Winter Holiday Tour
By now you should have received your postcard announcing the upcoming Holiday Bus Tour on December 10th, meeting at 11:00 in the Shopko parking lot. To recap: We’ll tour the Pittock Mansion, then have a no-host dinner, and drive through Kaiser to see their decorations. The cost is $30 for the bus, $8.50 for the Pittock tour, and a canned food donation for Kaiser. Don’t forget to RSVP on Nov. 25th (although we will accept additions up to December, 9th) to Jane Russell at 541-915-5456 or email at russellje@comcast.net (put “LCC trip” in the subject line), and bring yourself and family and friends. NEW INFO: You might also want to bring a sack lunch, as we will be dining around 5:00 PM. We should be home around 9:30 PM. It will be a fun trip!!

In Memorium by Jack Powell

Nancy Hart died on September 14, 2014. She was loved and will be deeply missed. The LCC Longhouse was the site of her funeral October 5. Donations can be sent to LCC College Foundation.

James Mathews died on September 12, 2014 of cancer at the age of 81. He was hired at LCC to teach Automotive Technology. He was well liked.

Violet Johnson passed away on September 14, 2014. She was an instructor at the LCC Downtown Center. Her husband Robert was also an instructor at LCC. She loved the mountains and rivers of Oregon.

Don Micken died on October 11, 2014. He was 78. He was passionate about Architecture. In 1975 he developed a drafting curriculum for Architecture Technology for LCC, and began teaching drafting. He was active in the academic community at LCC as a member of the Government Task Force, and President of the LCCEA from 1991 to 1994. He’ll be missed by students, staff and faculty.

Larry Murray passed away on October 12, 2014 one month after his wife, Betty, passed away in Portland, Oregon. He was a Dean of Community Education and one of the original employees at LCC.

James Scott, Jr. passed away August 1, 2014. After retirement he taught part-time at LCC for nine years.

Tilly Ulam died on October 16, 2014. She raised their family in Springfield where Tilly worked for and retired from LCC after 37 years in Food Services. She was loved and cherished by everyone who went through the cafeteria line.
The Party Line by Mary Forestieri

While procrastinating (my new hobby), I heard some author on TV mention that the way for anyone who has writer’s block to write, is to ask them to write about their dog. Alas, that is excellent advice. When Kitty Seymour, Jack Powell and I were meeting, I shared this tidbit and we all jumped in with dog stories. Jack and Dee Powell had a dog picked out for them by Linda Riepe (who does volunteer work at Greenhill—and really adores the dogs). Their dog is “Chewy” a Shih-Tzu who was badly abused before coming to Greenhill from California. Kitty’s dog is “Scamp” an Esk-Poo (American Eskimo/poodle) was probably a puppy-farm dog. My baby is Henry Lou who came from California. He is a Cavichon/Poodle—a Cavichon being a King Charles Cavalier Spaniel/Bichon Frise mix. He and Scamp have some of the same habits and we are wondering if any of you experience this—or know why dogs do it. When we feed our dogs, they leave the room and will not return to sniff, much less eat, the food until we are well gone. Luckily she lived alone before Jim which, having an important person of the home being specializes in memory so she is confident that she is hanging in o.k. and spends every afternoon with Jim. He experienced an ischemic stroke or several TIA’s after he moved in, but has regained the use of his left arm and leg and his speech is back to normal. The facility provides meals so she is happy that he is getting good care and she is adapting to having an important person of the home being gone. Luckily she lived alone before Jim which, she said, makes it easier to adjust. Good wishes to you both from all of us.

For those who don’t get the local paper, don’t read it, or live out of town, the Register Guard published a lengthy article “DOWN MEMORY LANE - A COMMUNITY LOOKS BACK AT 50 YEARS OF GROWTH AND CHANGE”. Section A of the October 5, 2014, edition contains pictures, stories and lots of facts. Other things in Eugene: we are getting a Whole Foods, the city council has voted on many issues (transit, the New City Hall, what to do with the old one, what/who will deal with the old Baseball field. Unfortunately every time they make up their minds, they have another vote and change it. So, I really don’t know where they are on each of those issues. I quit holding my breath long ago.

Elections: Lane County was one of the places that did not shellac the democrats—we were not part of the “wave” that the pundits said hit the blue party. Most of the Lane standbys will be back and POT will be legal on July 1. Sadly, the measure to label GMO products did not pass.

Carol Beckley saw Larry Warford and his fiancée at a recent football game. Bob Way also had lunch with them and said they are living in Indiana and doing well. Carol also saw Doug White at the LCC Harvest Dinner who said he is keeping busy.

Dan Hodges was honored in the volunteer spotlight of the RG for his work on the Lane County Historical Society & Museum’s Don Hunter project. He scans slides as much as 20 hours per week.

Marie Matsen was elected to BRING’s Board of Directors for the 2014-2015. She was elected vice president.

Larry and Judy Ward will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a trip to Hawaii. Judy was an administrative assistant and Larry was a plumber who both retired from LCC.

A note from Julie Aspinwall-Lamberts with current information on Jim Ellison. Jim entered an ElderHealth & Living memory care home in August. Cards and visitors would be enjoyed. Afternoons are best for visiting. Jim’s address is: Diamond Peak Home; 597 South 58th Street, Springfield OR 97478. Julie writes that she is hanging in o.k. and spends every afternoon with Jim. He experienced an ischemic stroke or several TIA’s after he moved in, but has regained the use of his left arm and leg and his speech is back to normal. The facility specializes in memory so she is confident that he is getting good care and she is adapting to having an important person of the home being gone. Luckily she lived alone before Jim which, she said, makes it easier to adjust. Good wishes to you both from all of us.

Walk with Bill and Travel with Carol

The “Travel with Carol” meeting this Fall heard about Bob Boettcher’s recent “lobster” trip up and down the coast of Maine—great pictures and images of dining every night on lobster and excellent wines. Our next “Travel with Carol” and “Walk with Bill” event will be in the first of the year. Look for postcards announcing when and where.

Dues for 2015

The annual dues for the Lane Community College Retiree’s Association is $25 a year, and is tax deductible. For your dues, we publish the Retiree’s Newsletter, send reminder postcards, and other expenses as they occur. Your contributions allow us to continue serving you and provides a clearhouse for information that you may want to pass on to other retirees. Dues paid after October covers your membership for the following year. Checks should be addressed to: The Lane Community College Foundation, 4000 E. 30th Avenue, Eugene, OR 97405-0640. Include a note that payment is for dues.