With the start of another new year, we would like to look back on the first 20 years of the Washington Pavilion of Arts and Science and the small handful of individuals who have been here since the beginning.

**Walter Fee** has been a Facility Worker at the Washington Pavilion since the beginning. He has an incredible understanding of the building and a precise focus on making it look great inside and out every day.

Director of Facility Services, Scott Stratman, says “Walt is an excellent employee. He has a great sense of humor and is always happy to tell you what is on his mind.”

Walt likes to play the part of resident curmudgeon but everyone who works with him knows he has a heart of gold.

**Paul Groeneveld** is the Database Manager and Accountant for the Washington Pavilion. His attention to detail and his behind-the-scenes work are invaluable to the day-to-day work that happens here.

Kaia Hedrick, Special Projects Coordinator at the Pavilion, took over for him a few years ago in planning the annual Sidewalk Arts Festival.

“Paul is a humble member of the Pavilion’s team, relentlessly working behind the scenes on all of the details,” Kaia said. “He is a joy to work with!”

**Jane Hathaway** is the Washington Pavilion’s Chief Financial Officer. Her devotion to the mission of the Washington Pavilion is a dazzling example for those who work with her.

George Lundberg was the Chairman of the Board of Trustees twenty years ago when the Washington Pavilion opened its doors. He was very involved with the accounting for the Pavilion and was eager to hire an accountant with an understanding of non-profits.

“Jane exhibited a calm and confident demeanor in accomplishing the tasks set before her, he said. “She is a tremendous asset to the Pavilion, and subsequent years have proven her worth and dedication to the organization.”

**Paula Lechner** serves as the Washington Pavilion’s Food, Beverage and Retail Manager.

“Paula’s level of commitment is truly contagious, which makes those that work for her want to always strive to be the best,” says Carolyn Luckett, her Assistant Manager. “She is a caring, compassionate, and strong leader who creates a welcoming work environment that gives full support and dedication to the Pavilion.”

Paula has built a team that has great respect for her and the work she does. Their goal is always to ensure every client gets exactly what they want from their catering and her success rate is proof of that.

**Regina Ruhberg** has held many positions in her twenty years at the Washington Pavilion. From Bartender to Event Coordinator to her current role as Director of the Husby Performing Arts Center, she has devoted countless hours and stimulated immeasurable positive impact.

“Gina is tireless in her efforts to make the Washington Pavilion a hub for high-quality and cutting edge performance art,” says Bob Wendland, Assistant Manager of the Performing Arts Center. “Gina has shared so much of her insight with myself and the rest of our team and has created a group of individuals dedicated to engaging and entertaining our patrons every day.”

Her connections in the performing arts industry are a tremendous benefit to the Washington Pavilion and the community it serves.

We are so grateful to these individuals and to all of the people who work every day to make the Washington Pavilion such a special place.