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## Bestselling Author Dennis Bauer Visits Lakewood History Museum

By Phil Raschke

On July 13th, the museum was honored to host bestselling author Dennis Bauer. Dennis's appearance was sponsored by the Pierce County Library Association and his topic was "How to Write Your Bestselling Nonfiction Book". His outstanding presentation was based on his bestselling book "Flight Plan: Peak Performance in Turbulent Times".

The inspiration for the book happened when the engine on his small plane quit during a routine flight to Idaho. His ability to land the plane successfully was based on several key principles he learned in flying. He later realized those principles applied to writing as well as aviation.

For example, when you plan a flight you break it down into time segments. In writing you do the same.

First decide how many pages the book is going to be. For 200 pages figure one page an hour for two hours per day and your ETA (Estimated Time of Arrival) is about 100 days or a mere three months from takeoff to book completion.

For those who missed Dennis's presentation and would like to learn more about his "Flight Plan" to successful book writing, his book and others are available for under \$20 at Amazon.com. Dennis is also available as a guest speaker and can be reached at Dennis@DennisBauer.com



## Museum Board Creates New "Advance Programs" Committee

At the August Board Meeting, the board voted to create a new special advance programs committee.

This committee will research and schedule new and interesting programs for presentation in the museum's theater/conference room. You can help! Perhaps you have uncovered local journals from the past or know of an interesting local historical event or have an idea of a possible guest speaker. If so, shoot

us an email at [contact@lakewoodhistorical.org](mailto:contact@lakewoodhistorical.org) with your ideas and contact information. We would love to hear from you.

Speaking of advance programs, here is a "heads up" on our new historical mural set for unveiling this coming January 2025. More details coming as this new project nears completion.



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## MEETINGS

The Lakewood Historical Society formed in 1998 to preserve and share Lakewood's rich history through programs, displays and publications. The Society offers frequent programs on topics of historical interest. Most programs are free and open to the public. Visit us on Facebook or our website for information on events and activities:

www.LakewoodHistorical.org



Ed Voie

## President's Message

Time flies so fast – baseball season is almost over and football is in full swing!

I want to thank all of our volunteers, the City of Lakewood and our donors. This is truly your museum with more of our Historical Markers to be placed this coming year. Always feel free to swing by the museum on Fridays and Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m. We have a great team of Board members who care deeply about sharing our past and we look forward to Lakewood's future.

Be sure to mark your calendar for our Annual Meeting on Tuesday, December 3 at 6:30 p.m. Thanks to those who have sent in their membership renewals!

2024 is an elections year – be sure to vote. Have a great fall and Thanksgiving – Christmas will soon be here!

## Movie Nights at the Museum

# "How About a Good Old-Fashion Western?"

Story and Photos by Phil Raschke



First time museum visitors from Oakbrook area share a photo with Marlon Brando and "One Eyed Jacks".

The month of August can be somewhat slow for museum attendance. So, the museum board decided to reach out and invite folks to come for some free movies and popcorn in the museum's mini-theater. The mini-theater has a huge projection screen and a terrific sound system plus comfortable seating. The movie theme was "How About a Good Old Fashion Western" and featured classic westerns from long ago.

Selected films were the Marlon Brando classic "One Eyed Jacks" and the John Ford 1949 classic "She Wore a Yellow Ribbon" starring the legendary John Wayne. The films were

shown over the weekend of August 24th, 25th. Reviews from attendees were positive and the museum plans on another "old-ies" night again soon.

By the way, the mini-theater – conference room is a super place for holding a business or event meeting. Rental rates are low and up to 35 people can be seated comfortably. Call the museum if you have an interest in renting the space. We will even supply free popcorn!



Ed Voie, Jack Mason, Danielle Sharp and John Huber were several of the attendees at the Aug 25 John Wayne film



# The Lakewood Terrace



*Does anyone remember dining in one of the finest restaurants in Lakewood, namely **The Lakewood Terrace** (1937 – circa 1984)?*

Perhaps you ordered drinks at the large, handsome curved bar; danced to the lovely music from the piano; ordered steaks at the grill; took your special friends and relatives from out of town to this up-scale restaurant; or held your wedding reception in the basement ballroom. Whatever your memories, the Lakewood History Museum would love to hear them. What was your favorite meal, waitress, drink - your favorite memory? Maybe you were employed there and we bet you had some interesting experiences you could share.

Memories get lost if they are not recorded so we are asking your help in sharing some of the Lakewood Terrace history. You can mail these memories to the Lakewood Historical Society, drop them off in person, or email at [contact@lakewood-historical.org](mailto:contact@lakewood-historical.org). Help us make sure your stories are not forgotten!

Photos and captions courtesy of The Tacoma Public Library

*Top: The main dining room at Lakewood Terrace as seen on October 31, 1952 following an extensive remodeling. A colonial white-paneled fireplace with a 20-foot mantel dominates the room. Newly added: an “Anglo-Persian” carpet, wallpaper featuring clusters of rose-red blossoms, and a dado topping the wainscot for an extra colonial touch.*



*Bottom: July 19, 1939--Jubilee princesses at Lakewood Terrace celebrate fifty years of Washington statehood. Among those pictured are Jubilee Queen Amy (far left), “Father of Lakewood” Norton Clapp (standing left), and Miss Pierce County Margaret Franich (seated right side of table forward).*

## Museum Outreach Program Still Reaching Out

Last year your museum started a “You can’t come to us, We will come to you” program. This pro-active approach provides local civic groups and others with museum speakers who travel out to the community free of charge and provide important PowerPoint historical presentations on behalf of the museum.

Subjects range from “Amelia Earhart” to “Ivan the Gorilla” to the famous “Flying Tigers” of World War II fame. Recently, VP Phil Raschke was invited to a Sept 15 luncheon hosted by the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) to present a program on “America’s Buffalo Soldiers”.

The program was held at Patriots Landing in DuPont, WA and had 26 members and guests in attendance. Interested in one of our PowerPoint programs? Give a call to 253-682-3480 and leave a message with your name and contact cell number. We would be delighted to work with you.



*Museum VP Phil Raschke prepares for his Buffalo Soldiers presentation at Patriots Landing.*



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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, AT 6:30 P.M.**

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