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**SPOTLIGHT ON RETIREES:** This a new feature for our *Newsletter* in which we interview one retiree in each publication. We welcome any contributions or suggestions you may have for upcoming issues. You know who you are! Now, let US know who you are, and we'll share it with our readers. Thank you in advance!

### **Mike Mitchell** *by Bob Boettcher*

**Mike Mitchell** began teaching at LCC in the Math/Science Department 1967 as the "new" campus was under construction. He retired from full-time teaching in 2001, but continued to teach part-time until 2012. His classroom teaching covered a wide range of subjects including Physical Science Survey, Physics, Chemistry, Geology, and Astronomy. He also was an early innovator teaching online classes such as Project Universe, Cosmos, and Oceanus. In

addition, he led many one week back-packing trips into the Cascade wilderness teaching Geology to his students.

Since retiring, Mike and his wife, Sandy, have traveled to Vietnam, Cambodia, Armenia, Alaska, Canada and California. They both spend a lot of time with their children and grandchildren. Mike also volunteers with Tracktown USA and the OregonTrack Club.

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### **In Memorium** *by Kitty Seymour*

**Ardice LaVonne Mick** was the office manager of LCC's Work Activity Center for 15 years, and was instrumental in helping many local residents train for employment. She passed away on November 25, 2015.

**Bill Mansell**, who worked in the Business Office (later Financial Services), passed away on February 13, 2016 at the age of 94. He was well known for the caricatures he drew for many of his coworkers.

**Shirley Perry** passed away on February 6, 2016. Shirley worked with students at Lane for 20 years, and retired in the mid-nineties. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Lionel Weese, husband of **Betty Weese**, passed away on February 15, 2016. Betty retired from Cam-pus Services, and she and Lionel spent the last several years singing, playing and traveling with their band.

Ward Sherman, husband of **Darlene Sherman**, passed away January 12, 2016. Darlene retired from Personnel.

**Ralph Wilson** worked in the Maintenance Department, and passed away on November 9, 2015.

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# LANE RETIREES ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



## The Party Line *by Kitty Seymour for Mary Forestieri*

It seems as if the flu season is in full force, with Mary being the latest victim. So, I'm filling in while she recovers. Since we didn't have much goings-on that we could report, we would like to re-introduce you to the LCC Retiree's Association Steering Committee:

**Bob Way**, Chair of the Steering Committee, retired from Cooperative Ed. - our fearless leader

**Bill Buskirk**, retired from Science - your "Walk with Bill" leader and snow-bird

**Mary Forestieri**, retired from Eng., For. Lang. and Speech - your "Party Line" reporter and schmoozer

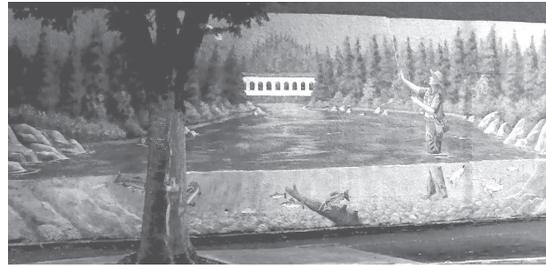
**Carol Beckley**, retired from College Operations - your "Travel with Carol" leader and intrepid traveler

**Kitty Seymour**, retired from Art & Applied Design - your Newsletter assembler and photographer

**Jane Russell**, retired from Health Occupations - your greeter/speaker and great-ideas person

**Bob Boettcher**, retired from Science - your newest member and all-around good guy.

This has been a fun committee to work on AND if you are interested in becoming a part of it, please let us know. We can always use your new ideas. We meet once a month for a no-host lunch meeting, plan activities, put out the *Newsletter* and generally have a good time. Contact us through e-mail at [wayr@lanecc.edu](mailto:wayr@lanecc.edu) (Bob Way's address), Kitty Seymour or Mary Forestieri (e-mail addresses in the "Editors" box).



## Walk with Bill and Travel with Carol

It is almost Spring, but not soon enough for **Bill Buskirk** to return from the southern climes. So... **Bob Boettcher** will be taking over his winter walks. On **Thursday, March 10**, he will lead a walk through the downtown area of Springfield to view the growing number of building murals on display there. We will **meet at 10:30 am** at the **Springfield Museum parking lot** (on 5th and Main - entering on 5th Street). It takes about one hour.

Afterward, at **12:00 noon**, "Travel with Carol" will be held at **Roaring Rapids Pizza (no host)** on Franklin Blvd. **Alan Gubrud** will be showing pictures and talking about his wife and his mostly self-guided tour of India and Nepal. These are fun and informative activities, and you are encouraged to bring friends and/or family.

## Shore Acres Report *by Carol Beckley*

It stormed all over Oregon on December 8, 2015, and it stormed all over Oregon on December 10. BUT, on December 9, the sun was shining as a bus

load of LCC retirees and friends made their way from Eugene to **Shore Acres on the Oregon Coast**. After a short stop to see the elk, we arrived at Shore Acres—sun STILL shining, no rain, no wind, and warm! So much for the cold weather gear in our backpacks! We arrived in daylight, walked over to the cliff to see the magnificent rocks and high waves, then walked over to the estate grounds. There are over 300,000 lights (mostly LED) in light ropes around buildings and shrubbery and in various sculptures of animals, fish, and flowers. Very pretty at dusk, extremely striking in the dark. Shore Acres volunteers also provided decorations within the small home, as well as cookies and cider. Dinner in Coos Bay on the way home offered great food and a chance to sit, talk and laugh with friends.

## President Mary Spilde Announced Her Plans to Retire

**President Spilde** announced to the Board of Education her plans to retire effective June 2017. Para-phrasing her statement, she recognizes the challenges and complications of choosing "the right person" as the new president, so her plan is to allow Lane a sufficient length of time to accomplish this endeavor. In the meantime, she will continue to further the goals and priorities of the College over the next seventeen months. At retirement, she will be free to participate in her many interests, not the least of which will be to enjoy her first grandchild. She will be a welcome addition to the Lane Community College's Retirees Association!



## Retiree Luncheon

It's that time of year again. The **President's Retiree Luncheon** is scheduled for **April 19, 2016**. Remember, this is a hosted lunch by the President. It's also where retirees can meet and visit with former co-workers AND enjoy the scrumptious meal prepared by the Center for Meeting and Learning. Each year is better than the last! In addition, we have great prizes that have been graciously donated by local businesses. It's a fun time, and you will get your picture published in the following issue of the *Newsletter* (provided the camera works). You will be getting more detailed information as April nears—so reserve the date!



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](http://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](mailto:Foundation@lanecc.edu)

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Please contact 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.



Shore Acres LCC Retiree's Bus  
Trip in December, 2015