

## In Memorium by Kitty Seymour

Time has gotten away from me this last six months, so some of these notifications are somewhat dated, although nonetheless important. It was a hard time on some of our "LCC pioneers," sad to say.

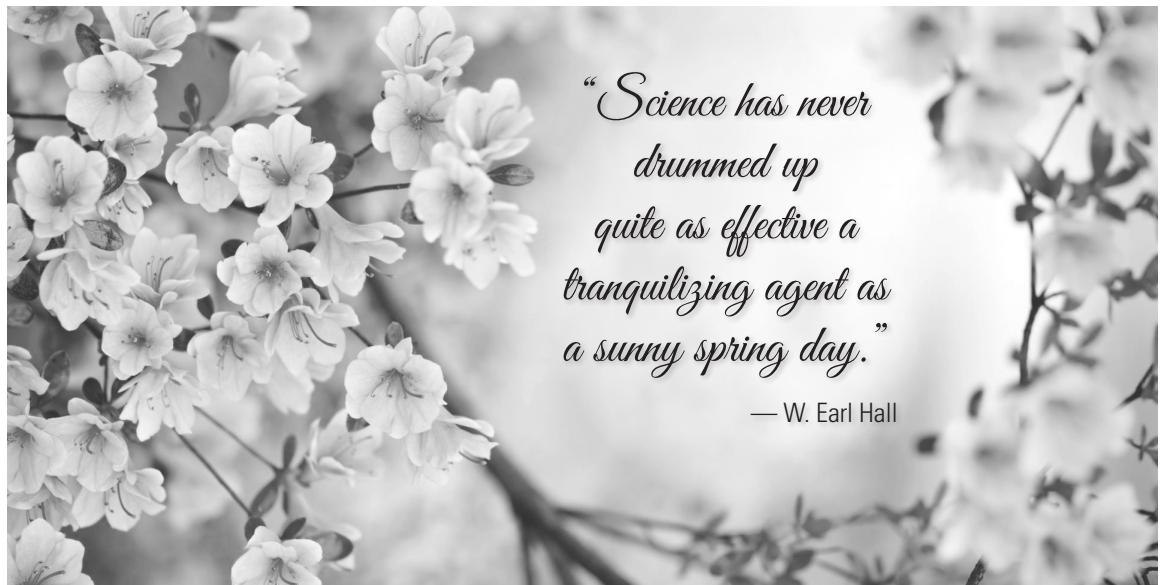
**Ralph Cook** worked as an electronic engineer at LCC for 21 years passed away on November 16, 2016. He was well respected by his colleagues and known for his kindness and humor.

**Ruth Jacobs** called to let us know that **John** passed away December 30, 2016. John served as the chair for the Science Department until his retirement. He and his wife have been living in Georgia this last eleven years, close to their daughter and son-in-law. John and Ruth were married for 68 years.

**Shirley Ann Meads** passed away February 10, 2017, from complications of cancer. She worked in the Dislocated Workers Program until her retirement. Our condolences to her family.

**David Sherman**, another early employee of LCC, passed away on July 11, 2016, at the age of 82. David was well known in the performing arts community as a creative designer, teacher and promoter of arts in the state. He taught technical theater, English, and film. He loved entertaining, traveling, and friends. David will be missed.

**Walt Stevens**, long time part-time painting instructor passed away in March, 2017, according to his friend, **Bruce Dean**, also from the Art department. His impact on art students spanned several decades.



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## LANE RETIREES ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



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## The Party Line by Carol Beckley

As sad as it was to say goodbye to our friend, **Jim Ellison**, at his December 2 memorial, it was very nice to see so many friends. **Julie Aspinwall-Lamberts**, was gracious as ever in greeting the many people who attended. We were all impressed to see the beautiful montage of Jim's art work. I didn't get a chance to say hello to everyone, but these were the people I (and a couple of others) saw: **Bob Boettcher, Bob Way, Jane Russell, Pat and Steve John, Willie and Sharon Kealoha, Tim Blood, Jerome Garger, Jill McKenney, Jose and Lorraine Ortel, Janet Anderson, Mary Spilde, Lyndell Wilken, Dick Reid, Cindy Leathers, Diane Dann, Angela Miller, Shirley Peterson, Steve Barton, Don Savoy, Marie Matsen, Carol Barton, Joyce Salisbury, Cherry Taylor, Gloria Jarvis, Barb Delansky, Kate Berry, Del Matheson, Cecil Hodges, Jerry Berg, Dennis and Audrey (Stribling) Mills, Linda Riepe, Vicki Ellison, John Klobas**, and others we can't remember.

**Tom Reimer** and his wife, **Jean**, spent their usual three weeks in Maui last year, and plan to get there again this winter. They also did a small ship cruise going to Croatia, Montenegro, Albania, and Greece through the Corinth Canal. They highly recommend both! Also enjoying watching the grandkids... They are currently living in Edmunds, WA.

**Miriam Alexis Jordan** whose first job was at LCC, was recently promoted to Academic and Thesis Programs Manager for the Robert D. Clark Honors College at the University of Oregon. Miriam is also currently on the Board of Directors for the Emerald Empire Art Association/ Emerald Art Center in Springfield. She and her husband Max are living in Eugene.

Also, **Mary Spilde** was one of nine two-year college presidents receiving the Michael Bennett Lifetime Achievement Award from the Phi Beta Kappa honor society in recognition for her consistent support, according to the Register Guard. Congratulations, Mary!

Contacts everywhere! Sitting behind our table at our last Steering Committee meeting was **Guy Harshbarger**'s family! Guy worked for over 17 years with LCC, ending as Lead Grounds person. Guy is currently working part time as Dexter's Fire Chief. I saw **Stan Barker** who now lives in Orlando, FL with his grandchildren.

I also saw **Mary Forestieri**, looking great after her recent surgery on the rotator cuff on one arm, (her tennis arm?) and will be doing the other arm soon. **Kitty Seymour** made a trip to Iowa to attend her sister's funeral in October. Three plane trips in a year is plenty for this homebound Oregonian! She also recently met briefly with **Bruce Dean** who said he and his wife, **Angie**, are still active despite set-backs. He hopes to get back to climbing Mt. Pisgah soon!

Our **Travel/Walk** meetings are still doing well. It would be really nice to see a bigger turnout, however. You don't have to be really into traveling to attend. The pizza's good and seeing friends even better. Sometimes we have slides, sometimes we just talk about or ask questions about the next adventure. Sometimes we talk about travel-related info (like how Carol found TravelJohns to be great in Mongolia). We really need some more retired speakers for the travel portion presentation—any subject, any place (U.S., the world). I've been to over 60 countries, but I don't want this to be a "Carol's Trips" presentation!! We try to set up three to four talks a year. **Give me a call at 541-343-7857.**

## President's Retiree Luncheon

The **President's Retiree's Luncheon** with **President Spilde** will be held on April 18, 2017, to be held in the newly refurbished Renaissance Room. So, be sure to **hold the date**. It will be President Spilde's last time attending this event before her retirement when she will become one of us! More information will be coming to you before the luncheon.



Our last Travel presentation was with **Linda Pompell** who showed slides and talked about her trip to Tibet. She and her daughter toured Tibet into some of the smaller villages. They were amazed how things were used in different ways and how efficient those uses were.

### Getting To Know A Little About Retiree, Dick Reid

*by Jane Russell*

Hired in 1975 as publicist and ticket/seating manager for the new performance hall, Dick worked in various roles for the Performing Arts department about twenty years before retiring in winter 1996 as the first chair of the newly formed Arts Division.

Dick and his wife, Carolyn, happily exchanged their house in south Eugene for one on five acres near Monroe: gardens, sheep, art studio, more gardens! Carolyn passed away from cancer in 2006. A few years later, Dick moved into an apartment in Eugene, where his art studio is a spare bedroom--and the Eugene Public Library, where he likes to sit and draw, read, and write in his journal.

Yes, he's been traveling, mostly to visit the children he and Carolyn started sponsoring in 2001 through an organization called Unbound: Guatemala, San

Salvador, Mexico, and India. In all they had nine sponsored friends. Additionally, Dick has visited China twice, the Middle East, Italy, and Greece. Four years ago he walked the Camino in Spain.

Year before last, he journeyed to India to meet the two kids and one elderly lady he sponsors there. It was a "deeply moving and enriching experience" for him, as was some volunteer work in Mother Teresa's hospice in Calcutta. He's planning a return visit this summer, soon after his eightieth birthday!

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).

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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.