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# BBC 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 10 Years Of Not Existing!

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*450 BBC Fridays later* - here we are today celebrating  
our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at BIMA  
Bainbridge Island Museum of Art



## Bainbridge Island Museum Of Art

550 Winslow Way E, Bainbridge Island, WA

<https://www.biartmuseum.org/>

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From the BBC - ***THANK YOU BIMA***  
***For Helping Us Celebrate Our***  
***10 Year Anniversary!***



# WHO WE ARE

- **The BBC** is a *Creative Strategy Roundtable* offering local storefront and home based business owners and managers a focus group for strategy testing, honest detailed critique, and community support.

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- **The BBC** is a weekly gathering for vision sharing, critical analysis, referral networking, and new ideas assessment.

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- **The BBC** focuses on people-to-people relationship-building, making new connections that encourage one's business in positive ways, including strategies on how to evolve within an ever-changing marketplace and a constantly-shifting clientèle.

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- **The BBC** offers its members the opportunity to build connections of trust between each other's companies and services, sharing skills and specialties, and critiquing professional copy.





From the start, BBC has always had a great relationship with the Bainbridge Island Chamber of Commerce – in 2009, Kevin Dwyer was the *Vulcan at the helm*.



*“Dup dor a'az Mubster.” – Kevin Dwyer, first Chamber Of Commerce-BBC liaison*

"Live long and prosper" (Vulcan proverb)



**2012, Rex Oliver  
joins the Chamber  
as Emperor & CEO.**



**A new logo in 2015, and in 2016 a  
totally new Chamber Newsletter, both  
print and interactive online editions.**



[TheChannelBainbridge.com](http://TheChannelBainbridge.com)



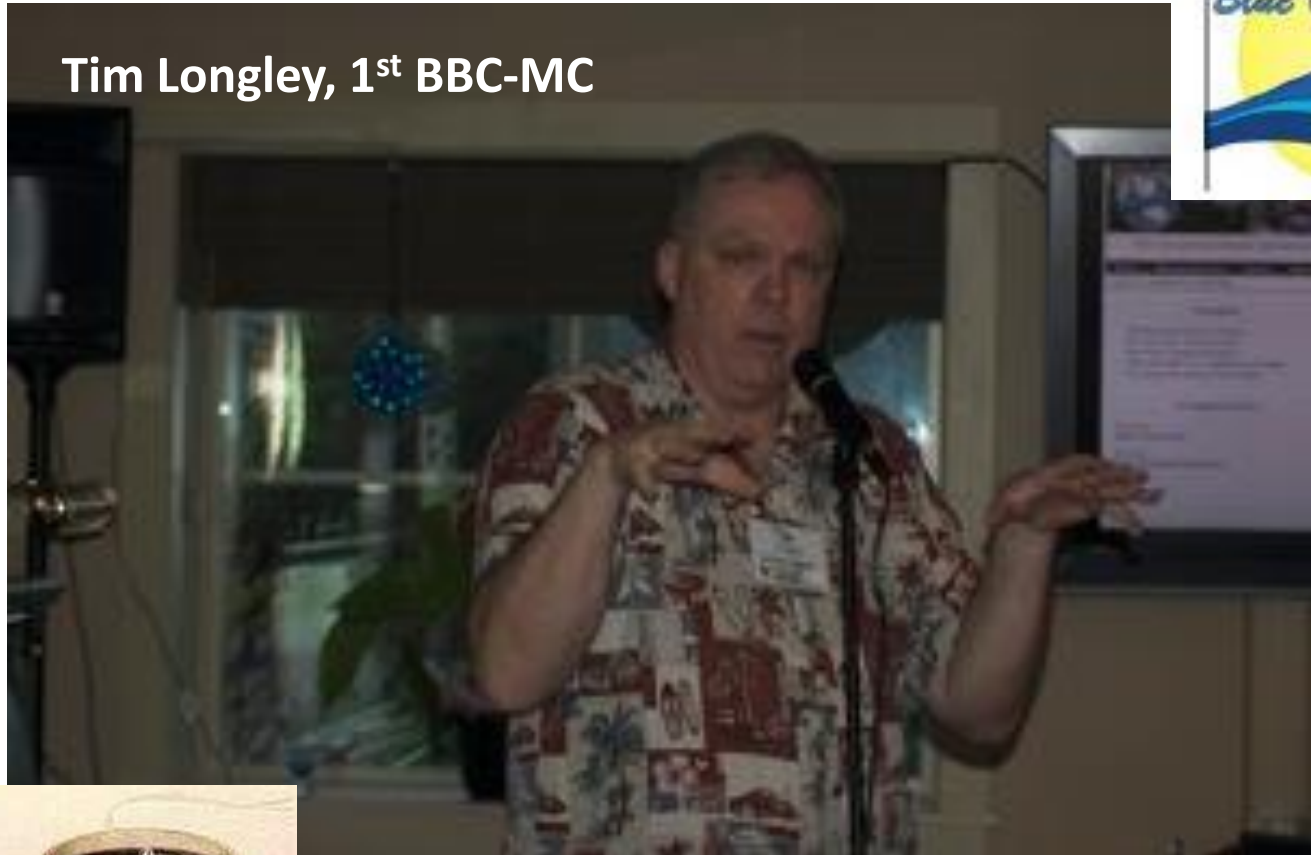
# The Places We've Been

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(...the places "We've Closed"?)

## Our first year of stealth existence at the Blue Ocean Cafe

Tim Longley, 1<sup>st</sup> BBC-MC



January  
2009 –  
January  
2010



Invite your friends and associates to join us for this exciting non-virtual *non-cloud* BBC event in real time and real space . . . and another delicious cup of BBC!





# The Blue Ocean Café



Early BBC Regulars (what we have come to call our members, as “members” implies an existing organization of which to be a member, which organization doesn’t really exist – thus “BBC Regulars”):

Steve Kersten, BBC Steering Committee  
Bill Ruddick, BBC Steering Committee  
Dave Beck  
Shelly Reimer  
Bruce Carter (behind Steve)  
Jerry Slade

other BBC regulars...





# Thuy Nguyen at The Pavilion - *BBC Under The Green Dome*

Early 2010 - Fall 2010

*The City of Bainbridge  
Addresses the BBC. →*

Thuy Nguyen's "Café  
@ the pavilion" before  
she established the  
amazingly successful  
"Roosters Café" and  
"Thuy's Pho House"!



## Local Harvest Restaurant - Jessica and Daniel Miller, owners



Jessica and Daniel Miller,  
owners, hosted BBC for a  
short but wonderful  
time! **Fall 2010**





**Under The Green Dome** at The Pavilion, *again*. (We were always welcome!)



Fall 2010 –  
Winter 2010





## Roosters Cafe (Thuy Nguyen, BBC Graduate)

Winter 2010 – Thuy kindly offered us to try Roosters for our BBC Fridays meetings. But it turned out a bit noisy for formal meetings.

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Thuy Nguyen had been in business since 2007 when she owned *The Cafe at The Pavilion*. The summer of 2010 she moved downtown and opened *Rooster's cafe*.

Then in Nov. 2014 – **Thuy's Pho House** Vietnamese Restaurant →  
[facebook.com/ThuysPhoHouse/](https://facebook.com/ThuysPhoHouse/)



# Flowering Around

***Flowering Around*** hosted the BBC for about a year (winter 2011 - winter 2012) until we moved to the new *OfficeXpats Coworking & Conference Center!*

floweringaround.com

“We Deliver Island Wide  
Suquamish & Downtown Poulsbo”

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Flowering Around, Ashley Henry, owner  
200 Winslow Way West, Bainbridge Island, WA  
98110





# Flowering Around

Leslie Schneider and Jason Omens present  
The idea of  
OfficeXpats Business  
Coworking Center  
to BBC at  
Flowering Around's  
Espresso & Tea Room:

***That summer 2011  
OfficeXpats  
became a reality***



# Our final home! – Thank You OfficeXpats!

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# OfficeXpats - Home Of The BBC! – *there's no place like home*

## OXp OWNERS:



Jason Omens



Leslie Schneider



OfficeXpats  
4<sup>th</sup> Of July  
2012 Float



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**2014 4<sup>th</sup> Of July Parade!**

**OfficeXpats.com**





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**TODAY**

**New “Team Retreats” – Create  
an island getaway for your group!**

[officexpats.com/en/page/retreats](http://officexpats.com/en/page/retreats)



**OfficeXpats.com**





**December 14<sup>th</sup> 2018**

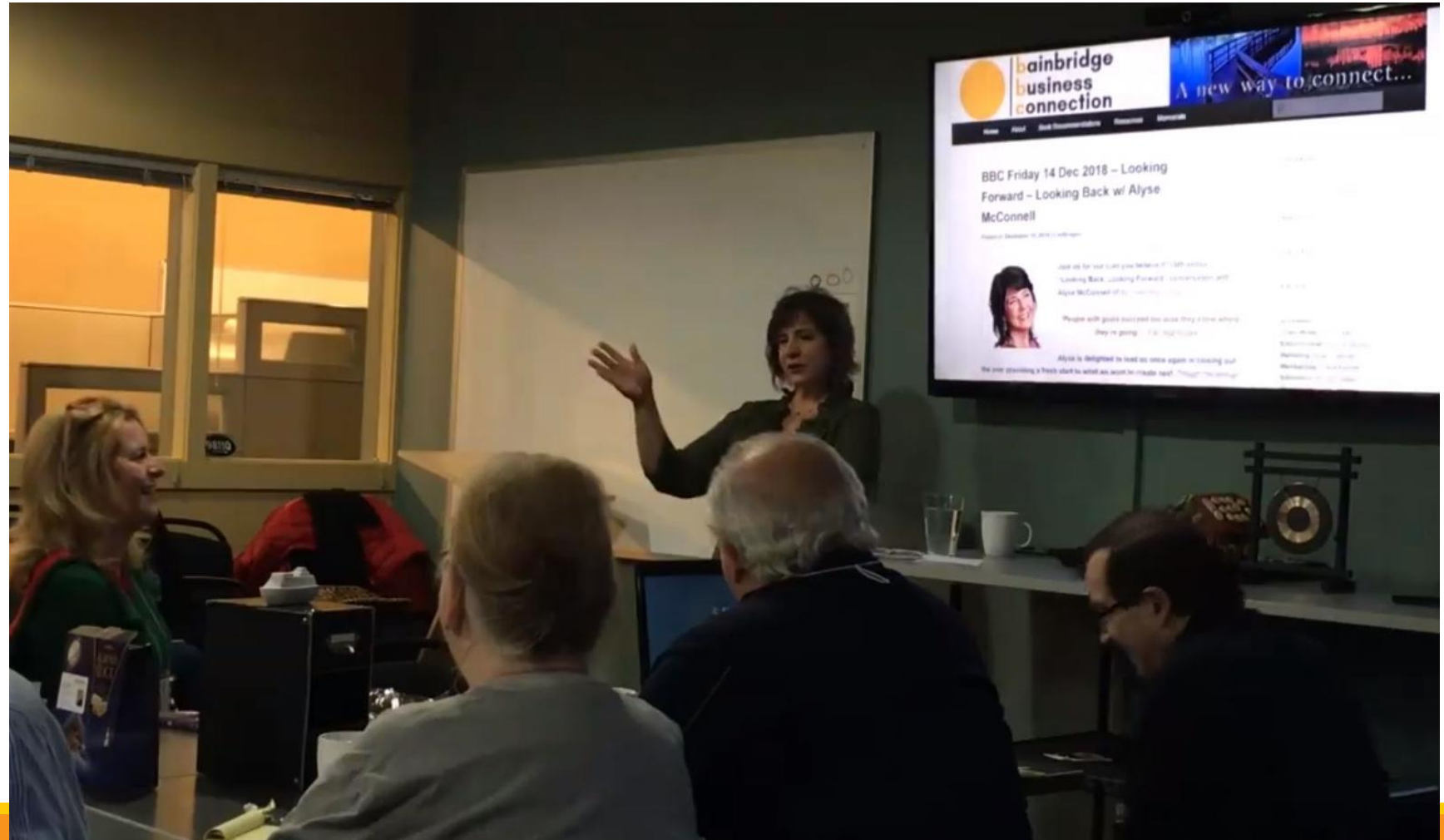
**Alyse McConnell held her 6<sup>th</sup> annual  
“Looking Back – Looking Forward”  
Conversation.**

Founding BBC Regular and steering  
committee emeritus, Alyse has been  
a perennial inspiration to our  
community.

Her video is on her Facebook page  
[facebook.com/alyse.mcconnell](https://www.facebook.com/alyse.mcconnell)

Video link:

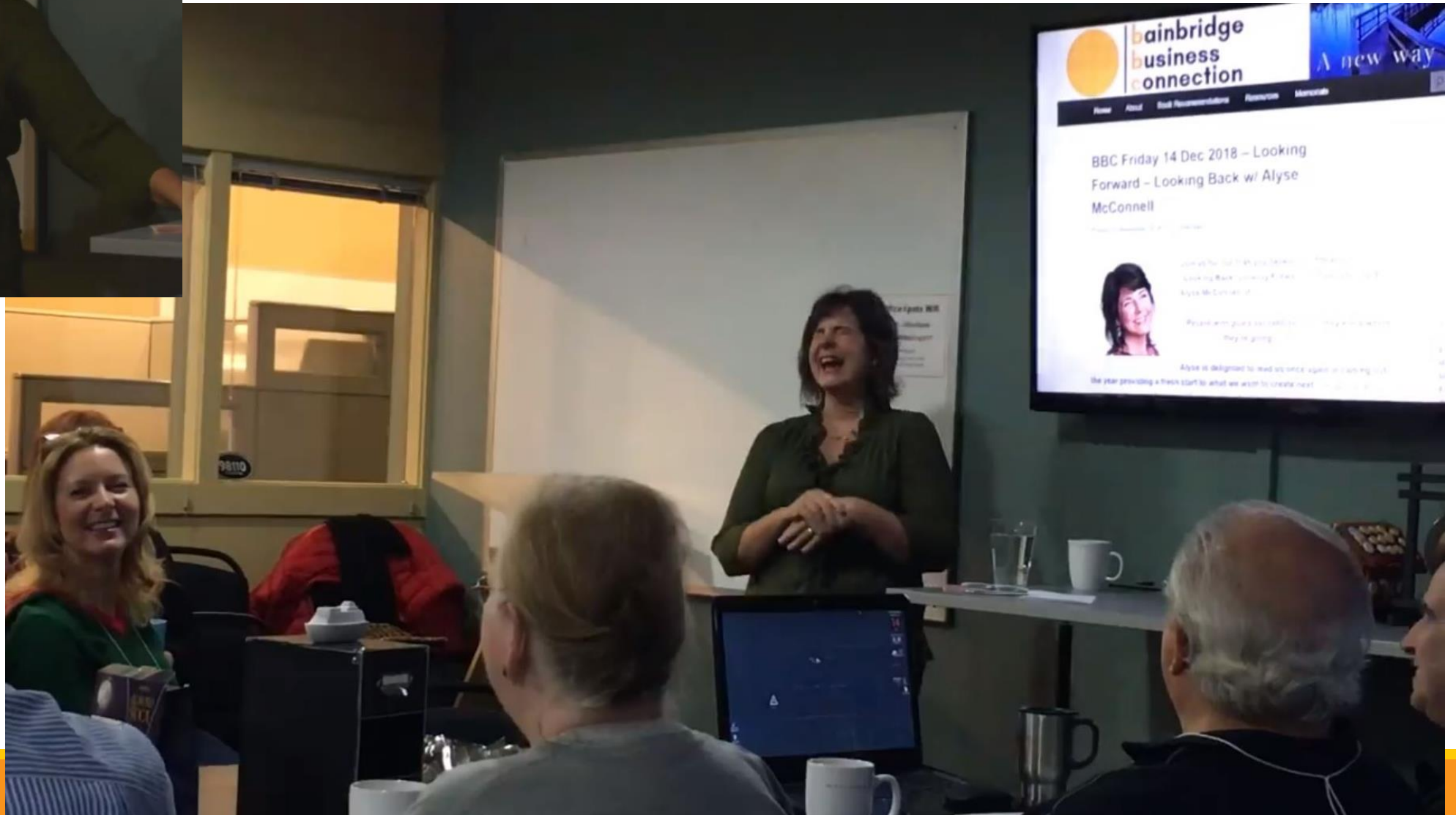
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Alyse Facebook page: [facebook.com/alyse.mcconnell](https://facebook.com/alyse.mcconnell)



**Thanks Alyse!**

*Some of those who have shared their story and business wisdom at BBC  
(To just name a very few! 'Cause there are a hundred more of you!!!)*

- **Lee Jorgenson** – SAN CARLOS RESTAURANT
- **Erik Lindbergh** – LEAP EDUCATION & ELECTRIC FLIGHT PROGRAM & LINDBERGH FOUNDATION
- **Terry Arndt** – PAPER PRODUCTS
- **Martha Monkman** – THE NUMBER FACTORY
- **Howard Block** – BAY HAY AND FEED
- **Andy Cotey** – Hockett & Olsen
- **Bruce Carter** – Indigo Painting (AND a founding BBC Regular!)
- **Elaine Jones** – Certified Business Advisor, WSU Small Business Development Center
- **Stuart Walton** – Washington C.A.S.H.
- **Michael Fountain** – Director, CHANNEL DEVELOPMENT @ PARALLELS
- **Clinton, Chelsea (& Basil) Ramsey** – Blue Canary Automotive Services
- **Senator Christine Rolfes** – Washington State Senator, 2007-Present
- **Tim Dinan Jr. & Alison Michelle Hahn** – Cook Family Funeral Home
- **Peter Raffa** – Director of Major Gifts, BIMA
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## BBC Graduates – just to name a very few of those who have started or re-imaged their businesses at BBC

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- **Thuy Nguyen**, Roosters & Thuy's Pho House
- **K. D. Kragen**, KaveDragen Ink & *KillWare® Chronicles*
- **Leslie Schneider & Jason Omens**, OfficeXpats
- **Elle Tatum**, Elle's Island Spectacle
- **Steve Kersten**, Bainbridge Water Services
- **Accelerate Kitsap**, Business Education Non-profit
- **Ingrid Amundson**, Inksquid Studios
- **Wynne Jacobson**, Eagle Harbor Editing
- **Colleen Kragen**, Emergency Management & Disaster Preparedness Consultant, Educational Service Dist. 114
- ...





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**BBC - 8:00 to 9:00 Every Friday Morning**  
**Hosted @ OfficeXpats**

Thanks to the BBC *Steering Committee* for your years of service:

**Steve Kersten, Bill Ruddick, Annette Walker, Brian Creamer, Wynne Jacobson, Dave Kragen, Kevin Wiley,  
& whimsical webmaster & IT-sensei Jason Omens**

*also Gordon Hewes (emeritus), Alyse McConnell (emeritus),  
Linna Callaham (emeritus), Carolyn Olberg (emeritus),  
and first BBC MC & Webmaster Emeritus Tim Longley*



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Special Thanks to Kevin Wiley for organizing the catering!

And to Peter Raffa for graciously hosting us at BIMA to commemorate this wonderful BBC 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Extravaganza!

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And Again A Big Thank You To



**Bainbridge Island**  
**Museum of Art**

**For Graciously Hosting This Momentous And  
Delightful BBC 10<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Celebration!**

**Support BIMA – *Become a member!***      [biartmuseum.org](http://biartmuseum.org)

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the truth is out there

# And Finally

Thanks and *salute* to all you BBC Regulars out there  
who have helped in a hundred ways  
to continue the spirit of our business community –  
as one another’s “Board Of Directors,”  
as presenters and serendipitous roundtable strategizers,  
as storytellers and wisdom sharers.

And to you newer BBC Regulars,  
thank you for visiting us, and for coming twice,  
and for carrying on the BBC tradition!



*goodnight...*