowers sold there. Too bad it wasn't closer to the airport as I would have brought a bouquet home. Strolling through the Market and the neighboring block we were entertained by the street musicians.



Downtown Seattle



Boeing Plant



Pike's Place



Tillicum Village

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Awwwwsome. I couldn't help eating my way through the shops. I ended my tour with an ice cream cone and a Starbuck's coffee. Can't beat that!

Our second tour was through the Boeing Aircraft Production Plant. Dale Bittle stated "This is an eye-opening experience" was an understated exaggeration. This was unbelievable. When we started downstairs to the tunnel which was 1/3 of a mile long we started to wonder what we were in for? Taking the elevator up to a floor above the assembly line was nothing less than breathtaking. The assembly line consisted of several parts/sections of enormous airplanes. Initially starting at one side of the building and going to the opposite side making a U-turn, and returning to the starting place approximately 2/3 of a mile; and a plane is built! It takes 3 1/2 months to assemble which is remarkable as there are millions of parts that makeup each aircraft. God only knows how that plane gets into the air; they are enormous. Our tour ended with the Future of Flight Aviation Center which was amazing.



Our third tour was a cruise on the "Royal Argosy" across Elliot Bay and Puget Sound to Blake Island State Park and a visit to Tillicum Village. The scenery during the cruise was magnificent and the Salmon breaking water added to our pleasure. The Tillicum Village tour was an adventure in itself. The Salmon buffet was delicious, and the native show entertaining and informative. As a group we all helped the coastal Salish tribe raise the sky and free all the song birds. Makes you feel good ☺

After all is said and done, our Seattle 2013 reunion turned out to be a lot of fun and a great success. I can't wait to get together for the next one. Thanks again to Maureen and Dale! See you in Long Beach!

2014 Long Beach Reunion

Marshall Kenrick

Things are looking real good for the Long Beach reunion, I am working with two planners. The Queen Mary tour is offered by both. We do have the dates set which will be Sept. 11th through Sept. 14th with check out on Monday the 15th. I am still working on the hotel price, transportation from the airport and our Banquet dinner. We will post updates on our web site as they become

available.

2014 Association Dues

Bob Gwin

The 2014 dues letters are being run off. I will send them out in a couple of weeks. Please remember to make them out to to the USS Cabildo Association. I am looking forward to seeing every one in Long Beach. Our new Cabildo Jackets which were at our Seattle reunion are now available and on the website ships store. Have a good year.

Seattle Follow-up

Warren Gammeter

The Seattle Reunion web pages are up at this [link](#).

I just received the following recipe from Audrey Griffith. Several people including myself asked Audrey for the recipe and we decided to include it in our next newsletter. If you missed it the hospitality room in Seattle you missed a winner, give it a try.

SMOKED SALMON LOG

1 Pint Salmon (or 1-1/2 cup smoked salmon)
8 oz. Cream cheese
1/4 t. Salt
1 T. Lemon juice
1 T. Horseradish
1/4 t. Liquid smoke (not necessary if smoked salmon was used)

Mix all together and form into a log.
Roll in chopped nuts and parsley
Store in refrig.

To make a dip, add 1c. Sour cream
1-1/2 T. Minced onion
Omit nuts and parsley, if not creamy enough add more sour cream.

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