

Summer 2017

LANE RETIREES ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



In Memorium *by Kitty Seymour*

Mary Spilde sent the following (edited for space) announcement to LCC:

"It is with deep sadness that I share the passing of Lane's first president, **Dr. Dale Parnell**. Dale's long and storied career had a huge impact on education in Oregon and community colleges nationally. He served as State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Community College Commissioner, and Professor at Oregon State University in addition to his role as President at Lane. I first met Dale in 1983 when he served as President and CEO of the American Association of Community Colleges in Washington DC. On his return to OSU he served on my doctoral committee and was a great friend and mentor. You can read more about his work and career here:

www.ccdaily.com/2017/05/passing-community-college-visionary and at www.lanecc.edu/archives/dale-parnell-oral-history

Dale was a visionary and through his work left an amazing legacy to community colleges. His legacy lives on at Lane in countless ways. He will be missed."

Georgia Henrickson, who retired as manager of the LCC Book Store in 1990, passed away in March, 2017. Her accommodating personality made her popular with students and staff alike.

Jana Nelson, retired administrative assistant for the Mathematics Department, passed away after a long battle with cancer in March 2017. Jana was well known for her positive attitude and lively enthusiasm. She will be missed.

BUS TRIP TO SALEM

A group of about 38 people took the planned bus trip to Salem to tour the Deepwood Historical House and gardens and the Mission Woolen Mill museum. Logistics were a little complicated with the large number of participants, which was handled very well by Carol Beckley. It was a great trip, informative with a little something for everyone. Your Retiree Association Steering Committee is working on our next activity, possibly in November or December. Keep tuned.



WALK and TALK

Tim Blood will be conducting a tour through the Friendly Street neighborhood on July 13, and Carol Beckley will give a slide presentation on Mongolia, with a few slides on SW China and Siberia. A postcard will be sent with more details around the end of June.

*Enjoy Your
Summer!*

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The Party Line *by Carol Beckley*

The 2017 **LCC Retiree Lunch** with President Spilde was held in the redesigned Renaissance Room on April 18. A record-breaking group of 55 retirees plus **Mary Spilde** and Foundation staff attended. As always, it was fun to see old friends.

Mary Spilde gave her “last” talk to the Retiree lunch group as LCC President. Her plans for the future include spending time with her 100 year old mother in Scotland, playing with her new grand baby, doing consulting on a national level, and walking the pilgrimage route of the Camino de Santiago in Spain. We wish her well!

My (**Carol Beckley**) family, which now includes children, great-grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, have made my life fun this last year. I really do stay home long enough to enjoy them all. Since last April, I spent a week in Nassau with Daughter and her husband. I also did two more Overseas Adventure Travel (OAT) trips. The first was in July with two weeks in Mongolia, and some time in SW China and in Siberia (even road on the Trans-Siberia RR for one day). The second in September was a week in Romania, then a cruise on the Danube from the Black Sea to Budapest (stopping in towns in Croatia, Bulgaria, and Serbia). I’m also still on the SELCO Board, which keeps me busy each month. I’m not the only one busy! Here are updates from our other friends:

Jerry Berg and Connie are busy with their business, Solid Design Woodworking. They build custom furniture as well as picture frames and other small items. Jerry is also doing woodwork on antique cars—most recently a 1930 Franklin Station Wagon.

Four grandchildren in Oregon keep **Anne O’Brien** busy. But not so busy that she can’t be active in her community: peace and justice activist marches and demonstrations, Indivisible Eugene (Beyond War and Church Women United). She’s also looking forward to a three-week trip to the Balkans.

Jill McKenny is busy taking banjo lessons again, quilting (some “math” quilts), gardening, and cooking

for the family. All that while sometimes putting in as much as 20 hours/week working for the Democratic Party of Lane County! She is also back on the Board of the Eugene-Kakogawa Sister City Committee. She is expecting travelers from Japan to her home this year and hopes to get to Japan soon. Traveling this past year included trips to North Dakota, Quebec City, and to Portland to see dear friends.

Jackie Chase’s year has included historic tours, walking, hiking, and bird watching. **Monique Graef** had a great trip to Smith Rock. **Dorothy Wearne** is still teaching part-time through June 2017 (retired June 2015), after which she plans to do some traveling. When asked what he’s been doing/activities undertaken, **Demetri Lontos** answered with, “too many to list!” However, he did say his recent trip to China was tops!

No down time for **Janet Anderson!** She went to Ashland twice and saw all the plays, hosted three opera singers for home-stays (2 tenors and a soprano), and hosted two international students—one from Vietnam and one from Iran. She is playing bridge every week, works at the Assistance League Thrift Shop once a month, volunteers doing fundraising for Womenspace (plans to retire after their 40th anniversary dinner May 20). After knee replacement surgery, she started back on biking for the first time in 20 years!

Bob Boettcher continues to volunteer for the UO Museum of Natural History working with the archaeologists on various projects, and volunteering with the BLM in Burns doing desert surveys. He also volunteers with the OSU Extension Service in their Master Gardener Program.

Volunteer work is keeping **Pat John** busy too: Citizen Review Board through the Department of Justice (oversight of foster care cases); Assistance League (organization which provides clothes for needy kids) and Highway 58 clean up. Family includes kids, grandkids, and great-grans (one and two on the way). They are taking frequent visits to Colorado to see the family and plan to travel to Italy this summer.

John Klobas is farming and raising organic beef and chickens. You can also find him on KNND—Cottage Grove 1400 KHZ a.m Saturdays, 7:00 A to 10:00 AM, Polka Party and on the Internet at jklobaspolkaparty.com. **Lee (Sowers) Lyman** has recently moved to Crescent Park Senior Living on Coburg Road. She continues to walk every day and enjoys her time with her great-grandchildren (3 and 5 years old). Lee has also been working on family research. **Mary Forestieri** told us of her trip to Phoenix in June to see her only niece graduate (6th in a class of 600!). She’ll be returning to Phoenix in October for her nephew’s college graduation and wedding.

Last fall **Ginny Reich** and her husband took a fabulous two-week tour of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. Then, they traveled to Finland and Estonia to spend time with their former Finnish exchange student and his family. They thoroughly enjoyed reconnecting with him and discovering his country. In February they both traveled with a Rotary group to South Africa. The Rotary hosts gave them a very interesting three-week tour of their country. They were especially taken with Capetown. They also visited Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe to see the seventh wonder of the world! Their next trip will be a river cruise on the Mississippi.

Miriam Jordan is working at the University of Oregon and is on the Board at Emerald Empire Art Association in Springfield. She loves the visual arts, art walks, and visiting the Museum of Art at the U of O. Walking/hiking around the neighborhood and parks is also something she enjoys.

Patty Parks retired in October 2016. She has been caring for her 95 year old Mother. She’s been taking frequent trips to California to play farmer on the family ranch and is looking forward to a large family reunion in Anchorage (with fishing trip to Kani) this summer. While at home, she volunteers at Assistance League “come thrift with us” at the Willamette Street thrift shop.

The year 2016 started as a busy one for **Linda Pom-pel**—she was co-manager of the Assistance League Thrift Shop. However, now that she is just a regular volunteer she has time to travel again. She’ll be in

Shanghai in April and May, returning home to attend her 50th class reunion at Oregon State. She loves to garden, study family history, and see her grandchildren. Life is good!

Among the activities at the luncheon was the drawings of donated prizes from local businesses and groups. The winners were:

- **Jeanne Armstrong** - Pepperberries \$25 gift certificate
- **Tom Schoen** and **Dorothy Wearne** - Indulge \$20 gift certificate each
- **Patty Parks** - Roaring Rapids Gift Certificate
- **Janet Anderson** and **Ginny Reich** - Renaissance Room lunch for two each
- **Marcella Schoen** and **Elaine Barrett** - McKenzie Honeyfarm soap each
- **Alice Kaseburg** - LCC jacket
- **John Bernham** - Nuance Salon pedicure
- **Rob Thompson** and **Lynne Phillips** - Barns & Noble \$25 gift certificate each
- **Debbie Houts** - Olive Garden \$50 gift certificate
- **John Klobas** - Bread maker machine
- **Debra Gaston** - electric toothbrush
- **Anne O’Brien** - electric toothbrush kit from Dr. Robert Stevenson
- **Vicki McKenna** - Billy Mac’s \$40 gift certificate
- **Lee Lyman** - LCC thermal drinking cup
- **Doug White** - \$50 SELCO gift Visa card

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.

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