Greetings from Bob Way

Many thanks to the supporters of the Lane CC Retirees Association through your continued membership dues. Because of your strong financial support the Association is able to carry out its activities. We received many positive compliments on our quarterly Newsletter; the continued quarterly sight-seeing walks and travel presentations, and of course, the annual Retiree Lunch is always a positive experience. Other activities, including the promotion of bus trips, are always being explored.

We are at a time when we need to bring in new members into the Association Steering Committee. The Committee has a very strong, devoted membership, but its membership is declining, putting the responsibility of planning and implementation on a few members. The Steering Committee has a luncheon meeting the second Thursday of the month. The meetings are productive and fun. If you are interested or have a recommendation of a potential member, let one of us know.

I would like to encourage each of you to participate in retiree activities if you don’t already. Working on the Newsletter, going on sightseeing walks, participating in the travel talks, attending the President’s Lunch or travel on a bus tour provides you the opportunity to be with friends while sharing fun activities.

Thanks for your continued support.

Bob Way, Steering Committee Chair

Walk with Bob and Travel with Carol

Our Winter Walk with Bob Way (because Bill Buskirk is off being a snowbird), will be on Wednesday, March 19th at 10:00 AM, meeting at the Dorris Ranch parking lot. For Eugene people, take Franklin Blvd., over the bridge to S. A Street. Turn right onto S. 2nd Street and follow it to Dorris St. (passed Ash St). From Springfield, take Main Street east to Pioneer Parkway East that turns into S. 2nd, turn left onto 2nd and see above directions. Bob has planned about a 1.5 mile beautiful walk through the farm. Then,

Come join us at 12:00 on March 19th at Roaring Rapids Pizza on Franklin Blvd. where Dick Reid will be talking with May Fogg. In the fall of 2012, Dick did something he had been wanting to do for decades: walk the ancient Camino Santiago in Spain. On September 1st he starting walking, alone, from Roncesvalles in the Spanish Pyrenees. About 400 miles farther, on October 26th, he walked into Santiago, Galicia, exhausted but happy. Walking the Camino (the Way) is a deeply personal, and for many, spiritual experience, and it was so for Dick.

The presentation will consist mostly of lighter fare, photos and commentary, and May Fogg, also a veteran of this walk, will be discussing practical aspects, preconditioning, packing, eating and sleeping options, and costs. Join us and bring friends!

In Memorium

by Jack Powell

RAFAEL "RAY" CASTELL taught Spanish at the Oakridge outreach center. He lived a varied life including several trips to Mexico and Bolivia. He was 81 at the time of his death.

LYLE CUNNINGHAM. Lyle attended LCC under the Dislocated Worker Program. When he finished, he worked at the college until he retired in 2001. He was 74 at the time of his death.

AUDREY BETH EDWARDS. Beth made Dental Hygiene her life’s work. She worked many years in private practice before taking up teaching at Lane CC and Portland CC. Many of her students fondly remembered her as a demanding and caring instructor. She was 83 at the time of her death.

BETTE HACK. Bette taught in the Business Dept for nine years before retiring. She had also taught in the public school system in Silverton and Pleasant Hill. She was 91 at the time of her death.

BARBARA KESSLER. Barbara was a cook at LCC. She was known for her love of garage sales, and shared her treasures with her five children. She was 90 at the time of her death.

NANCY LOIS MEGOWN. Nancy recently retired from LCC after working in the Finance Department. She was loved by everyone because of her kindness to all she knew. A tree will be planted in her honor at the college. She was born in 1951 and died in 1913.

JED MERRILL. Jed was a teacher at the college. Whether creating a landscape design, managing and repairing an apartment, or broadening his mind with a challenging question, Jed was always busy. Jed was born in 1921 and died in 1913.

HELEN LYNN. Helen Lynn died just hours short of her 90th birthday. She taught for many years in the Business Department before her retirement in the mid-80’s. She and her husband made many trips to Hawaii until he died in 1978.

ROLAND MEYER was a teacher for the Computer-Controlled Machining Department for 25 years. During his time at Lane, he wrote the textbook “Machine Tool Practices”. He was 79 at the time of his death. (continued on back page).
ELIZABETH ANNE PAUL worked as a tutor in the Math Department. She touched many lives at Lane. She also pioneered the computerization of the Math Department. She retired in 2003. She was born in 1942 and died in 2013.

MURIEL PETERSON taught in the Dental Hygiene Program at Lane from 1965 until her retirement in 1975. She was selected by her students as one of the ten most outstanding teachers of 1975. She died just 21 days before her 99th birthday.

HAZEL SMITH came to Lane in the first year at Lane. She taught Math until her retirement in 1988. She took great joy in her students and advocated for more women in Math education.

NORMA HUCKA worked at Lane in the Adult Basic Education Dept. for 25 years. She died on January 26th. She was 80 years old at the time of her death.

FRANKLIN SOASEY taught electrical apprenticeship at Lane and also volunteered to supervise electrical insulations for church building mission trips in Mexico. Frank was 96 at the time of his death.

Due to many unforeseen circumstances, the Party Line has been suspended for this issue of the Newsletter. Mary Forestieri is getting much better and expected to be back again for the next issue.

We want to remind you to reserve May 1st for the annual Retirees Luncheon. This event is one we all enjoy, and is hosted by President Mary Spilde. It will be held in the Building 19, the Conference Center, from 12:00 Noon to 2:00. The food is good, the company comfortable, and there’s a drawing for a variety of gifts. You will be hearing more about it as the date nears.

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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. Thanks for all your recent submissions as well!

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