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CLASS NOTES

1940-49

Donald Rea ’49 of Albany and his wife, Elizabeth, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary Sept. 6.

1950-59

Eugene and Pauline (Morris) Richards, both ’51, of Portland celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary March 18.

John and Betty (Lawson) Blaser ’51 and ’54 of Emmett, Idaho, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

Gail (Duerfeldt) Hinam ’50 of Key West, Fla., recently published Haunts and Homes: A Tour of Key West Writers’ History. It is available as an ebook online or in a softcover edition.

Robert (Amundson) Morin ’59 of Hereford and her husband, John, were honored at a 50th wedding anniversary hosted by their sons. Entertainment included Roberta playing guitar with her sons and other friends.

1960-69

Maureen (Brill) Waitish ’60 of Highland, Calif., and her husband, Theodore, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in September.

Cynthia (Smith) Green ’60 of Rock Hill, S.C., retired from Winthrop University last spring.

Howard Henderson ’61 of Lakeside, Calif., was a member of the California Interscholastic Federation, which oversees athletes in California.

For his work, he was awarded a life pass to all California high school athletic events.

Gene Stringer ’61 of Talent and his wife, Janice, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in December.

Roald Berg ’62 of Happy Valley owns Berg Environmental Consulting and is an announcer for men’s basketball.

Robert D. Jensen ’62 of Coupeville, Wash., is interim president of Bakersfield College. He has held administrative positions at a number of community colleges throughout California.

Margaret (Sutherland) Scheffler ’64 of Baldwinsville, N.Y., is retired and raising her granddaughter.

Nancy (Gaskill) Elliott ’64 of Portland retired from the Warrenton-Hammond School District.

Jerold Luoto ’64 of Coquille and his wife, Sarah, celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary Dec. 30.

Judith (Wade) Hojsack ’64 of Spring Valley, Calif., retired from nursing in 2010. She is active in church activities.

Jill (Brown) Becotte ’67 of Redlands, Calif., spent a month in the Baltics last year and in May was in Peru and Ecuador hiking and studying the history of the Incas.

John L. Hart ’68 of Cooke, British Columbia, Canada, was selected as an honored artisan at the Mauna Kea Hotel on the Big Island of Hawaii. In addition to his Chinese brush paintings, prints and cards can be found at the Gallery of Great Things in Waimea and Living Arts Gallery in Hawi, Hawaii.

He is the executive director of the SpiritBearArtFarm, a Canadian artist and writers’ retreat in British Columbia.

Marsden Smith ’69 of Tigard is CFO of the Tillamook Country Smoker.

1970-79


Bonnie (Rasmussen) Simons ’74 of Durango, Colo., retired from the St. Columba Catholic Church.

Deborah McAllister ’76 of Berkeley, Calif., is working on a degree in theology.

Robyn (Steiner) Bolen ’76 of Eugene is retiring at the end of this school year after 36 years as an educator.

Al Risk ’77 of Sunnyvale, Calif., had a book, Sabrina’s Window, published in May to stellar reviews.

Peter Howland ’78 of McMinnville is working part time as a data specialist for Family Building Blocks in Salem. He was elected to the vestry for St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in McMinnville.

Ann Johnson ’79 of St. Paul, Minn., was appointed director of faculty development at the University of St. Thomas, where she taught psychology for 23 years.

1980-89

Shelly (Paxson) Herron ’80 of La Mesa, Calif., is content manager for the Department of Neurosciences at the University of California at San Diego School of Medicine.

Barry McComb ’80 of Sherman Oaks, Calif., is the cultural affairs director for the City of Thousand Oaks.

Cindy Johnson ’81 of Los Angeles, Calif., is a publisher for Cool Titles, which is publishing an autobiography of Mitch Ryder from Mitch Ryder and the Detroit Wheels.

Chris Casey ’82 of Aloha is head football coach at George Fox University, which will return to the gridiron in 2014 after a 45-year hiatus.

Tom McClellan ’82 of Salem is the administrator of the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles and was recently acknowledged by Donate Life Northwest for encouraging Oregon drivers to become organ donors.

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Happy retirement, Eric!

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day surgery at Kaiser Permanente and volunteers with the FACES Foundation, the foundation for the advancement of cleft education and services. She has taken part in five mission trips to Peru with FACES.

Aron (Meyer) Carleson ’89 of Hillsboro is executive director of the Hillsboro School Foundation and Hillsboro City Council president.

David and Karen (Yip) Taylor, both ’89, of Pewaukee, Wis., had a daughter, Emily Nicole, March 3.

Chris Turner ’89 of Fredericksburg, Texas, helped coach Fredericksburg Heritage to their fifth state championship in TAPPS Division II six-man football. He is the defensive coordinator.

Doug Dean ’89 of Beaverton is the head football coach at Southridge High School.

Katherine (Stenger) Knutson ’99, of St. Peter, Minn., is associate professor of political science at Gustavus Adolphus College. She had a daughter, Maya, in September.

Susan McNerney ’95 of Minneapolis, Minn., earned an MFA in fiction at Hamline University.

Stephanie (Bacon) Meza ’95 of Wilsonville is a realtor with Keller Williams.

Natalie Boero ’96 of Oakland, Calif., is associate professor of sociology at San Jose State University. Her book, Killer Fat: Media, Medicine, Morals and the American ‘Obesity’ Epidemic, is due out this summer.

Shelly Jones ’96 of Hillsboro was honored as Hillsboro Chamber School to Work volunteer of the year for her work in mentoring and hosting job shadows and internships at Century High School.

Susie Kuhn ’97 of Shanghai, China, is Asia-Pacific/Greater China apparel director for Converse and oversees the business and product strategy for the region.

Jeff and Nissa (Cockrell) Roberts, both ’97, live in Gearhart. Jeff is the assistant principal and head football coach at Seaside High School.

Lisa (Setting) Hawes ’99 of Atascadero, Calif., is assistant director at Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center.

Matthew Kabza ’99 of Portland is a teacher and varsity baseball coach at Grant High School.

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Robert Rodgers ’99 of Albany, market manager with the student lending division at U.S. Bank, won the Unsung Hero Award from the Oregon Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.

Bill Vanderberg ’99 of Astoria is a retired US Coast Guard warrant officer and Oregon State Police lieutenant. He recently served as a consultant to Cannon Beach, updating the city’s emergency operations plan, training city employees and residents, and conducting tabletop exercises to find weaknesses in the city’s emergency response.

Carol (Zeigler) Underhill ’99 of Victorville, Calif., and her husband, Todd, had a son, Todd Philip, Feb. 23, their first.

Matthew and Shari (Zemke) Whistaker ’99 and ’02 of Beaverton had a son, Michael Dean, March 11.

Kyle and Joanna (Plavin) Carter ’00 and ’99 of Medford had a son, Boston Kyle, July 20.

Amber (Loeffelbein) Fries ’00 of Portland and her husband, Greg, had a son, Elliott Beck, April 2.

Kristen (Collins) Gehring ’00 of Sherwood and her husband, Luke, had a son, Eli Lawrence, Jan. 15, their second.

Kathleen Jones ’00 of Jacksonville, N.C., teaches English at Lejeune High School at Camp Lejeune Marine Corps Base.

Emmie (Massey) Leach ’00 of Portland had a son, Wakefield Alexander, May 14.

Trevor and Michelle (Mallory) Phillips ’00 and ’01 of Salem had a daughter, Lily Michelle, May 14.

Laura Gibson ’01 of Portland is a folk singer and songwriter, whose most recent release is La Grande.

Victor Gomez ’01 of Bangkok, Thailand, owns Sip, a wine bar in Bangkok.

Dave Havertock ’01 of Eugene volunteers in youth development with an emphasis on students who are affected by autism spectrum disorders.

Jen (Granville) Harris ’01 of McMinnville and her husband, Matt, had a son, Nolan Matthew, April 21.

Samantha Kuester ’01 of Sherman Oaks, Calif., a Hollywood costume designer, was honored at the 10th annual St. Mary’s Academy Awards with the Living Out a Dream Award. She has worked on a number...
Swisher puts tech skills to work at courthouse

As a political science major at Linfield College, Mae Swisher ’08 imagined a career in state government.

But when she applied for a position with the Oregon Judicial Department, they offered her a job she didn’t expect — as a computer technician.

Swisher said her Linfield experience, both inside and outside the classroom, sealed the deal.

“What mattered was that I had a liberal arts degree and I was trainable,” said Swisher, who has already been promoted.

Interviewers also spied Swisher’s four years of work study experience in the Linfield Integrated Technology Services Department. Although she worked her way through college solving computer problems, it didn’t occur to Swisher to pursue a career in that field.

Now a computer technician for the Oregon Judicial Department, Swisher is based at the Multnomah County Courthouse. In addition to working on hardware and software issues, she also serves as secretary for the Technical Advisory Committee, a state-wide group for computer technicians. The position was a natural transition from her student government work at Linfield, where she served as secretary for the Associated Students of Linfield College.

“I’ve found a niche that I like,” she said. “It’s the perfect intersection of my skills and interests. Technology is a growing field with very few women and I like the idea that I can be a pioneer. We’re on the frontier of technological changes as organizations move from paper to electronic systems. To be part of that is really rewarding.”

Irv Wiswall, chief technology officer and Swisher’s former supervisor, is not surprised by her success.

“The liberal arts education teaches you how to learn and to be flexible and to communicate,” said Wiswall. “That’s an awful lot of what Mae is good at.”
trips to Guatemala twice a year, www.cascademedicalearn.org.

Chris Peck '05 of Portland and his wife, Elizabeth, had a son, Benjamin Miles, Sept. 7.

Kyle Pettijohn '05 of Portland is an estimator and sales person for Portland Bolt and Manufacturing Company.

Joshua Schreiner '05 of Canas, Wash., is compliance officer for Columbia Ultimate.

Matt and Erin (Nooy) Brisbin '06 and '05 of McMinnville had a daughter, Hadley Lynn, April 17.

Julie Fitzwater '06 of Portland is pursuing a master’s degree at Oregon Health and Science University.

Sarah Heilman ’06 of Portland earned a master’s in writing and book publishing from Portland State University and started an editing company, Ex Libris Editing, LLC.

Emily (Clouse) Knoetzel ’06 of Las Vegas, Nev., and her husband, Shawn, welcomed a son, Broden Richard, March 2.

Clinton Languemé ’06 of Elk Grove, Calif., and his wife, Ashley, had a son, Liam, Feb. 29. Clinton is a computer analyst for the California Highway Patrol.

Marissa Moser-Boehlke ’06 of Portland earned a master of public health-health promotion at Portland State University. She is a community health nurse with Multnomah County.

Takashi Ohno ’06 of Honolulu, Hawaii, is a candidate for the state house of representatives in Hawaii.

Tyler and Jenna (Swearingen) Kaluza ’07 and ’06, of Walnut Creek, Calif., had a son, Jack, on Oct. 2. Tyler is a financial analyst with Blackrock Financial Management.

Ethan and Lindsay (Jorgensen) Barske ’07 and ’08 live in Sherwood. Ethan is a security and compliance analyst for Alaska Airlines and Lindsey teaches music in the McMinnville School District.

Mitchell Coussens ’07 of Beaverton is police officer for the City of Portland. He recently received a life-saving award for assisting an individual during a seizure.

Erica (Hunter) Haner ’07 of Salem had a son, Danny, July 16.

Joshua Henke ’07 of Jacksonville is a helicopter flight nurse for Mercy Flight.

Jena (Loop) Mikkelborg ’07 of McMinnville and her husband, Kris, had a son, Colby, May 10.

Lydia Palmer ’07 and Andrew Sage ’08 of Columbia, Mo., were married June 4, 2011.

Jared Plumb ’07 of Portland earned a degree in internal medicine from Oregon Health and Science University.

Joanne (Carnahan) Shorb ’08 of North Bend is program coordinator for the Southern Oregon Adolescent Study and Treatment Center.

Erika (Shanta) Towers ’07 of Redmond, Wash., and her husband, John, had a son, Galen Lawrence, March 29.

Jessica Williams ’07 of Bend married Neil Colburn Aug. 13 at Lake Billy Chinook in Culver.

Joan Cramer ’08 of Boise, Idaho, married Hernan De La Cruz July 16.

Jake Creviston ’08 of Portland has been accepted into the psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner doctor of nursing practice program at Oregon Health and Science University.

Tyler Light ’08 of Tualatin married Brianna Bay Oct. 2.

Marcus Miller ’08 of Cashmere, Wash., is attending graduate school at the University of Washington.

Jessica Pickthorn ’08 of Portland is a performance analyst at CTC Consulting.

Taylor Summers ’08 of Seattle, Wash., is an account executive at Payscale Inc.

Gerald Turner ’08 of Hermiston has accepted a teaching position at the Sheridan Japanese School.

Cheryl Whitehead ’08 of Beaverton and her husband, John Stombert, had a daughter, Adelyn Darby, April 6.

Michael Belzberg ’09 of Medford is head boys’ soccer coach at North Medford High School.

Alexander Freauff ’09 of Redmond is an analytical chemist at Agere Pharmaceutical.

Roseanne Hollingsworth ’09 of Lincoln City works with guide discoveries at Marine Discoveries in Newport.

Rachel Kaneta ’09 of Berkeley, Calif., is attending the University of California Berkeley School of Optometry.

Tyler McCann ’09 of Nashville, Tenn., is a Ph.D. student at Vanderbilt University.

Joel Nelson ’09 married Brianna Bay Oct. 2.

Samuel Shryock ’11 of Beaverton is a software engineer for FEI Company.

Avalon (Fox) Soumaré ’11 of Beaverton and her husband, Souleymane, had a daughter, Rokhaya Eliajah, Feb. 16.

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In memoriam

Edna (Breeding) Britten ’31 of Beaverton, March 8.

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2010-11

Josh Atiyeh ’10 of Henderson, Nev., will begin physician assistant school at Touro University.

Katelyn Bean ’10 of Forest Grove is teaching kindergarten in Kenya.

Lisa Bennett ’10 of Salem is a member of the doctor of nursing practice program at the University of Portland.

Gregory Blakeman ’10 of Susannahville, Calif., is pursuing a master’s in criminal justice at the University of Phoenix.


Christina Crane ’10 of Gig Harbor, Wash., is a substitute teacher at Harbor Ridge Middle School, coaching soccer, basketball and lacrosse.

Ian Davenport ’10 of McMinnville is assistant manager at Transac- tion Tax Consulting Group.

Nora Johnson ’10 of Orting, Wash., has been admitted to the University of Washington Cultural Studies master’s program.

Marci Klimek ’10 of Bend was the first female finisher in the Eugene Marathon half marathon race.

Sara Marroquin ’10 of Honolulu, Hawaii, earned a master’s from the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

Kerry Mohondro ’10 of Carlton completed a master of business administration in sustainable business with a government policy and administration concentration at Maryhurst University.

Heather Munyon ’10 of Grants Pass is a teacher in the Three Rivers School District.

Erik Olson ’10 is head basketball coach and a professional player for the Wagga Wagga Heat in New South Wales, Australia, as well as head coach for the Australian under-18 development team.

Paul Partlow ’10 of Norman, Okla., is a research assistant pursuing a Ph.D. in industrial organizational psychology at the University of Oklahoma.

Brandon Pratt ’10 of McMinnville is a firefighter for Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue.

Sarah Bochser-Brauser ’11 of Tigard works in the Emergency Department at Salem Hospital. She is in their RN residency program.

David Brownell ’11 of Boise, Idaho, is a member of the nurse residency program in the oncology unit at St. Luke’s Hospital.

Cameron DuBois ’11 of Columbus, Ohio, is pursuing a master’s in aerospace engineering at Ohio State University.

Jessica Hedgecock ’11 of Portland is a nurse at Spring Ridge Court.

Helen Maltese ’11 of Manarri, Ark., is a Spanish teacher for Teach for America.

Terry Pickering ’11 of Lake Oswego is pursuing an MBA at Eastern Oregon University.

M aria Sandoval-Perez ’11 of McMinnville married Carlos Garcia July 30.

Chris Saunders ’11 is an assistant football coach at Menlo College.

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'71, Marcia (Gipson) Christian ’65 and Tracy Gipson ’64; son-in-law Stephen Calkins ’70; brother John ‘50; sister F. Priscilla ’44; cousin Gerald Painter ’50; and cousin-in-law Jackie (Schaake) Painter ’54.

C. Alton Brostrom ’39 of Eugene, April 26.

Ruth (Dyke) Fowler ’41 of Portland, Feb. 10.

Margaret Frerichs ’44 of Hadley, Mass., March 4.

Mary (Bennett) Bates ’48 of Pendleton, May 22, former trustee. Survivors include husband Melvin ’50; brothers J. David ’63, James ’47, Lawrence ’49 and Stephen ’53; and sisters Velma (Bennett) Sales ’46 and Laura (Bennett) Stram ’55.

Louise (Johnson) Spicer ’49 of Lake Oswego, March 13. Survivors include her daughter Barbara (Spicer) Healy ’82.

John Shapland ’49 of Tigard, May 10. Survivors include granddaughter Lindsey Thomas ’12.

Ron Shaffer ’50 of Piedmont, Calif., Feb. 27. Survivors include sister Alberta (Shaffer) Boyle ’49.

Charles Havill ’50 of Bandon, Jan. 15. Survivors include wife Marilyn (Andersen) ’52.


Leroy Merchant ’51 of Concord, Calif., April 25.

Mary (Hillman) Horton ’52 of Astoria, March 31.

Russell Neuman ’54 of McMinnville, March 28.


Richard Roth ’61 of Rochester, Wash., July 11.


Kathleen (Tapscott) Osten ’69 of Fitchburg, Wis., Jan. 8. Survivors include father William Tapscott ’47.

Jim Hanson ’61 of Finland, Feb. 25.

Dean Safley ’65 of Astoria, March 31.

Randall Brindley ’65 of Sandy, March 31.

Susan Clarke ’71 of Beaverton, April 20.


Douglas Lowe ’76 of Portland, Feb. 8. Survivors include sister Rebecca (Lowe) Barrett ’78 and brother-in-law Bruce Barrett ’82.

Mary (Longejetig) Meagher ’77 of Newberg, Feb. 13.

Joan (Ziegler) Mosser ’77 of Portland, April 16. Survivors include husband H. Raymond ’80.


Judy Thomas ’87 of Cathlamet, Wash., April 3. Survivors include daughter Jennifer Currie ’01 and ’08.

Scott Roy ’95 of Spokane, Wash., April 29.

Clay Smith ’00 of Pendleton, March 16.