
In Memorium *by Kitty Seymour*

Sadly, I am writing the *In Memorium* section of the *LCC Retiree's Newsletter* for **Jack Powell**, who passed away on March 29 at age 78. A much beloved member of the LCC community, Jack devoted 33 years to LCC, beginning in 1968. He began teaching English, and in 1969 transferred to Financial Aids Department. In 1977, he chaired the English and Foreign Language Department until his retirement in 1998. He was a popular MC for many LCC occasions, particularly for the graduation ceremonies, retirement celebrations, and other LCC festivities. In retirement he was active in the Very Little Theater including serving on its board, in the community, and US Coast Guard Reserve. He will be missed.

Mary Braun passed away at age 91 on May 25 of age related causes. She worked in the Food Services for many years.

Bert Dotson, who worked to establish Lane Community College in 1964 passed away on March 29 at the age of 91. He had a BS in Architecture, M.Ed. in Education, and was the first Administrative Assistant to the President(s) until his retirement in 1982. After retirement, he and his wife, Loy, owned and operated Dotson's Coburg Antiques.

Howard Dull was the Department Chair of the Mechanics Department until his retirement. He passed away on June 3 at the age of 88.

Bob McCorkle passed away on April 23. He was a counselor and instructor at Lane for 25 years, and also had a private practice. He and his wife Barb rebuilt several homes, were active in the community and will be missed.

Ron Mitchell's friend, **Jerome Garger** wrote: "**Ron Mitchell**, one of the foundation rocks of LCC, died on Nov. 17, 2014. Hired by Dale Parnell in 1965, Ron was for 15 years a popular and widely admired Psychology teacher in the Social Science Dept., and an effective coordinator for the U of O Community Services Program. In 1980 he accepted the position of Dept. Chair, a role he consistently fulfilled in an externally calm manner supported by an exceptional ability to make tough decisions with honesty, patience, straightforwardness, humor, courage and wisdom. Over the decades Ron changed the lives of countless students, teachers, and others in a positive direction. He will be missed by many. We shall not look upon his like again."

Louis Roe passed away on May 15 at the age of 83. He was an instructor in the Science Dept. in physics.

Rick Romanek was an instructor in Electronics, was voted Teacher of the Year and Oregon Vocational Teacher of the Year. He will be remembered for his wry sense of humor, and will be missed. He passed away on May 25 at the age of 82.

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The Party Line *by Mary Forestieri*

Some kudos to start: **Pete Peterson**, a Vietnam Vet, has written a guest editorial for the *Register Guard* with Hank Dizney, a WWII Vet, entitled “We can do more to help our homeless veterans” (RG 5/25/15). It is an excellent article which uses personal stories and statistics about several aspects of the problem of the homeless vets both locally and nationally—with some suggestions of possible improvements. Well worth looking it up and reading it.

Miriam Alexis Jordon, formerly of LCC is the Arts & Culture Volunteer of the year!

KLCC reporter **Jacob Lewin** received an Edward R. Murrow First Place Regional Award for his feature about a camp for children affected by AIDS.

Marie Matsen is on BRING’s Board of Directors.

James and Donna Strickland celebrated their 50th anniversary in Kauai, Hawaii. She was a Nursing instructor at Lane from 1971-1975, and he was an attorney and judge in Springfield.

Jack Carter recently sent a letter to Carol Beckley and the LCC retirees from SaddleBrooke, AZ. He tells us that he has great memories of LCC and of the many staff members that was his good fortune to know from 1967 to 1990. He does keep up with the College and is gratified that it is still strong. He notes that Dr. Spilde’s explanations of the issues and College’s role were well stated and that we are fortunate to have her as our leader and spokesperson.

Larry Warford also wrote to compliment Carol and the rest of the Retiree Committee on being a purposeful and useful group. He wanted to share with the retirees a book by Chris Crowley and Henry S. Lodge, MD, called “*Younger Next Year.*” He has teamed up with others to do classes in the community on that topic. Besides volunteer work, he is still active in the national workforce community and on the advisory/visiting committee for the National Science Foundation (NSF—they train people to keep the huge, automated warehouses functioning).

Not only do LCC retirees get a “free lunch” at the President’s Retiree’s Luncheon, but a drawing is held for the participants. Many thanks to the businesses in the Eugene-Springfield area who made donations to our annual event. Following are the winners:

Julianne Stermer - \$25 gift certificate, Barnes & Noble; **Shirley Ford** – 2 tickets VLT Production; **Evelyn Nagy** – Elite Car Wash (\$24.99 superior wash); **Beth Naylor** – Renaissance Room for 2; **Jerome Garger** – 1 lb See’s Candy; **Tizau Eleshew** (a guest of Maxine Prichel from Africa) – SELCO \$50 visa; **Don Savoy** - \$15 gift certificate, Barnes & Noble; **John Bernham** – Renaissance Room for 2; **Jill McKinney** – Bread Machine; **Ken Sprague** – Electronic toothbrush set; **Ann O’Brien** – dental supplies; **Fay D’Ambrosia** – LCC Book Store jacket; **Tim Blood** – Gift Certificate, Blue Pig Restaurant, Indulge Antiques; **Geri Meyers** – Gift Certificate, Blue Pig Restaurant, Indulge Antiques; **Janet Anderson** – Gift Certificate, Blue Pig Restaurant, Indulge Antiques.

Guest Interview *by Jane Russell*

Anne Ehrlich (means “honest” in German) **O’Brien** was hired as a part time clinical nursing instructor at LCC in 1976 at the rate of \$8.00 per hour. She came to us from Sacred Heart hospital where she had been making \$5.00 per hour as a nurse in orthopedics, so it was a gain for Anne AND for LCC. After 9 years she took a position at Home Heath, a local non-profit agency. She returned to LCC as a full time nursing instructor in 1998. When she returned after those 15 years, 12 of 15 instructors were the same as when she left. She commented about the quality and dedication of those instructors. After 5 years teaching and as Nursing Program Coordinator, Anne retired and left LCC in 2005.

She retired from other paid positions at Sacred Heart Home Health in 2012. Anne served on the Board of Directors for Lane County St. Vincent DePaul for six years and was involved in their efforts for the homeless, in housing development, and with the First Place Family Center. She is currently working with St. Vincent’s and St. Jude’s making home visits to people in need, and coordinating night shelter for a week one time per year at St. Jude’s. Anne is also involved with Church Women United of Lane County which is an organization involving over 20 different interdenominational churches. They invite speakers to promote system changes with regard to peace and justice particularly as it relates to women and children.

She and her husband of twenty-five years, Dave, are actively involved with Beyond War Northwest which has a primary goal of

education about alternatives to war. It has an online newsletter with a circulation of over 1200 people. They work in concert with the Northwest Earth Institute on curriculum regarding sustainability and peace.

When asked what she did for fun she said, “I am not fun.” Then she changed her tune and said that her four grandchildren thought she was fun ‘most of the time’. She and Dave try to take a trip each year and have enjoyed a boat trip on the Danube, a trip to Vietnam, to Tanzania and Kenya as well as other great adventures. She and Dave also spend some time together officiating at track and field events. When asked what might be her next volunteer effort she said that couldn’t happen unless she traded one effort for a different one. Anne said she just wanted to do “good, quiet work”.

The Lane Retirees Association Newsletter and other information relevant to the retirees is available on Lane’s webpage. If you are interested, log on to: lanecc.edu/foundation/retiree-news-and-events.

Notice - The Retirees Association sends mailed communication, and from time to time, we may also contact you by phone or email. If you do not want your address, phone number or email address to be used for this purpose, please call (541) 463-5226 or email: Foundation@lanecc.edu

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Please contact any of us. We want to hear from you to share with other retirees what’s happening in your life. Thank you for all your recent submissions as well.