
In Memorium *by Jack Powell*

Wesley J. Chamberlain passed away on February 6, 2015 at the age of 66. In was an instructor in the Health and PE Department, and taught soccer, weight lifting and nutrition. His said his passion was teaching.

Marna (Crawford) Newby, formerly of the Campus Ministry, lost her three great-grandchildren in the tragic pedestrian accident in Springfield on February 22, 2015. Although not an employee of the College, she spent many years with **Father Jim Dieringer**, ministering to the students of LCC. Our thoughts and sympathy are with her and her family.

Milt Madden - Milt passed away on Sept. 20, 2014 at the age 82. Milt taught history at Lane for 40 years. As a college teacher, Milt worked hard to make history come alive for his students bringing into his classroom pioneer artifacts, his photos of historic slides and singing songs of the historic period. He was beloved for his singing and his love of history, will be remembered fondly by most of the staff at LCC.

John Phillips passed away Jan 11, 2015. He studied forestry at UC Berkeley, but his education interrupted by the WWII. He enlisted in the Army-Air Corps. Following the war he began teaching Forestry in 1965 at Eugene Technical Vocational School. John was a member of many professional organizations. He was honored several times by the forestry industry. He was selected one of the two United States community college educators to represent the US in the World Forestry Education and Training. In 1978 he was voted LCC's outstanding educator. He retired in 1982.

In the "We never really know the people we see and work with every day" category, **Bob Way** remembered the following about **Don Micken**, who recently passed away. "My Mom had a dog, Kramer, that she couldn't take with her when she was moved to a nursing home, so I took him home even though he caused problems and kept biting me. I had to go on an extended trip, and needed someone to take care of him. A friend recommended a group who took care of other people's animals, and the volunteer turned out to be **Don Micken**. He interviewed me, and took Kramer. He took his dogs for their routine vet visits, had them groomed, and even had a cemetery in his back yard. After a while, he asked if it would be OK to take Kramer to my Mother's nursing home for a visit, which he then did every week. One day Don called me crying, saying Kramer had died, even though he'd taken him to the vet three times. After Kramer died, Don asked if it would be OK to visit my Mom and talk to her about Kramer. He took roses and a studio picture he'd had taken to give to her."

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The Party Line *by Mary Forestieri*

Larry and Judy Ward celebrated their 50th anniversary with a trip to Hawaii. He worked as a plumber and she as an administrative assistant. They are both retired. **John and Marcia Jarett** also celebrated their 50th with family and friends. Marcia is a former nursing instructor at LCC and a retired plastic surgery nurse. **Irv and Norma Roth** will celebrate their 60th anniversary March 27. Irv worked in the Health and PE Department.

LCC's **Lane Child and Family Center**, has achieved a five-star rating in Oregon's Quality Rating and Improvement System, a program to validate and raise the quality and consistency of child care and early learning programs. A "good for you" for them! Contrary to a somewhat misleading article about LCC's accreditation review, their accreditation was renewed. Suggestions for improvements were made, as is always the case. Part of the rationale was that our graduation rates are not as high as they would like. Guess they don't know the "total" mission of community colleges.

On a happier note, **Wendy Jett**, Director of the LCC Foundation was a recipient of the 2014 20 under 40 award, considered to be the "rising star" in the community. Congratulations to Wendy and the Foundation and many thanks for their support of our Retirees Association.

I was on campus for a Foundation luncheon

and was able to take advantage of a gift to the Foundation by the Wildish Corp. of a golf cart. After the luncheon LCC Art Instructor, **Satoko Motouji**, spoke to us about her work with students and was available to talk to us about her show in the Art Gallery: *Process, Continued*. The golf cart took those of us who could not walk across campus to the Art Department. I hadn't been out to LCC in a while, and the trip from the Learning Center up through the South parking lot and back, gave me a nice overview of the changes on the campus. The view, looking North, at the area of campus with some of the newer buildings, is quite impressive.

Pat John, once a crime victim advocate volunteer, wrote a guest editorial for the Register-Guard, published 2/02/15. If you haven't read it, you should. It is one of the best articles I have read about ANYTHING! It is a thorough, well written and covers so many aspects of the "problem" called "police behavior." Most discussions I have heard don't even get near the problem as the discussants spend their time focusing on the solutions— while never defining the problem. Anyway, Pat, very well done—an impressive article in my view (and, remember, I used to teach LOGIC). Another letter to the editor by Debbie Stalker, a 2/9/15 response to Pat's article, concurred with her and contributed additional information and insights about the topics of police behavior and violence in general.

Walk with Bill and Travel with Carol

Carol Beckley gave a presentation on her recent trip to Iceland and Greenland with slides and comments about the two islands (not as cold as was expected!), and was enjoyed by all. The **next event** has been tentatively scheduled for **May 14, 2015**. We will notify you by **postcard** about the who, where, and when of these two events.

December Bus Trip by Carol Beckley

On December 10 a group of LCC retirees and friends combined together to make a really fun bus trip put together by the **LCC Retiree Association**. A thank you to **Bob Way** for the water bottles, **Bob Boettcher** for the apples and fruit, and **Carol Beckley** for the Sweet & Salty peanut bars. Our first stop was to be at the **Pittock Mansion** in Portland, but turned out to be in the hills, off of a curvy narrow dead-end road which ended in the driveway of a private home. Have you ever tried to turn a 40-passenger bus around in a small square with house on one side and cliff on the other? Our bus driver got a standing (or should I say sitting) ovation from us all. Then, ignoring the GPS, he asked for directions to the Pittock Mansion and we were soon there. Always beautiful, the Christmas decorations in each room made the entire mansion a treat to wander through. We even had a young woman playing Christmas music on a grand piano. After dinner at a country club in **Keizur**, we drove slowly through their sparkling **Christmas light** display. We got back to Eugene around 9:30 p.m.

Retiree Luncheon

Plans for the annual **Retiree's Luncheon** hosted by **President Spilde** are being made for **April 29**, so save the date on your calendar! It's a good time to reconnect with former co-workers, let people know what you've been doing for the year, and enjoy the delicious food prepared by the LCC Culinary Arts Department. AND, we have some very nice "door prizes" donated by businesses in the community. More information will be coming in April, so keep a look-out!



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.