

Washington Business Woman

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President's Message

BPW ... Business & Professional Women. That's what we are. Not just one business or one profession, not just office managers or lawyers or nurses or doctors or accountants or saleswomen. We are business women and professional women, from all businesses and all professions, coming together to help each other and to learn from each other. Women Helping Women, Professionally, Politically and, yes, Personally. Because as we meet and network and get to know each other, we become friends and we stay friends through the years.

BPW has been around for almost 100 years. It started when the president of the United States during World War I asked the YWCA to help bring together all the individual women's clubs across the country. Their help was needed in the war effort and they responded wholeheartedly. After the war, the women could have just gone back to being just local clubs, but they saw the need of a wider community. They saw that women had the same problems and the same challenges everywhere and they could work on those challenges together, learn from each other, help each other.

That is exactly what we are still doing today, with local organizations offering inspirational speakers, workshops, seminars. The state BPW brings these local organizations together for annual conferences and board meetings, providing individuals the important opportunity to network with members from across the state.

Yes, BPW has changed over the years. Yes, BPW will continue to change. Some long-time members may think back and wish it could have remained as they knew and loved it. Newer members may think it is trying to hold on to old fashioned, outdated ways and want to make even more changes.

Both sides may well be right. But, change does come. Let's make it our mission to make those changes the right changes. Changes that will strengthen the organization, bring us closer together and allow us to continue to be WOMEN HELPING WOMEN!

Eldean Montgomery,
2011/2012 President, BPW/WA

Annual YWCA 2012 Inspire Luncheons — Internationally Acclaimed Speakers women whose lives have been changed with help from the YWCA, and an audience of your fellow supporters.

Thursday, March 15, 2012
Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue
Helen Hunt, Academy Award winning actress

Tuesday, April 24, 2012
Washington State Convention Center
Sheryl WuDunn, Co-author of *Half the Sky*

Thursday, May 10, 2012 — Edward D. Hansen Conference Center in Everett
Ellen Goodman, Pulitzer Prize winning columnist

Let's fill a table! BPW/WA President Eldean Montgomery, as BPW/WA YWCA Liason, will be happy to make arrangements for BPW members to attend any or all of these events. She has been a table captain at the Seattle event for 19 years and attended Everett and Bellevue Luncheons. The requested minimum donation is \$150 and is payable the day of the event. Credit cards and quarterly payments are offered if you wish.



WBW Magazine and Web Site Advertising Rates

Advertising rates are very affordable!

The BPW/WA web site and WBW magazine reach members and non-members alike.

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WBW Magazine — The Washington Business Woman (WBW) magazine highlights current events within BPW/WA, BPW Foundation, and the National Headquarters of the BPW (BPW/USA Foundation). The WBW is published quarterly.

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The WBW is published quarterly.

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All ads must be sent to the WBW Editor one month before publication.

Contact the WBW Editor for publication dates.

Carolyn Leeper: cdleeper@hotmail.com

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Ads on the BPWWA Web Site

There are three types of ads available on the BPW/WA web site.

Contact the Webmistress for availability and specifications.

Contact Sylvia Valine: valines9@frontier.com

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AAUW-WA & BPW LOBBY DAY

JANUARY 23, 2012

Women advance equity through advocacy of current legislative issues.
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Call your legislators for appointments

* Organize carpools * Join us in Olympia at:
The First United Methodist Church, 12223 Legion Way

8:00 - Coffee, Check-In 8:30 - In-
troductions 8:45 - Speakers 11:30 -
Lunch 12:15 - Off to Capitol Hill

DIRECTIONS; From 1-5 North, take exit 105 B, Port of Olympia (from the south take exit 105). Take the first right and follow the Port of Olympia signs. Go North on Plum Street then turn right on Legion Way. A school is on the right and the church is on the left. Free parking is in front and on the side of the church.

REGISTRATION

Please return this registration form and your check for \$20, payable to AAUW-WA by January 17th. Send to: Judy Fegley, 19829 147th Ave, Yelm, WA 98597 For information call her at: 360-894-7403 or email her at [jacee44\(5\)earthlink.net](mailto:jacee44(5)earthlink.net) Your BPW contact is Jacqueline Petrick at jpetrick@starbucks.com

AAUW Member: yes no

BPW Member: yes no

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articles, pictures, and
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THE BURNING HUT

The only survivor of a shipwreck
was washed up on a small, uninhabited island.
She prayed feverishly to be rescued and every day
She scanned the horizon for help, but none came.

Exhausted and losing faith in her prayers,
she decided to build a little **hut** out of driftwood for
protection from the elements and to store her few possessions.

One day, after scavenging for food, she arrived home
to find her little **hut** in flames, the smoke rolling up into the sky.
Stunned with grief and anger, she felt the worst had happened; all was lost.
She threw her arms up towards the sky and cried "How could you do this to me?"

Early the next day, she was awakened by the sound
of a ship approaching the island. It had come to rescue her.
"How did you know I was here?" the weary woman asked her rescuers.
"We saw your smoke signal," they replied.

It's easy to get discouraged when things turn bad.
However, it's best to keep your heart and mind open,
because even in the midst of pain and suffering
good things are usually in the works.

Remember, next time your little **hut** is **burning**,
it may be the smoke signal that brings you exactly what you need
. ~Unknown

BYLAWS – A WORK IN PROCESS

Consider this: Rules of the Road: what if there were no rules regarding driving on our streets and highways. No stop signs, no yield signs, no speed limits, etc. We would have total chaos!

If we did not have bylaws to guide us we would have the same situation: Chaos! Bylaws are not meant to be restrictive, but to serve to protect the rights of the minority. Bylaws are a work in process - ever changing to meet the needs of the organization. The bylaws committee has been busy reviewing the BPW/WA State Bylaws, and the Local Model Bylaws. We have had some lively discussions and look forward to presenting to the members the opportunity to know and understand the bylaws through change.

Please note the criteria to change the state bylaws:

ARTICLE XXV – AMENDMENTS

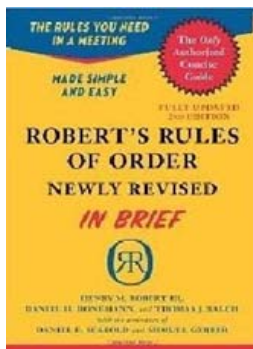
- Section 1. Amendments to these bylaws may be proposed by the board of directors, the executive committee, a local organization, or the bylaws committee.
- Section 2. All proposed amendments shall be sent in writing to the state president, with a copy to the bylaws chair **by January 15**.

Request for Local Unit Bylaws. Each Local Unit is required to send the latest amended bylaws to the state bylaws chair annually for review by **January 15**. Local Unit bylaws can be mailed to

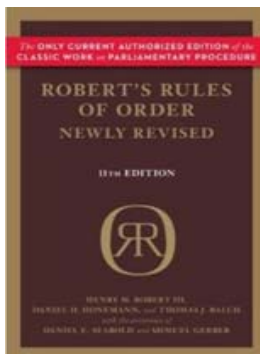
Milly Lewendon, Bylaws Chair,
14104 107th Avenue NE,
Kirkland, WA 98034
or emailed to: mmlewendon@comcast.net.

As your 2011-2012 Bylaws Chair, I look forward to helping any BPW members with explanation or guidance in parliamentary procedure and interpreting bylaws. I also am available to help local units to review and update their bylaws.

Milly Lewendon, 2011-12 Bylaws Chair



From the same authors as *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (RONR)*, *Robert's Rules in Brief* is a step-by-step guide to fair, efficient, and correct meeting procedure. It contains sample dialogues for common meeting items including motions, nominations, elections, and votes, and scores of tips for keeping meetings on track. This guide is an invaluable companion to *RONR*. Based on *RONR* 11th Edition. 198 pages \$6.50



Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (11th Edition) is the foremost authority on parliamentary procedure, used around the world to ensure that meetings are fair and efficient.

Used by professional associations, local government, churches, corporate and non-profit boards, fraternal organizations, student organizations, and homeowners' associations, *RONR* contains extensive rules covering a wide range of parliamentary situations, and provides guidelines for organizations, their members, elected and appointed officials, boards, and committees. 704 pages \$18.50

Washington State BPW Foundation Scholarships

Scholarships are available to mature women in Washington State from the WSBPW Foundation.

Applications for the 2012-2013 school year are available beginning January 1.

The deadline for completed applications is April 1.

Qualifications for scholarships vary, but all require applicants to be a U.S. citizen, Washington State resident, and attending school in Washington.

Applicants are judged on scholastic ability, financial need and overall impression from their goal statements.

Ability to communicate and follow instructions is very important to the judges!

Scholarships for \$1,000 and \$500 are offered.

Students may apply for any scholarship which they may qualify.

Mature Woman and Past BPW President's Memorial awards go to someone age 35 or older.

The Single Mother scholarship may be awarded to a woman of any age with dependent children.

The Lulu Fairbanks Memorial (for Journalism or related major) and the BPW Member Scholarship applicants may also be of any age.

Scholarships are also available from local organizations through WSBPWF.

These vary each year, so interested students should check what is currently available.

Applications will be sent to all colleges and universities in Washington January 1.

Applications will also be available on the BPW website or by emailing vamurf@nwi.net (Virginia Murphy) after January 1, 2012.

BPW Member Training Grant Available

Current members of BPW/WA are eligible to apply for a grant of up to \$50 to help with the expense of registration for a state BPW meeting. This award was established in 2002, but has not been available for several years because of lack of funds. Because of the generosity of several members and the Foundation this past year, funds are now being offered to members.

Applicants must be a current BPW member and submit a completed application 45 days prior to the event. Preference will be given to first-time applicants.

For an application contact Virginia Murphy, WSBPW Foundation Treasurer, vamurf@nwi.net.

www.bpwwa.org !!!

Our website has a new look and a new focus!

Past State President Sylvia Valine has taken on this very important responsibility.

Contact her by email at sylviavaline@frontier.com

See Page 2 for ad rates for the website.

Bellevue BPW

We are currently 22 strong and can count among our members representatives in the financial, technology, real estate, and personal care industries. We've been working hard this year to get the word out about the Bellevue Local and have made connections in the local news and radio communities to advertise (for free!) our events. We have also been diligent in making sure our members and potential members are aware of the benefits of a membership with BPW and we follow-up with them periodically with additional information and feedback to improve our local. We'd love to meet other members so if you are free on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, stop by the Harbor Club for our monthly luncheon to hear a great speaker and say hello!

Bellevue BPW has 3 goals for 2011-2012.

1. Increase the visibility of our members' business
2. Increase the visibility of BPW in the community
3. Reach out to women who need our support through scholarship and mentorship

To achieve these, we invite speakers who show us how to increase our visibility, both BPW and individual businesses. We met at Bellevue College at the beginning of Fall Quarter to pass out scholarship applications and to increase our visibility among young women. Estrella Chan spent 3 hours at UW Bothell Career Day to recruit interns and promote visibility of Bellevue BPW.

- * To promote members' business visibility, we spotlight their businesses in our newsletters
- * We promote members' events on our Facebook page and Twitter.
- * Our Twitter followers have been steadily increasing, adding exposure to BPW and our members
- * We have monthly happy hour networking events so women can promote their businesses and have time to visit with each other. We have asked a member to be in charge of this to start inviting Happy Hour attendees to attend luncheons and consider membership.
- * We post upcoming workshops in the community that are relevant to members on our Education web page.
- * We send press release to 3 newspapers and post on 5 community calendars to promote monthly events. KBCS FM has offered to promote our events as public service announcements.

Our Woman of the Year,
Sonya Green, News and Public Affairs director of KBCS 91.3 FM,
asked us how she can best help BPW promote its message.

- We invite to our monthly luncheons presenters that help us increase our professional skills.
- * Matt Youngquist showed us how to use LinkedIn effectively to make very targeted connections..
 - * Sonya Green from KBCS 91.3 FM showed us how to make our stories newsworthy to the media.
 - * Travis Mayfield from Bellevue KOMO Community News showed us how to increase our visibility, both BPW and individual businesses.
 - * Olga von Houck taught us how to use the principles of Feng Shui to dress for success and communicate the message we want to convey.
 - * Thach Nguyen, Kristen Marie Schuerlein, and Marc Sachnoff showed us how to network in a way that feels connecting and deepens relationships.

*In January, Beth Buelow will show introverts how to market,
and extroverts how to best communicate with introvert clients.*

In February, Pete Disantis will show us how to mastermind in a short period of time.

***Estrella Chan,
President***



*Judy Keyt SPS BPW President
and Dawn Veraldo, President Elect
announce and award Linda Bjornbey as women of the year.
They showered here with gifts, 2 press releases
and 1 free membership to their local organization for 2012.*

Greater Everett BPW

meets the 4th Monday of each
month at the Prohibition Grille
1414 Hewitt Ave.

Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1:p.m.

We also have a networking meeting
the 3rd Thursday of each month
at the Prohibition Grille
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. happy hour.

We welcome all
who would like to come and
check out our friendly and fun group.
We have two new members this month.

Joyce Robins,
President, Greater Everett BPW

Just Ever Green

MY year as President in 2000/2001 seems to be a blur but two things do stand out.

My theme was "A Time to Soar, A Time to Excel" and in all we did, we tried to focus on the achievements of women and celebrate the great things many of our members had accomplished. Helen Thayer was a featured speaker at Fall Board. What an inspiration she is. In my mind, she has done the impossible by risking so much to accomplish her goals of traveling, on foot, to the North Pole, sitting in the wilds to study wolves and, I think, many more things that we have not heard about.

At that Fall Board, in Puyallup, we held a Baby Shower. I really didn't know if this idea would fly, but it was worth a try. It was suggested that people bring baby gifts to be given to the "Y". We arranged for a Baby Shower cake and set up a table for gifts. The shower was Saturday afternoon and when the time arrived so did the gifts and they kept coming and coming. I could not believe the generosity of our members. There were blankets and blankets, tiny clothes of all kinds, diapers and a wooden rocking horse. The pile of gifts grew larger and larger until the table could hold no more. We had made a difference. We had soared and we had excelled.

Sue Tellock

Woodinville BPW Con·nec·tion – linking of people or things by Milly Lewendon

Woodinville BPW has been in hibernation for the last couple of years. We had five members and decided we needed to regroup and get things going in Woodinville BPW again

One of the important aspects in belonging to BPW is the “connections” we make. Whether it be professional, personal or just plain business connections. So the Woodinville members came up with the theme “Connecting Women 2 Women”.

We had built a database of previous BPW members and other contacts we had made through the last few years.

Our first “Connection Event” was to have a Barbeque at a member’s home where we invited everyone in our database to come for a “free lunch”. We had a nice turnout and offered a special membership price to those who joined that day. We gained three new members from that “Connection Event”.

We planned our “Connecting Women 2 Women” calendar for the year following the state theme of offering programs that helped women politically, professionally and personally.

In September we had Jessica Greenway, a political candidate running for City Council Position #4 in Kirkland and Eldean Montgomery, State President who gave us an overview of BPW History and our connection with the “YWCA”.

Many of you who attended Fall Board will remember the Coldwater Creek coupon that Eldean was able to secure for BPW members. She had some extras and gave them out to those who had not attended Fall Board. Among those receiving the coupons was Lea Miller, Woodinville BPW’s newest member.

Lea is the owner of a delightful tearoom called, Three Cups of Tea located in Bothell. Woodinville BPW has been meeting at her shop whenever possible.

Lea opens the shop just for our meetings and it is great to have such a nice meeting place and to be what we say we are: “women supporting women”!

In making arrangements for our October meeting, I was talking with Lea and she said she had a story to share. Lea took her Coldwater Creek coupon and went shopping. Upon selecting her items, she went to pay using her coupon. The clerk indicated that she had never seen this coupon before, and asked where Lea had received it.

Lea said “it was given to me at the Woodinville Business and Professional Women’s meeting. Our state president gave them out. I think she knows the owners.”

The clerk called her manager over to see the coupon, they asked Lea what her business was, she told them about her tea shop and talk ensued.

The manager visited Lea’s Tea Shop and now Coldwater Creek will be holding a Fashion Show in December at Lea’s Tea Shop and there is talk of more shows in the coming year! Lea’s comment to me: “I’ve only been to two meetings and I’m already making “connections”!

Lea had joined the Chamber last year, spent a lot more \$\$\$ and felt she didn’t get much return on her investment. Now she is making “connections” plus some wonderful friends who are walking the talk – “women supporting women”.

**Woodinville now has 10 members
and we are making “connections”!**



To visit Lea’s Tea Room, here is her website:
<http://www.threecupsoftea.biz>.

BPW/WA Fall Board, October 1, 2011

Fall Board was held at the YWCA Issaquah Family Village. Eldean Montgomery presided as BPW/WA President.



Conni Richter, VP, (left) and Eldean Montgomery



Jacqueline Petrick, State Legislation



Speaker: Sunny Kobe Cook



Speaker: Nancy Sorensen, Attorney at Law



Members of SW Seattle BPW



Sylvia Valine (left) and Kay Bradley Kampsen

The Parliamentary Minute

By Kay Bradley Kampsen, BPW/WA State Parliamentarian

Rules of Order

Why do we have rules, rules, rules.....?

Have you ever attended a meeting that descends into chaos when a business decision needs to be made by the membership? Some of this can be alleviated by having a set *Agenda* for the meeting and a list of the *Rules of Order* are printed on the back of the agenda/program. So, what are *Rules of Order*?

Rules of order are written procedures that assist an organization to conduct meetings in an orderly manner. The general *Rules of Order* contain the procedures of the meeting rather than about the organization itself. Most begin with the organization's Bylaws and to the parliamentary authority they have chosen, such as Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

If you have attended a state meeting you will have noticed that the Program includes a written set of *Rules of Order* for the meeting. These rules include several items that cover topics such as: who can register for the meeting, the decorum for the meeting, how motions will be handled, order of debate, time limit of debate for individuals and for each motion/question, if voting will be taken by voice, hand or voting cards, and any specific order for that meeting only. Many organizations adopt a standard set of rules by adopting a parliamentary authority such Robert's Rules of Order (newly revised) as a starting point.

Some of the *Rules of Order* for meetings are taken directly from the organization's bylaws and are restated in the meeting program's *Rules of Order* to aid all attendees of what is expected of them.

Some examples:

*Cell phones, pagers and other electronic communications shall be silenced during the business meetings.

*All communications to the platform or to persons in the assembly shall be in writing and be delivered by designated pages.

*Main motions and amendments shall be in writing, signed and sent to the chair immediately upon being proposed. Only members of the Board may make motions. Voting members speak first, but all members may participate in discussion.

*Debate will be limited to two minutes for each speaker and ten minutes for each question.

A timekeeper will signal expiration of the allotted time. No member may speak more than once on the same issue without consent of the voting body.

If you have any questions about Rules of Order or other parliamentary ay ask the parliamentarian, the bylaws chair, or contact me at kbk.bpw@hotmail.com or 206.854.6315.

Meeting Tip 22--Efficient Meetings

Tips to help make meetings more efficient

1. Start on time.
2. Have a detailed agenda listing all items of business known in advance, with wording of motions if known.
3. Set time limits for reports.
4. Ask officers and committee chairmen in advance if they have a report and if it includes any recommendations or motions.
5. Require all main motions and non-trivial secondary motions to be in writing.
6. Refer any time-consuming, delayable motions to a committee to perfect.
7. Keep debate germane (relevant) and non-redundant.
8. Limit debate to 2 or 3 minutes per speech and/or the total debate time per motion to __ minutes (requires a 2/3 vote).
9. Disallow (or closely limit) discussion when no motion has been made.
10. Use unanimous consent if no one speaks against a motion in debate. ("Is there any objection to the adoption of the motion? [pause] Since there is no objection [pause] the motion is adopted.")
11. Use voting cards instead of a rising (standing) vote, and don't count votes unless a visual (rising, or voting card) vote is questionable.



Meeting Myth

Myth: When a meeting is a little "too" efficient and the assembly adopts a motion hastily that later is thought to be unwise, once adopted it is too late to do anything about it.

Fact: The motions to Reconsider, Rescind and Amend Something Previously Adopted can often be used to remedy motions adopted too hastily.

See *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* for rules on when and how these are applicable.

You Already Know Parliamentary Procedure!

Informal Phrase

"Hey - I have an idea."

"Oh yeah?"

"let's go for a walk on the beach."

"Great idea! Let's do it."

"I love walking. It's refreshing."

"I dunno. I'd rather watch the basketball game on TV."

"What about walking to the sports bar to watch the game there?"

"Yeah, that sounds better."

"I'm confused. What are we talking about?"

"Well, let's make a decision."

"OK, what shall we do, walking or watch the game?"

"More want to walk. Off we go."

Parliamentary Equivalent

Seeking Recognition

Being acknowledged (floor)

Stating a motion

Motion has been seconded

Motion is discussed

Amendment to the motion.

Amended motion is accepted.

Point of Information.

Call for the vote

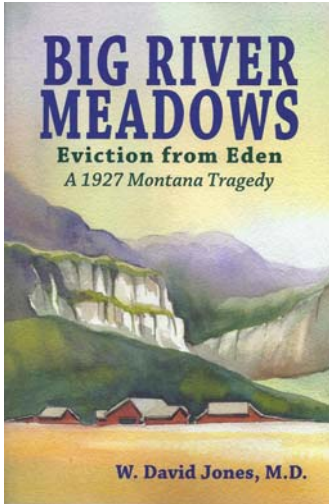
Members vote.

Vote is concluded, the majority wins and the decision is stated for the record.



Book Reviews For Your Reading Pleasure

by *Local Washington Author*



Book Review
by Carolyn Leeper

Big River Meadows

Eviction from Eden
A 1927 Montana Tragedy
by W. David Jones, M.D.

A fascinatingly detailed account of ranch life, horses and cows, plowing, planting, harvesting, Big River Meadows is a refresher for those who lived that life style and a window to that life for those raised in towns and cities. The mountain pack trip into Big River Meadows lets us experience the difficulty of the trails with the exhilaration of the high mountains.

This novel, based on a true life story, brings the reader into the life and emotions of 12-year old Billy Jones who witnesses an encounter between his mother and the hired man, Jack Dougan.

Stunned and confused, Billy tells his father, Sandy what he saw. When Sandy is killed, Billy blames himself but keeps his involvement and guilt feelings a secret.

In the fall of 1912, Sandy Jones met the local homesteader-teacher Minerva Burton, "Burt" to all who knew her. Though Sandy was ten years younger than Burt, he was handsome, ambitious, rich and educated. After a two year courtship, Sandy and Burt married. Burt gave up teaching to help run the ranch and raise her family but couldn't give up her dreams of romance and adventure.

In mid-March, 1927, an unkempt stranger arrived, needing a job until he could earn enough for a ticket "back to civilization." Directed to Sandy Jones' ranch, Jack Dougan was hired to stay through harvest time.

What followed changed everyone's life.

For information on purchasing this book,
contact Carolyn Leeper: cdleeper@hotmail.com

Excerpt from Chapter I:

David pulled into the driveway and stumbled up the steps to Isabel's adult family home. He rang the night bell and a frazzled Isabel welcomed him with a hug.

"I so sorry to call you at midnight, Dr. Jones, but he is wild. I afraid he will hurt himself or somebody."

They walked together into Bill's little room. Pictures of his ranch, cattle and horses were on the walls. His favorite candy dispenser was on the night stand. The old cowboy was hobbling about the room crying and wailing, "My daddy was murdered and it's all my fault."

David tried to console his father. "Calm down dad. Tell me what happened."

"Who are you? Do something; my daddy was murdered."

Isabel pleaded, "Beel, this is your son David."

"Where's David? He should hear this."

"Dad, it's me David. I'm here."

Bill took David's hand. "I guess you're David. You don't look like David."

"Dad, tell me what's the matter. Tell me what happened."

Bill's eyes were wide and terrified. He glanced about the room focusing on the pictures or to the shadows. He collapsed in a chair and started crying—"O mother, why did you do it? Why did I tell? It's all my fault."

David sat next to Bill and held his dad's gnarled rancher's hand—a hand that told of a lifetime of hard work. Each bulbous knuckle or askew joint was another story. David realized that he was talking with Billy Jones, the 12-year-old boy who had just lost his father. "Tell me your story, Billy."

Bill sobbed and choked out the story of August 12, 1927.

David Jones grew up on the ranch featured in the story. He attended Rocky Mountain College in Billings, received his MD at University of Oregon and practiced Internal Medicine for thirty five years. He is retired and lives with his wife Candy in Bellingham WA.