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Greetings Everyone!

At our last work party we accomplished a lot. More brushing was done along the road and along the clay slide. Then we worked quite a bit on the outhouse at Weden (Gothic Basin trail head). It was cleaned and repainted to cover over graffiti on the inside. Then we were able to raise and re-build under the foundation to level it, as it was starting to tip considerably over the past few years.

We have an update for progress with the cleanup: The onsite coordinator from the Forest Service, Joe Gibbens, has reported; "The repository is set to receive waste material, the route to the Rainy has been reopened, and the bridge (temporary metal bridge, no culverts) across Glacier Creek is in place. All of the access agreements for private property owners where we will be working have been received and Ecology completed their SEPA process. Currently we are clearing vegetation in preparation for beginning to move waste to the repository. We will start at the farthest townsite (ore collector) then move to the Comet Mine bunker, then Assay shack and finally to the United Companies Concentrator. We are doing that side of the creek due to the restriction on removing the access by August 31".



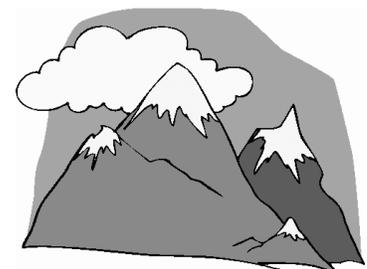
On Saturday, August 15 there is no work party: we are, instead, having a nice picnic planned for the membership. We hope everyone can make it. It will start at noon and we will meet at Big Four Picnic Area; we will be at the sheltered picnic tables for the event.

Please bring a contribution of food since this is a potluck lunch. The MCPA will also grill hamburgers, salmon burgers and provide cold drinks for everyone. We hope to see many families as this will be a fun family affair.

As usual, please remember your membership everyone. A form is both on our website and in this newsletter. We appreciate everyone's support.

Our next board meeting is August 25th.

Hope to see everyone at the family picnic, August 15!
Kal Klass, MCPA President



Historical Essay

At first glance it may appear that virtually no 2016 presidential candidate has any direct or even indirect ties to the Pacific Northwest and Monte Cristo in particular. Of course that's been normal since the late Senator Jackson of Everett passed from the scene in 1983. We have the Henry M. Jackson Wilderness Area as a remembrance. Yet not so fast! Have you been following Fox News and other outlets of their conservative Republican persuasion? Then you have heard and perhaps seen that "The Donald" Trump suddenly has emerged as front runner in GOP preference polls and frequently is quoted for his forthright statements. These have ranged from undesirable Mexican immigrants to questioning the heroism of Senator John McCain of Arizona, who as a downed U.S. Navy pilot survived imprisonment in a North Vietnamese POW cell.

This is Trump's second try at the nomination, as in the last campaign he appeared before the Iowa gathering of conservative Republican Party faithful and let it be known that he considered himself presidential material for 2012. He didn't win that early Iowa straw poll though, which went to Congressman Ron Paul, and he quickly faded. This time might be different.

That's not a bad rise for a fellow whose young grandfather emigrated from a village in the Palatinat region of imperial Germany to seek a better financial future in New York City. He was a teenaged barber from an impoverished, fatherless family when he arrived in the Lower East Side in 1885, staying with relatives in tenements and gradually moving to better locations as together they improved their lot.

Donald's grandfather was named Friedrich, but went by the Americanized "Fred" instead. Searching for better and faster opportunity, he struck out again, this time for downtown Seattle and its Pioneer Square neighborhood. It was bustling in the aftermath of the Great Seattle Fire of June 6, 1889. Taking advantage of the customs of the time when men started their day with a straight razor shave and socializing at the barber's, he expanded his operation from a simple shop into serving meals, liquor, and since this was Seattle's red light neighborhood, female companionship. It was a winning combination, and Fred a dedicated, hard working man. In 1892 he became a naturalized citizen.

As Trump's business prospered, he heard rumors of a major gold mining discovery in the nearby Cascade Mountains: Monte Cristo. In the spring of 1893, braving deep snow, he packed supplies into the town, hoping to get a jump on the rush and to open a similar operation to mine the miners. Since land prices were sky high and suitable locations exceptionally limited, he filed a tiny placer mining claim on someone else's property, one Nicholas Rudebeck of Everett and then Index. (Rudebeck's Index home still stands, next to the Bush House hotel.)

On his chosen spot Trump erected a two story wooden frame structure and opened a business based on his Seattle formula. He also sold real estate, filed on two placer claims of questionable value along Sylvan Creek below town, and became agent for the Penn Mining Company at Goat Lake. The legal inconvenience with Rudebeck later was resolved when Fred gave up the dispute and paid him for lots 1-3 of Block 1, Rudebeck's 2nd Addition to Monte Cristo. Later vacated, it was located on the Anaconda mill site, to your right when you cross the bridge into town and walk toward the railroad turntable. At age 24, Fred was into his third setting, and again he did well

with his 22x50 foot boarding house, along with patenting a tiny triangle of vacant land next to the later resort power house.

This lasted until heavy snow on Christmas morning in 1895 collapsed his building's roof. He rebuilt it, leased the place, and in April 1896 took a probably needed vacation back to Germany to attend a sister's wedding. Returning to Monte, that November he was elected justice of the peace by a vote of 32 - 5, running as a Democrat favoring William Jennings Bryan.

Trump's good fortune continued. As news of the Klondike gold rush hit the Northwest in the summer of 1897, he decided to join the jam headed north to Lake Bennett and Whitehorse, and there apply his formula in the Yukon Territory. He did so, leaving Monte a few months before the catastrophic November flood, which devastated the region and forced almost everyone to walk out to safety.

Fred's life is a fascinating story, as he returned briefly to Seattle, sold his Northwest properties, and went back to New York City. He married his German girl Elizabeth Christ to start a family, continued in business, but died in the 1918 'flu epidemic. Grandson Donald (who closely resembles Elizabeth in facial features) would receive a powerful role model.

I am indebted to former MCPA member S. Wayne Derrick of Brooklyn for alerting me to Gwenda Blair's book from which much of this was taken. I had helped her in the 1990s with the research on Monte, but never had seen it published. Check out *The Trumps: Three Generations That Built an Empire*, from Simon and Schuster, c. 2000. You might also be interested in her biography of Jessica Savitch, *Almost Golden*. Until her untimely death she was the woman who changed broadcast television news from the straight journalism typified by Edward R. Murrow of Skagit County, WSC, and CBS to its present emphasis on beautiful faces, feature stories, and entertainment.

David Cameron



Frederick Trump and his bride
Elizabeth Christ, 1902

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