

# SEHS

60-Year Class Reunion

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## SOUTH EUGENE HIGH SCHOOL

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# Thursday, August 22:

Roaring Rapids Pizza

## Friday, August 23:

Tour of SEHS Dinner & Program at The Shedd



#### REUNION STEERING COMMITTEE

Craig McKern, Barb Himsworth Klausman, Scott Barkhurst, Karl Boekelheide, Judi Johnson Cleveland, Kelly Atwood, Bette Buckbee Worcester

#### **CLASSMATE BIOS**

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I fully retired in 2016 after 45 years in the insurance business. Still enjoying time in Maui each year. The same year I retired we moved to a house on the lake in Lake Oswego and enjoy boating, taking kids and grandkids out for skiing, wakeboarding, surfing, and just floating around. Both Reg and I are very active in our church in various capacities and

still enjoying being around each other! I still love salmon & steelhead fishing when we have fish. Come on ODFW!! Open up the hatcheries.

**SPECIAL MEMORIES of SEHS:** I loved the openness and friendliness of that period, at that school, and made many lifelong friends. It's nothing like that anymore. Political correctness has replaced the freedom of expression we enjoyed. Being on the "Rally Squad" (Cheer today) was a lot of fun and met a lot of people from other schools.

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Biggest event since 2014 was getting married to my wife, Marlene! And I am still the announcer for the Oregon Marching Band (26 years), so still get to enjoy some great football and bowl game trips. In 2017 I wrote a 40-page memoir, "Forks in the Road," about events and decisions that impacted my life. I'm happy to share the PDF with my classmates, so let me know if interested.

SPECIAL MEMORIES OF SEHS: (1) Working on the SEHS yearbook under Alyce Sheetz sparked an interest in journalism, leading to a journalism degree at UO. (2) Being a student conductor in Bob Moblo's concert band led to a lifelong passion for music, both instrumental and vocal. (3) Watching Peter Pan as a sophomore, I remember saying "I don't know what musical they're going to do next year, but I want to be in it!" So I was in Music Man next year, and worked on all three plays our senior year. Being in Ed Ragozzino's productions (and winning one of the Minnie Awards!) changed my life in many ways, and since high school I have been involved in more than 50 local theatre productions, either onstage or in the orchestra pit. And my latest was this spring, playing the old schoolmaster, Mr. Lundie, in Brigadoon. Being involved with music and theatre has led to so many wonderful memories and friendships over the years.

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Ten years ago I was still an Oregon State Representative for then HD 11 and focused primarily on school funding and climate issues. School funding has been a serious problem for Oregon since the passage of Measure 5 in 1990. A few improvements have happened, one of which I spearheaded in 2009, but the problem is worse than ever. Since about 2010 I have focused my legislative and public work on tax policy, support of transportation electrification, and a few others, such as addiction treatment I started when I practiced clinical psychology many years ago. In 2019 I founded the Emerald Valley Electric Vehicle Association and continue to volunteer to inform others of the huge personal and societal value of driving electric. Personally, the last decade has been good to us. Flossie and I are both in good health. My three grandchildren, whom I love dearly, were all alive 10 years ago and are growing up as wonderful people. The oldest can now legally drive and his brother and sister are increasingly independent. We are very lucky to live within easy walking distance and see them regularly.

**SPECIAL MEMORIES of SEHS:** What pops as I write this is the fun of marching band and school plays in which I had bit parts. Most is fading off into history as I work on more recent things.

#### **ROBERTA (BASCUE) MORGAN**

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I retired July 31, 2015, just before turning 69, with not much of a clue what was next. Turned out, I got to have our granddaughter, born Jan. 2015, 3 to 5 days a week. She is a true delight and we still have her with us one or two times a week, sometimes having to slip-in an after school day. We also started playing golf 2 or 3 times a week. You can

get better if you practice, I've found. We bought a 5th wheel so we could travel with our cat. We made at least three trips as far as Wisconsin to visit my brother, and have been to the Colorado mountains to visit Tom's family several times. (The cat was a great traveler, but sadly passed January 2024.) Traded for a motorhome which we spent close to two months in over the last summer. My next, I hope, highlight will be recovering from a total knee replacement, taking place March 7, this year.

**SPECIAL MEMORIES of SEHS:** My fondest memories of SEHS revolved around choir and the various musical productions directed by our Ed Ragozzino.

#### **KATHLEEN BAUDER**

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#### **SUZANNE (BEISTEL) WILSON**

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The only major changes in my family in the last ten years have been the marriages of three of my grandchildren. Happy, happy occasions and three wonderful new family members added to the crew! No great-grandbabies yet, but I have high hopes.

**SPECIAL MEMORIES of SEHS:** I do have many special memories of those days and years at SEHS and of the people who lived them with me, but they're way too numerous to mention. But our years in the early 60's were in a great city, during a pretty stable and hopeful time in history. We felt free yet safe within designated parameters. We were mighty proud "Axemen" back then as we found new interests, created lasting friendships, and carried with us many of life's lessons we learned along the way. As we scattered to the winds at graduation, we left prepared to find our way. My memories of those very special years are good ones!

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Highlights: In 2011 we got our first electric vehicle, a Nissan Leaf. Much to my wife's annoyance we drove it everywhere: Seattle many times; Eugene all the time; Ashland several times a year; Bend and the coast often; 130,000 miles by 2020. In 2018 we got one of the first Tesla model 3s after standing in line 2 hours to sign up and waiting 2 years. Then our long trips were great. We stopped when we

wanted a break or food, not to charge the car every 50-60 miles like the Leaf. The Leaf was for commuting until 2020 when we got one of the first Tesla model Ys. We put solar panels on the roof in 2014. We enjoy driving on sunshine. Yes, there's plenty of sun even in western Oregon. We haven't had an electric bill in 12 years except this February when it was 20 degrees out for a week and I hadn't optimized the use of our new heat pump. For years we've been supporters of, and avid attendees of, local theater in Portland. Been on several boards over the years. I think our favorite play was an 8-hour extravaganza at Artists Repertory Theater called Magellanica by local playwright E.M. Lewis. In 2019 we went on something called Loose in London. It was a group trip of theater lovers like ourselves who stayed in the London theater district for 10 days and saw tons of the best theater in the world. The trip was run by Third Rail Repertory Theater, a local company here in Portland. Eight or nine of the plays were picked and ticketed for us by the principals of Third Rail. We saw several other shows on our own, visited museums, and visited Bletchley Park north of London. That's where Alan Turing is credited with creating computing to break the Nazi's "unbreakable" codes in World War II. A must-see for a computer nerd like myself.

**SPECIAL MEMORIES of SEHS:** I remember Dirk Ten Brinke's physics classes. He had a special enthusiasm for

physics that was infectious, at least for me. In one class we were calculating the acceleration due to gravity – how fast something speeds up when dropped. At one point we had calculated the speed you'd be going after falling a quarter mile (with no air drag.) One of the members of the class was Dave Bonney '63. His only interest was cars and wasn't into physics at all. Attempting to involve someone who was normally non-attentive, Ten Brinke asked Bonney something like, "wouldn't that be incredible acceleration for a car?" To which Bonney replied, "well, it's not bad but not record breaking." Knowing classical physics and not dragsters with sticky tires, Ten Brinke said, "there's no way!" Bonney pulled out a hot-rod magazine and showed Ten Brinke the current record for the quarter mile. It was many seconds faster. I don't know that Bonney learned anything that day, but Ten Brinke did. The other teacher I really liked was Ed Ragozzino. His classes were great and I had a moderate part in The Lark, my sophomore year. That opened a love for live theater for me that I still have today.

#### **BETTY (BROWN) PERKINS**

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Highlights: Eleven years ago I began a new journey. My husband went to be with the Lord. I took over managing his business as well as my own business, and began the journey of a widow who had lost her best friend and companion. After 2 1/2 years I sold his business, paid off his partners. I closed my business a couple of years later. Have enjoyed traveling some, going to the Oregon coast, Israel, the replica of Noah's Ark and the Creation Museum, parts of Canada, the East coast, and the southern states. Am planning on taking two trips this year. SPECIAL MEMORIES of SEHS: I am impressed on how well I was prepared for college and the high level of education I received at South.

#### BETTE (BUCKBEE) WORCESTER John Pinkstaff

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Activity: Chair of Board of Directors of the Portland Baroque Orchestra during the pandemic with few in-person concerts. A tumultuous time in which I also headed the committee that selected the finalists for Artistic Director (conductor), one of the most satisfying processes I've experienced with great results. Travel: annual trip to Palm Desert

to enjoy the sun, attend Palm Springs film fest, visit family and friends. Yellowstone with grizzly sitings, Victoria, Sicily, and the Bay Area to see John's daughters' families, including granddaughter.

**SPECIAL MEMORIES of SEHS: Person**: John Pinkstaff. **Teacher**: Mr. Goodnough and Dr. Schaff. **Classes**: A Cappella, accompanying choirs, health with Otis Davis as student teacher. **Activities**: Civic Stadium and the white horse; Mac Court NOISE; wonderful drama/music performances.

#### **SANDI (CHASE) SANDERS**



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**Highlights**: Retirement, travel, volunteer work, friends, pinochle and book groups, life/health's ups and downs, pandemics, and an adorable two-year-old grandson.

#### **JUDY (CHURCH) JONES**

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Blissfully retired in the Midwest after 47 years of following the Air Force around the world, Bill and I have been enjoying following our nine grandchildren's activities. During the past 10 years they led us through weekend Irish dancing contests, volleyball, football, lacrosse, golf, and ice hockey tournaments. Our youngest granddaughter is 13; she plays triple A hockey for the St. Louis Blues. We traveled with her to Boston, Buffalo, Montreal, Dallas, Palm Beach, Boynton Beach, Detroit, Chicago, Milwaukie, Green Bay, and Bowling Green. A highlight of Palm Beach was seeing families of 'gators from our airboat tour through the Everglades. We visited family in Norway and in Ireland. On several occasions we vacationed with family in Hilton Head. We snorkeled and deep sea fished for mahi-mahi in the Dominican Republic, just prior to Covid. We frequently visit Bill's Eugene family and enjoy the Oregon coast together. We rode an observation train across the Canadian Rockies, and cruised the coast of Alaska. We sailed the rivers from Paris to Prague with another Air Force couple, with whom we look forward to cruising the Amazon River in January. Years ago, my dad began a family fly fishing tradition. We rent cabins in the Ozarks a few days each summer. I might not be able to keep my balance in the stream this trip, so I plan to take my sketchbook and watercolors. I try to observe the beauty and the history of each place we visit. I never imagined that getting "really old" could still be so much fun.

SPECIAL MEMORIES of SEHS: Looking back to the happy days at South Eugene, my U.S. History teacher, Mrs. Wilmot, made history come alive with her stories. When she was elected to the Oregon House of Representatives, she invited me and a few other students to serve as pages. Mr. Dedman, my American Literature teacher, later became my student teaching advisor when I student taught 9th Grade English at Roosevelt Jr. High, and Senior Class English Literature at SEHS. He critiqued my classroom performances over the brown bag lunches I prepared! Of course, Mr. Ragozzino was phenomenal! While I never took his classes, he was an exacting director, who opened the door to a whole lot of music and fun. He was my Confirmation sponsor, and friend. His retelling of his experiences as a young soldier at Keesler AFB helped me prepare for our first Air Force assignment there. Senorita Barbara Stiles opened doors to Spanish novellas I had to read in college. She provided opportunities to excel in Spanish class, even

if one didn't speak it terribly well. I got better with practice, selling yardage at a fabric store in Modesto, CA during college summer breaks. Julie Payne was new to Eugene about the same time I arrived. She generously made sure I had a ride to our rehearsals on time. I remember a pre-prom dinner my parents provided for Julie and me and our dates; Mom and Dad dressed as the butler and maid and served us an "elegant" meal! Sharon Johnson turned me on to The Beatles. Sharon and her mom threw the best slumber parties. Stephanie Shaw and I began our friendship through American Field Service; she spent a summer in Finland, and my family hosted Yolanda Arrata Meneses from Ecuador during our junior year. Stephanie taught me how to water ski. We shared an apartment as UO students. Stephanie, Polly Thaxton and, I think, Anne Sweetland, and I took a summer school typing class before college. To celebrate its final, Stephanie drove us to the coast, where we rented a cabin for a couple days. It had no lock on the door, but a previous occupant had left behind a baseball bat. I remember discussing how we would each take guard duty armed with that bat while the others slept. We four SEHS friends frequently had lunch together at the UO Student Union (The food fight scene of Animal House). One noon, Bill sat among them. I had no idea that he knew my friends. Polly introduced us, and here we are 58 years later.

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HIGHLIGHTS from the past 10 years: Long on Generativity; Short on Despair. "To strive to seek to find and not to yield." Michael Civin, PHD Clinical Psychologist/Psychoanalyst, co-founder of Rose Hill Psychological Services and Pulsion Psychoanalytic Institute. 516-641-6358

**SPECIAL MEMORIES of SEHS:** So many memories—maybe a few of them resemble something that happened.

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Over the past 10 years I have certainly had my ups and downs with health issues, (i.e. surviving Pancreatic Cancer). Not only did I not require chemo or radiation, but I am still here and breathing. Along with that, my family has played a huge role in my life, and we continue to make a point of sharing a meal together every week. I cherish my

time with friends at the gym along with people I am close to in my church. I feel very blessed beyond words to be alive and fortunate to be as active as I am.

**SPECIAL MEMORIES of SEHS:** Being a part of SEHS was instrumental in my life, as I gained lifelong friends and still stay in touch with them to this day. Normally people speak of their college years; however, I would say, my high school relationships have been everlasting.

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The past ten years has been focused on our family and friends. We are so proud of our children and their spouses for leading their children to find their own paths while teaching them to be kind, respectful, and considerate of others. We love spending time with many friends from past and present. Because three of our four children and

families live in Portland, we decided it was time to move closer to them. In 2015 we purchased a townhome in an age 55+ community on a small golf course in Tigard. We were so happy to find that the neighborhood is filled with other socially active people. Shortly after that, my daughter and her family moved from Hawaii to Eugene. Everyone is in Oregon, at least for now! In 2020, right after returning from a delightful road trip along the southern part of the Atlantic Coast and a cruise through the Panama Canal, Covid changed our lives as it did everyone's. A small group of our neighbors gathered every week (weather permitting) to visit, dutifully wearing our masks and sitting ten feet apart in our lawn chairs. Ed and I still love hanging out together, just the two of us, either at home or out and about, or with friends or family. That's what life is all about... being with people you love and care about, and who love you and care about you. SPECIAL MEMORIES OF SEHS: 1: Walking around the halls in the morning before classes started. 2: Singing in the a cappella choir and the Purple Pipers with Weston Brockway. 3: Drama classes and musicals with Ed Ragozzino... (Remember anxiously standing outside the doors to the drama room to look at the callback and casting lists? Or shouting Rabbit! on the first day of the month?) And then at the end there was Once A Year Day! We were so lucky to have had the opportunity to know and be influenced by those two special men! 4: Going to the football games at Civic Stadium in the crisp fall air. 5: Cheering for our basketball teams in the gym, where we gave the axe to so many. 6: The almost electric energy that accompanied us at McArthur Court during the state championship games. (Remember when a school could even win an award for sportsmanship?) So much has changed since 1964. 7: Being chosen as a prom princess and a finalist for Miss South Eugene. We were all so blessed to know each other at the absolute best time in the history of this country, and I love being able to still connect with so many of you through Facebook and Instagram.

#### **DAVE CRUIKSHANK**

Marcia

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SPECIAL MEMORIES of SEHS: 6 am swim team workouts at the YMCA!

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HIGHLIGHTS from the past 10 years: Moved many times since high school and ended up in Powell, TN. I have done a lot of traveling in the last ten years. Most of the trips have been to the West, as I still consider myself an Oregon Duck. I retired at the age of 75 from a small company in Knoxville that is involved in internet security with the United States Government. So my Highlights have been to see the US by car. We will not be traveling this year but next year. It takes some long time planning (money wise) to manage the trips. We actually came back last year from traveling in states we had NOT seen in our lifetime: Co., Wy., Ks., In., Ms., Id., Ut. We had already been in Az., Nm., Tx., Ky., Wa. We do have one trip that we take often and that is to Cherokee, NC. We go through the Smokey Mts (yes, very very pretty) during the Fall. We are members of the casino and get free rooms and free food. It is a day trip or a one night stay trip. Yes, do have a limit to spend. SPECIAL MEMORIES of SEHS: I was lucky when I started at SEHS in that my family had moved twice while I was in junior high and I knew almost every one of the sophomore class that very first day because all of the junior high schools fed into SE. So while the school was large I was too busy saying hi to everyone I knew as we walked to our classrooms to be scared that first day. I am not sure today I would wish to be in high school, middle school, or even grade school. Our high school years seem to me to be so much sweeter and less stressful than today. I had a GRAND time. Did you??

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HIGHLIGHTS from the past ten years: I was always determined not to stop working, but 12 years ago my husband convinced me to retire. Since then we have found more time to travel: a cruise on the Mediterranean Sea, a trip to Ecuador and the Galapagos, a trip to Zambia, Zimbabwe and South Africa, a cruise around Australia, summer trips to the Outer Banks of NC, and

George

our usual jaunts to Oregon. I love to garden and finally had time to complete the Master Gardening program through Cornell University. I also take lots of photos and spend a great deal of time making ceramic sculptures. In 2020, after living 50 years just north of NYC, we moved to the DC area to be closer to our three children and their respective families. In these past five years we unfortunately lost my brother, my sister, and my father, so the opportunity to be nearer to family, especially our seven grandchildren, has been especially enjoyable.

SPECIAL MEMORIES of SEHS: My best memories of

SEHS involve time with friends. I am especially grateful to keeping up my friendships with Cynthia Percival Turley and Ronna Primrose Wilson.

MARGARET (ELKINS) LITTLEHALES Tom (deceased)

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Past 10 Years: Three deaths: Father, age 94; Mother, age 98; Husband, age 77. Highlights: Two Shetland Sheepdogs; One award: Music Teachers National Association Foundation Fellow. SPECIAL MEMORIES of SEHS: (1) Nov. 22, 1963, I was in choir when President Kennedy's assassination was announced. (2) Eddie Goodnough's AP US History Class. (3) Ragozzino's musical and "That Was the Year That Was."

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**SPECIAL MEMORIES of SEHS**: I still think of Biology teacher Ms. Robertson, and how welcoming she was. Her room was always open for us to talk about anything and everything and she gave me great encouragement! Field hockey was a treat too, Nan Wilcox made it fun. The sport itself is wonderful; wish we had senior teams to play on even now.

MIKE FIX Merry

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After spending the middle and late 80's planting a vineyard
and opening a winery (RainSong) out beyond Fernridge,
my wife Merry and I spent 25 years running our winery and
traveling regularly. In the 20-teens we turned the business
over to our two daughters, Fiona and Allie, and Allie's husband Marc, who is now the winemaker. Merry and I now live
a quiet life on our vineyard, gardening, cooking, and traveling, though Covid slowed the traveling down. Both of us are
healthy and active with no grandkids, only grandpups.

PHYLLIS GARY Ric Long

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I have just retired, a second time, now from the vintage collectible business. I've had a great time collecting and selling for the last 20 years, but the building housing The Mercantile has been sold and repurposed. I'll still be on the hunt for treasures, but with a different focus. Ric and I have enjoyed our little Airstream trailer and done lots of "camping" around the northwest during the last ten years. He also restores

British cars and we are active in the British Motor Club of Eugene. We spend time with grandkids and appreciate our home, garden, and yard.

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Celebrated forty years of marriage with a COVID-delayed trip to Paris and Normandy. Retired from East Carolina University as Emeritus Professor and Emeritus Dean after 20 years. They threw a big thank you sendoff that was very touching. Moved to Lake Oswego in 2019, purchasing a fixer-upper that took over four years to fix up. We have

three wonderful children, and one gave birth to a beautiful granddaughter recently. She lives nearby so we are regular babysitters. SPECIAL MEMORIES of SEHS: Most of all I remember growing up in a safe, stimulating environment. Always wearing shorts to school and always feeling welcome. Football was great fun and although I still feel the pain of some of my injuries, I have no regrets. We never lost to North Eugene! I loved the musicals. Truly amazing productions. Favorite teachers: Harry Johnson, James Freeman, Jack Boone, Elinor McLendon, and Duane Mellum. I fell back on much of my high school education to get through college and grad school. I returned to SEHS to teach and coach (football and track) for two years 1970-72. I had the good fortune to coach with Harry and my good friend and classmate, Jim Thomas. Later I visited schools all over US for the US Dept. of Health and Human Services and came to appreciate more fully how fortunate we were to go to SEHS. Mr. Moffitt was a great principal. Coaching with Harry Johnson was a learning experience. He is likely one of the best high school coaches ever, with 25 state championships.

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At 78, 'Getting Lucky' means walking into a room and remembering why you are there. Retired from Portland Community College and married Mike Bonn. We lived in Beaverton and traveled to Alaska with our trailer, panning for gold on the way in Chicken, Alaska. Bought a place in Surprise, AZ but liked the view at Wickenburg Ranch, AZ so bought a

house here. It is closer to Gold Hill where we work with a friend on his claim. Mike and I find nuggets there. Playing pickle ball and tennis daily and traveling; April drove to New Orleans, Paddlewheel on the Mississippi, and Bayou tour to see the alligators. Oysters and Jambalaya. Yumm. Visited Oak Alley plantation, very sobering to think what went on there to support the sugar cane industry.

SPECIAL MEMORIES of SEHS: I remember how limited or non-existent our sports programs were for girls. Once per quarter we had to do presidents' fitness testing; hanging off a bar, shaking until you dropped; running a mile--which no one had run before; softball throw, and timed sit-ups for 60 seconds, abdominal pain for days. Effort for a grade only - no thought of practicing in an organized way to improve strength or stamina or to improve over time or to keep track from year to year. The day Kennedy was shot, I was in typing class near the office. The principal made the announcement of what had happened in Dallas. The girl in front of me began to cry. I could see my friends Julie Payne, Kathleen Paine, and others going into the office to listen to the radio, so I went in too. We all were very upset and the rest of the day was a blur. I remember the pep rally assemblies in the gym with Coach Hank Kuchera. We all looked forward to them because he was so funny, and I remember the boys' basketball team dressing up in the cheerleaders' outfits; I think a few students fell off the benches laughing so hard. Hems were going up, and girls who wore short dresses to school were sent to the office; if the skirt did not touch the ground when they knelt on their knees, they were sent home to change. At a school assembly, Ed Ragozzino read from the Red Badge of Courage and made it so funny - he was brilliant. I remember Pete Christenson starring in Dinny and the Witches. Also Gerry Jacobsen (Music Man), Becky Ruff (Peter Pan) and Julie Payne (Once Upon a Mattress).

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Retirement is wonderful, and over the recent years I've become a pickleball addict, gardener, hiker, book-club reader, and occasional golfer. But most importantly, I've become "Grammy" to four young grandchildren who bring me great joy. All are in Christian school, and Grammy's retirement budget has become grandkids' college budget! And my UO alumni son's family are

all Ducks fans and visit the beautiful Oregon campus whenever possible. Perhaps more frequent trips to Eugene are in my future! Life certainly has health challenges from time to time, but my involvement with Ukraine immigrants puts everything in perspective. I've been blessed by developing personal relationships with families who have lived in unimaginable war zone conditions. This country is paradise to them and all are learning English and work passionately at the simplest of jobs to prove their integrity. It's little sacrifice for me to do some fund-raising, drive kids to school, and help them navigate our health care and immigration systems. Since an early divorce in the '80's, I developed a career in patent litigation and typical of our Baby Boomer generation, I worked hard and played hard. Whenever I wasn't working, I traveled internationally, which was a valuable education that gives me some understanding into the complexities of world politics today. My grandkids have also

developed the travel bug, and now we've discovered Road Scholar's Grandparent/grandchild trips. All in all, I'm thankful for my blessings and look forward to discovering what the next chapter holds for me. Please DO contact me if you get to Silicon Valley; we're bound to have some fun together!

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I have been pretty quiet these last ten years. Had to give up gardening and hiking and several other hobbies because of health issues. So not much to tell other than I enjoy what I can do, container gardening and armchair traveling via the internet. Twenty years ago I did travel and kept up with my hobbies. I do a lot of research online and keep up

with my interests. Not too exciting, but then I have had my share of exciting and challenging. I was married for 20 yrs, had four awesome children, 3 boys and a girl. Currently I have three teenage grandchildren, also awesome. The last 35 years I have enjoyed being single and getting to know myself. That in itself has been quite the journey.

SPECIAL MEMORIES of SEHS: I was a transfer student from Portland halfway junior year, but still have terrific memories of SEHS. Drama class, makeup committee, geometry class and Mr. Sherman's English class. So many good friends that I will never forget. My time in Eugene was a respite for me, including many hikes up and around Spencer Butte, hanging out at U of O library, and the beautiful, tranquil Schnitzer Museum on campus. Today I am filled with gratitude and wonder for my life and loves. Nature has always been an inspiration to me, as well as the many kindnesses humans show when they are their best selves. I struggle daily with health issues, but they are currently manageable. I continue to enjoy studying and doing research on the many subjects that are my passion. Much happiness and love to you all.

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Rosemary Vanderzwan

stacystreetnpvet@surewest.net Rosemary (SEHS '65) and I celebrated 58 years of marriage. Not sure how she has stood me this long! We both retired at end of 2006, me from the Federal Railroad Administration, Rosemary from nursing, and traveled in our motorhome until 2017. Along the way we bought a new house with a large hobby room downstairs and I followed my dream of building a large model RR

layout. Seven years and it is nearly done. We have two sons, Paul and Justin-both great fathers-and four grandchildren. One of our grandsons will be a freshman at UC Santa Barbara. The two granddaughters are still in high school. We enjoy their accomplishments and awards. Along the way, we have lost our Eugene connection with the loss of our parents who remained in Eugene. Each time we returned we always marveled at the changes occurring to our childhood city and to the SEHS mascot. Since retiring, we have cruised Alaska, Caribbean, trans-Atlantic and Mediterranean, several visits to Hawaii, and traveled Europe, including several visits to Rosemary's home country, The Netherlands. I have consulted in the railroad industry, often while traveling in our motor home. Currently I am involved with developing a hydrogen fuel locomotive.

**SPECIAL MEMORIES of SEHS:** That was a long time ago... Cutting up in band. Helping lift Orchestra Director Nathan Cammack's VW up on the sidewalk, having him "catch" up at, then, with a big grin, shook his head & walked back into the school. We never heard a word about it. Years later I saw him and he laughed about it. Most importantly, I met my sweetheart while at SEHS!

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Settling into retirement mode and trying to keep up with life. We spend as much time as possible outdoors and involved with family frequently. I continue to 'become' and appreciate every opportunity I'm given to continue this path.

SPECIAL MEMORIES of SEHS: When I think back to our years in high school, I cannot help but feel

grateful for the academic education, social opportunities, and personal support we were given. The breadth and depth of each was something not experienced before, nor after those precious years...and was accomplished in a safe and supportive environment. How fortunate we were! I have especially fond memories of a cappella classes, the incredible drama productions, and the times 'skipping' school with other classmates – you know who you are!! Loved being able to take Civics during the summer so that I could be a lab assistant in Mr. Williams' Biology class.

#### **RISA (HERRING) PURKEY**

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Just enjoying retirement, good health, and my wonderful
daughter, who now lives in Eugene where I have been all of
my many years. Three such great blessings!!!

**SPECIAL MEMORIES of SEHS:** Wonderful friends, the plays ... the big one each year ... and the football games! Loved the football games and never missed a home game.

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After retiring from 32 years doing Special Projects for Colonial Penn Life Insurance Co., I have continued my love of photography and writing. I am just finishing my third book of photos and haiku and tanka (Japanese poetry). My son is in New Jersey, married with three children. I moved away from that area seven years ago and am now closer to my daughter in western Pennsylvania (married with two sons). Grandkids range from 20+ down to 11 years old. I live in a retirement community among the hills of the area. With family still in Eugene (my parents both passed away about 10 years ago), I have visited often and certainly consider Eugene HOME.

#### MARY JEAN (HEYM) THOMAS

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After 30 years on a sweet 2 acre
gentleman's (and cowgirl's) farm,
with horses, ponies, dogs, and cats,
fruit trees and a big garden, located
outside of Cottage Grove, and after
retiring as a dental hygienist (for
Dick Epplett, class of '65) for 36
years, and Mark retiring as a chiropractor, we pulled up stakes and
built a home in beautiful North Ida-

ho, on a golf course, and by a lake. The area is quite similar to Willamette Valley! Oh, but it's COLD in the winters, so we are grateful that we have a cute park model in Indio, CA for the winters. I never in a million years thought I'd be a snow bird... but alas! Our 2 kids and 5 grandkids are important, as well as church families (Calvary Chapel in Cal and ID). No more animals, but play golf, some tennis, watercolor painting, doing stuff with friends, volunteering, reading, naps, travels to marvelous places (but no cruise yet).

**SPECIAL MEMORIES of SEHS:** Walking the LONG hall-ways between classes, wearing HIGH heels for the prom with JP, "Congranulations, Sugar" from Mr. Dagget's Latin, Synchronettes, Mr. Webking's German (40 years later, we went to Germany, I dusted off the cobwebs and by the third night I dreamt in German!), Ms. Glines volunteering me to learn/play tennis.

#### BARBARA (HIMSWORTH) KLAUSMAN

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I thought only old people had 60th high school reunions. What happened? I don't feel old, except for my knee and shoulder replacements and my sinus problems, oh, and then there is my poor vision and.... Ooops, I do sound like an old lady! I am still enjoying my retirement years. It has been 17 years now and I look forward to getting up

in the mornings to see what fun things I have going on for the day. I am traveling as much as I can and I enjoy seeing other countries and life styles. As Mark Twain once said, "travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness." Bill and I are approaching our 45th anniversary, and it is not our first marriage. I would like to make it to our 50th as long as we will still both know who each other is then. Our kids are in their 50's and our grandkids are all of drinking age. How did that happen? I am happy to report that two of my five grandkids are DUCKS! They all bring us great joy. Life is good! I look forward to the reunion – see you in August!

#### **LARRY HUNT**

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Before writing this, I logged into the SEHS website and read what I wrote in 2004. My first thought was "wow," I am really boring. I could have just copied and pasted what I wrote then into now. Then I realized that for most people, we have all done pretty much the same thing during our working lives. I spent a lot of this time sitting in front of a computer developing software. While enjoyable, it can get pretty monotonous. The fun part was traveling to conventions several times a year. I got to see a lot of places and sights that I might not otherwise have seen. Every state is beautiful and unique. I saw a lot of plays on Broadway. Reminded me of the SEHS plays. Overall, I've had a good life with very little complaints. It is not exactly the way I thought it would be when graduating from high school.

SPECIAL MEMORIES of SEHS: Perhaps my most vivid memories of high school were the plays. I took one of the most beautiful ladies, Jill, to the senior prom. What a wonderful time we had (IMHO). There are events in our lives where we remember where we were when the event happened. I was in Dr. Ten Brinke's physics class when it was announced over the school's intercom that JFK was assassinated. Sad. I enjoyed the football and basketball games. Go Axemen. One of the things I had really looked forward to was the graduation ceremony. I fondly remember the times I had at SEHS and the friends I made. I wish the best for them and my hope that all students have fond memories of high school. My greatest hope is that kids today experience the mostly carefree life that I/we experienced.

RON ISAAC Judi

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Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814-7367 risaac6324@aol.com My main highlight is three new great grandchildren.

**SPECIAL MEMORIES of SEHS:** Putting Col. Bruns' Volkswagen in the library.

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Sue



These past 10 years have been full of changes and visits to interesting places. Eight years ago, my wife, Sue, and I moved to Redmond, OR and built a house in Eagle Crest with a beautiful view of the mountains. It's a little cold over here, but no complaints; it's about less rain and more sunshine! More and varied travel has become more important with trips to the various

National Parks in the 4 corners area of the southwest, interesting places in Europe, and some out of the way South Pacific islands. I have found that the best part of being older and retired is having the time to travel and spend more time with my two stepkids, who live in Sweet Home, OR and on Kauai. We've got grandkids and great grandkids! I'm looking forward to the next 10 years; bring it on!!

**SPECIAL MEMORIES of SEHS:** My special memories are of all the friends that I made at SEHS and are still connected to.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST 10 YEARS: I retired and sold my dance studio business after 40 years. Andy and I travelled and the most beloved trip was to Norway & Denmark in search of relatives that I didn't know, and we found several. My granddaughter Chaine's graduation from UO as a mental health therapist, and then her wedding to Miles Mabray. The

birth of my great granddaughter, Kayara Mabray, on February 13. 2024!!!

SPECIAL MEMORIES OF SEHS: 1. The adventures of Marsha, Elaine, and Carolyn 2. Hendricks Park Hootnannies 3. The Chancellors and Monroe Street Stomps 4. Art Club with Mr. Vann 5. Nomination for Rodeo Princess by Jill Mallery (my best friend of my childhood) when I couldn't even ride a horse!! I was so thankful when Libby Sword won!!

#### **HOWARD JEWETT**

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I am going to start with the last 28 years: \* Several SEHS classmates (all girls) have gone to the Oregon beaches every year. We have had our ups and downs and lost two of our dear friends. The memories and laughter can not begin to describe the joy. \* In June I've been happily married for 55 years. Our children

Andy

and grandchildren live close by. \* Our big family vacation to five countries was cancelled. \* I've had two types of cancer. The first one was scary, the second was a piece of cake. \* I am older but not sure wiser. My daughter and I went to Virginia in late December to pick up a puppy that was given to her by a friend. We ended up with two. She is keeping us very busy. \* Our granddaughter is off to college late summer. SPECIAL MEMORIES OF SEHS: I have too many to list. I was not an academic star, but I sure had fun. I have memories of many you. I wish you all the easy life filled with gratitude for what we had and have.

#### **GARRY KRYSZAK**

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Loveland, CO 80538 cyclist6491@gmail.com Retired from the North Clackamas School District in 2011 where I ended a 25-year career as the Director of Planning and Development. Highlights included managing the passage of five bond issues totaling \$900M, construction of 12 elementary, five middle, and two high schools and numerous major remodels. After retiring, continued for several years as a consultant to the District. Moved to Loveland, Colorado, in 2017 where we have settled in very well. I am serving on the local Park and Recreation Commission, Board Member of the local cycling club (still ride 3,000 miles a year), and have become a pickleball addict. SPECIAL MEMORIES OF SEHS: Have wonderful memories of my years at SEHS competing in cross country and track, being Sports Editor of the Shield, and working on the yearbook. And who can forget the wonderful spring musicals and our team playing in the state basketball championship game.

**BOB LEEPER** Wife passed about a year and a half ago PO Box 996

Marcola, Oregon 97454 rmleeper@hotmail.com I have been back in the Eugene area about 15 years and have enjoyed life in the quiet community of Marcola. Happily retired but active in the valley, served a term on the Marcola School District Board and been active with the local Lions Club. I still hunt a little bit and fish and camp. Still camping at the same spot for at least 60 years. Unlikely, but I think I can still sing our alma mater: Stately She Stands! Since graduation (wow, maybe a mini-novel): Santa Barbara City (silly) College, LCC before a campus, and U of O B/A. Had cancer at 20 and underwent chemo for two years during college. Bob Andreason and I started Bob's Painting, merged with Ehler's

Drywall, worked all over the state. Ehler's Construction still survives. I woke up one morning and realized I was not happy and did not want to be part of the rapid growth I was working within and just handed over my interest to Bob and Bart. My first wife Mary (met her at a Hello dance at the UO) and I decided to move to the Gearhart area. I call them my terrible 20s, but they weren't that bad. Never could grow my hair out but fit right in with the hippy crowd. Married way too young and drank too much, divorced after 7 years. Taught her to drive, bought her a car, and gave her the house before I left. Had taken a Real Estate course at Clatsop College, planning to buy some of the small run-down cabins and fixing them up...sheetrock and paint background, but I didn't know much about real estate. Everyone else in the class was there for license prep. Teacher told me if I ever needed a job, talk to her. Took the test and ended up in real estate for years. Met second wife Ava in a real estate office. Worked together for years, eventually opening our own office in Lake Grove area. After about 20 years, we had had enough of each other, fell out of love and eventually divorced. Stayed friends with some of my first wife's family in the Portland area and met my third wife Helen through mutual friends. Helen & I dated for three years, fell in love all the while we commuted between Seattle and Lake Grove. We knew we wanted to marry but couldn't decide who was going to relocate. I had been a letter carrier in Sellwood for 11 years and Helen had her own law practice. She had an opportunity to apply for a position in Guam and asked if I wanted to move there. We both were scuba divers and Guam was close to many world class dive locations. We got married, sold our homes and Helen got the position as the Attorney for Guam EPA. We dove most of those great scuba places! She retired after three years there and I came out of retirement as a scuba bum and went to work for the dive shop there as their buyer, to extend a love of diving. We left after five years and moved to the Eugene area to be close to family in the area: stepmom Peggy and stepsister Janelle and my brother Gary and his wife Sam and their kids. Gary and Sam and Peggy and my wife Helen have all passed since moving to this area. I remain close to Janelle. Have 3 1/2 acres with a small manufactured home, lots of deer and birds. I have never had children of my own, but was blessed with a stepson Kenny from Ava's previous marriage. I knew him since he was two. He too has passed. So I have had great grief since returning to the Eugene area, but most of us considering a 60th high school reunion share that. What was once untenable now appears tenable, and who knows what the future will hold.

#### **BILL LEUSCHEL**

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I finally found the love of my life 27 years ago and we will celebrate 20 years of marriage this coming July. We retired in 2007 and spend our time traveling and spoiling our (surrogate) grandkids (long story but a happy one). We continue to check off bucket list items most recently by playing four of the courses in

the British Open rotation, including The Old Course at St. Andrews. Yes, we are golf nuts. Karen took the game up when we met and now plays to a single digit handicap. She enjoys beating me after having to give me a handful of strokes. We are happy and healthy here in Broomfield, Colorado, at the base of the Rocky Mountains. Let us know if you're in the area and we'll have coffee.

SPECIAL MEMORIES of SEHS: I was quite proud to have won a varsity letter on South's swim team. I decided I was a backstroker after the first night of practice. After a number of 50-yard freestyle sprints I "expelled" the mouthfuls of water I'd inhaled into the gutter. Becoming a backstroker made sense as it got my face out of the water, therefore not drinking so much of the pool. After I got out of the Army, I met some guys in my neighborhood who were also swimmers and we formed a relay team and competed in AAU Masters events in CA with some success. Thanks, Coach Williams. I wore my letter sweater proudly on game days and am glad to be a member of that "club".

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HIGHLIGHTS from the past 10-years: Wow, 78 years old, married 53 years, and two sets of twin grandchildren. I find it difficult to even begin to rap my mind around this. Summers find us playing golf two to four times a week at our club. We have been lucky enough to have played from Canada to Zimbabwe, and Hawaii to Carolinas and Flor-

ida. Unfortunately, I am no better than when I started. We have also been very fortunate to have completed our quest to visit all seven continents, including camping in Antarctica—very cool in more than one way. We have been a bit more constrained with the Covid years, with my wife taking a fall (in our house, no less) which fractured her neck in several places, and with being responsible for two 8-year olds that live with us 5+ days a week. After 14 months wearing a neck collar, Judy is finally on the mend following surgery and a recovery period. She has her first tee-time set for the first week of May. The twins that live with us are a challenge, as one is in a special education program run by the Beaverton School District, at a different school from his twin sister. We barely juggle doctors visits, school duties at two different schools, playing golf, and trying to coordinate/decide on a new adventure. Unfortunately for me, the new adventure is sounding more and more like Disneyland. Ugg! SPECIAL MEMORIES of SEHS: Attending basketball games, especially a few at McArthur Court, and cold Friday night football games.

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HIGHLIGHTS from the past 10 years: We've enjoyed watching our three grandchildren grow into teenagers who include us in a lot of their activities. I've received two more Fulbright Scholar awards, spending a semester each in Uzbekistan (2017) and Azerbaijan (2022). We've traveled a lot for other teaching opportunities and for Will's

Will Ackles

pastor/teacher times in Mexico, Ireland, and Albania. Summer trips with my three sisters and a cousin (sometimes several) have been really fun. The things you can discover in places like Kansas, Nebraska, Arizona, or Walla Walla, WA are delightful!

**SPECIAL MEMORIES of SEHS:** So many! French, history, English, math classes. Mr. Goodnough letting us turn in AP history papers as late as Christmas Eve at his front door. Student government activities. Very crowded school buses and very nice bus drivers. So many opportunities to try new things with helpful teachers.

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Highlights: complete and so far pleasant retirement from a 37-year career in real property sales and appraisal. Marilyn retired in 2015 after about 40 years in title and escrow business. Trips to New England, Hawaii, Western national parks and around the PNW, over to the ocean and east of the Cascades; nothing too far and wide in the past ten. Plus

snow skiing until 2017. "Catching" up on our boating and fishing outings aboard kayaks afloat Oregon waters. Numerous wine tastings, and of course finding fine foods with which to pair the vintages. Continuing to enjoy bit acting with Don Lyon at the annual "Carriage Me Back" doings in Brownsville the first weekend of May. This year I played the part of Thomas Condon in the year 1894. In other years, a Civil War veteran, a Spanish American war veteran, and even my own buckaroo great-grandfather! Taking on the role of family organizer of reunions and preserver of the family histories. Still having my sense of rhythm on percussion as demonstrated on stage in 2013, 2014, and 2015 with "Play It Again" programs sponsored by the Eugene Symphony for us older "once was" musicians. All the rest of the usual gardening, family visiting, picnics, woodworking, and writing: good uses of time.

**SPECIAL MEMORIES of SEHS:** The overall excellent quality education, well received or not by my brain, available to us at SEHS. Especially from Alyce Sheetz, Bob Williams, David Sherman, Loyd Amick, Harry Johnson, Thomas Kepner and James Freeman. Support and encouragement through a difficult time of my life. Walking to school up and

downhill both ways from 23rd and Emerald. Until I got my first car, a 1956 English Ford Anglia with flathead four with next to no power. Limey green it was. Cleaning the after-ski bus with Colonel Bruns, who was a man with a good sense of humor once you got to know him a bit. You may recall him in the cafeteria with a cleaning towel. Or elsewhere! Being one of the youngest and smallest of the class, 110 pounds in start of my junior year. I am sure other classmates can relate to being oversized or undersized. Feature editor — could have been a better one — and "Potpourri" columnist (thought I was pretty good at that) of The Axe my senior year. Lessons learned have served me well in J-school at the U of O and many jobs after. Especially in real property appraisal, which is truly factual reportage. And who can forget November 22, 1963.

**KAREN MEATS** 

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I had many involvements before the pandemic shut everything down. I was a member of two singing groups, took singing and piano lessons, served on the Friends of South Committee, played volleyball with our "granny" city league team, served on the state and regional ASA-USA hall of fame committee for softball players, and taught qigong multiple days a week. Also, I was a caregiver for an aunt until she passed, and a partial caregiver for an uncle until he passed. I walk between 4 1/2 and 5 miles a day and still teach qigong twice a week. I love reading, and am looking forward to the next Louise Penny book in October!

**SPECIAL MEMORIES of SEHS:** I feel fortunate to be a graduate of SEHS because of the excellent teachers. Also, I "lived" to play sports, and although I participated in everything possible, field hockey stands out because it was very organized and well-coached by Nan Wilcox and Edna Glines. I have a picture of our team when we were seniors, showing Donna Merrill, Vicky Slater, Sue Moe, Elene Jones, Robbie Hamel, me, Kathleen Bauder, Sandy Jones, Sue Decker, Sue Bruce, and Diane Briscoe. We were undefeated statewide, including a 2-2 tie in a scrimmage against the UO. Those were special times.

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I retired from a dental practice in 2011 and turned it over to my son Nick. Nick has since sold it and moved to Mesa, AZ. He doesn't get his windows broken or building tagged there. We bought a home in North Scottsdale in a gated community near Carefree. We still have our home in Portland where we go to in the summers to escape AZ heat. In AZ

we play golf, pickleball, hike, and travel to sites all over the SW. Our daughter has a speech pathology practice in Bend, OR. We visit her in summers and Xmas holidays. We ac-

quired a travel bug and have now traveled to 89 countries. We follow University of Oregon sports. We attended four Rose Bowls and two National Championship games. Looking forward to many more. We are now residents of Arizona and love it. Peggy and I have been married for 52 years.

**SPECIAL MEMORIES of SEHS**: I loved my history class with Edgar Goodnough. He had many interesting stories including residing in Honolulu during the Pearl Harbor bombing. I liked Hank Kuchera's stories in health class. Harry Johnson was fun and very strict on proper form in any athletic event. English teacher Dedman had a slide show on Fridays of his written off trips around the world, called Intellectual Enrichment. I was in Dirk Ten Brink's physics class when JFK's assassination was announced.

**GRETCHYN (MILLER) WOLFE** 

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HIGHLIGHTS: After living in Sunriver for 12 years, my husband and I moved to Meridian, Idaho. We loved living in Idaho, but after nearly 10 years we felt it was time to be near our only son, his wife, and our four grandchildren. So, last year found us in Spring, TX, a short 10 minutes from their house. It is such a blessing to be a part of the kids' lives,

ages 10, twin girls, boy 12 & girl 14. We will be celebrating our 52nd anniversary in June.

**SPECIAL MEMORIES of SEHS:** SEHS memories are many! Chatting with friends in the halls & cafeteria, some of whom I still have contact with after all these many years. I loved going to Friday night Axeman football games! The school spirit was always high! Great fun times! After the game we often met at either Pietro's or Ford's drive-in. Such fond memories. To sum things up, The Lord has blessed me with such a great husband, and a wonderful family. I have much to be thankful for.

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Alice Walker has written in her poem Calling All Grand Mothers, "We have to live differently or we will die in the same old ways. Therefore I call on all Grand Mothers everywhere on the planet to rise and take your place in the leadership of the world. Come out of the kitchen... Step forward and assume the role for which you were created: to lead hu-

manity to health, happiness and sanity... The life of our species depends on it." So I am trying in my small way to assist in an immigrant justice organization, as a Democratic precinct chair, working with a family of asylum seekers, helping on a water project in Haiti, picking olives in the west bank

in Palestine. My husband and I have traveled to places near and far, always gaining insights into others' lives. And I dream of a world where all people can hold out a helping and loving hand to a neighbor.

**SPECIAL MEMORIES of SEHS:** You were very kind and welcoming to me, as I entered SEHS in the fall of our Senior year. Thank you.

#### PAT (MORTIMORE) DONELSON

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Bend, OR 97703 patdonelson46@gmail.com A lot can happen in 10 years. My husband of 47 years became ill and passed away in 2020. I became a grandmother of two wild and darling boys, ages 2 and 4. I moved to Bend, Oregon, where I now live with my black lab/golden retriever, Gracie. I continue to travel as often as possible. I did another big white water rafting trip in Africa on the Zambezi, two trips with Teresa Shields (SEHS 64) to the Caribbean and France, and another trip is planned to Thailand and Cambodia in early December.

#### **GEORGE MYRMO**

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**SPECIAL MEMORIES of SEHS:** classmates, basketball, and graduating.

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Since the 50-year reunion many things have changed. In 2015 my wife Laura passed away. I continued living in Bokeelia, Florida, in the home we built there. In 2019 I met Sandie Herrington. Her husband passed away in 2016. We decided to pool our resources and we would spend winters in Florida and

summers in Michigan at her place. In 2022 I was getting tired of all the people and traffic in Florida and decided to put my house on the market. I sold the house in May, which was fortuitous because hurricane Ian hit in September and devastated Pine Island. In July Sandie sold her house in Cannonsburg, MI and we bought a condo in Rockford, MI. We spent the next year paring down extra household furniture and things no longer needed. We have two great-grandchildren now. Her great-grandchild Grayson lives here in Grand Rapids, MI and my great-granddaughter Aspen lives in North Pole, AK. We spend a lot of time on the road visiting family and friends all across the country. All in all we are in good health and enjoying life.

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Recent highlights: We moved from a 4-level house in Portland after 30 years, into a one-level in Milwaukie. Welcome to aging. Falling off the porch while emptying the mailbox was a clue. And we moved from a 100-year-old house to a 2-year-old house. Everything works! We love the AC! Our neighborhood is evolving. A Trader Joe's and a New

Seasons Market are opening. And we have a Pietro's Pizza that's about 50 years old. SPECIAL MEMORIES of SEHS: I've only recently recognized the impact of the "student-only" assemblies our sophomore year. No teachers, counselors, or other adults were in attendance. I remember the seniors talking about taking responsibility for our actions and how they impacted the school. From my grade school (Frances Willard) and junior high days (Woodrow Wilson) in the area, the high school motto seemed to be "We might not win every football game, but we won the fights after every game." Maybe that was a holdover from EHS days, but it was a strong ethic. The Albany school busses bringing their team down were painted with purple and the tires flattened. From my house on East 18th I heard the football crowd noises from the stadium on Willamette, may it rest in peace. The assemblies weren't treating me like an adult because we were far from that, but it made me realize my little actions had an impact beyond me.

#### TOM PAGE

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Eugene OR 97403 tjpage1946@gmail.com It seems strange to have free time after working two jobs for so many years. I recently returned to the Springfield Fred Meyer store where I have worked for over 45 years but on a limited basis after taking six months off due to extensive spine surgery last fall. My 50+ years sports writing career ended last November when the paper's owner passed away and there was no one to keep it going. My primary role was to fill scrapbooks. The kids and teams' job was to make memories, and my job was to preserve them. Before the paper shut down, in the past 10 years I covered Harrisburg winning a state football title and Monroe winning state titles in football, girls' basketball, and girls' track. Outside of the seven years I worked in Washington at the start of my newspaper career, sports writing became my primary hobby, something I did following my shifts at Fred Meyer. I don't hunt or fish or play golf. Like many hobbies, it can get expensive due to travel, cost of film, along with developing and printing, and dozens of bouquets I gave to coaches and senior girls. Whenever I go into my bedroom filled with plagues, certificates, team photos, and thank you cards, I realize it is all worth it. You can't put a monetary value on thank-yous. In 2017 I was among the first inductees into the Elimira High School Athletic Hall of Fame. Eight years earlier I joined the Junction City Athletic Hall of Fame and am a member of a third hall of fame in Washington due to my coverage of baseball and softball. Even though I didn't do sports, I have a letter coat with honorary letters from 13 schools. Eight of the schools (Crow, Triangle Lake, Elmira, Junction City, Harrisburg, Monroe, Christ's Center, and Steilacoom, a school in Washington) were schools I was involved with, while five others (Mohawk, Lowell, McKenzie, Marist and Astoria) were schools that liked what I did and wanted to be added to the coat. Last fall was the first Tom Page Invitational, a cross-country meet at Monroe. Each spring the Tom Page Statistic Award is given to a boy and girl at Triangle Lake, and for many years the Tom Page Cougar Classic was a basketball tournament at Crow. I've added to my other hobby of collecting college pennants. Wherever I or my parents travelled, we'd visit college bookstores, and over tihe past 60 years I've collected nearly 200 pennants that are a colorful display in my basement. Many are schools I'm sure no one has heard of or ever will, except for Mount St. Marys, whose softball team played at Oregon this spring, and Saint Peters which two years ago blew up everyone's NCAA men's basketball bracket by beating Kentucky and Purdue and reaching the Elite Eight. I continue to attend the Army-Navy football game, something I've seen in New York, Baltimore, and Philadelphia. Television can't duplicate the pride, pageantry, or patriotism that goes with the game. I missed out last fall on the first time in Boston since I was in no condition to travel following my surgery. SPECIAL **MEMORIES of SEHS:** Being involved in the band program.

# **DARLEY J. (PARKS) DEWEY**Leslie Dewey 653 Hwy 141

White Salmon, WA 98672 Deedew@embarqmail.com Living the good life and enjoying our two kids and 5 grand-kids who live in White Salmon and The Dalles. Still married to the same man since 1965. Hope that you all have a great reunion; sorry we won't be able to make it down. We have a lot of good memories about Eugene, SEHS, and the UO.

#### JOHN PERRY (spouse deceased)

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Loving being retired and living a comfortable life, relatively healthy, relatively happy, and relatively upright. With few relatives. **SPECIAL MEMORIES of SEHS:** Alyce Sheetz and her glowing and inquisitive outlook on life. She taught me to keep a reporter's mind, and never let life get in the way of a good headline.

#### WILLIAM PARKS Esther

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**Highlights last 10 years**: My last grandchild was born, making a total of 6, with 2 great-grandchildren whose father is a combat medic in the Army. Two years ago we met my daughter and son at Disneyland for a special adventure, which we are still trying to recuperate from! I enjoy gardening, camping (in a trailer), hunting, and fishing, with a little duffer golf.

**SPECIAL MEMORIES of SEHS:** Played right guard on the varsity football team (#25), played on varsity two years in a row. Won a lot of games the first year, but not so many the 2nd year; a lot of mud lot games.

#### JOHN PINKSTAFF

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Highlights include: Trip to Israel; Retirement from practice of law; Bought a house in West Linn; Monthly "Axekicker" lunches; Became a grandfather; Winter trips to Palm Desert; Hanging out and enjoying people; Reading and writing memoirs; Swimming and working out. SPECIAL MEMORIES of SEHS: Teammates and experiences

Bette Worcester

playing hoops; Amazing classmates; Great teachers; Hanging out with guys before class; Some lifelong friends.

#### **ROBERT PRATT**

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By 2020, our son and two daughters had graduated from UPENN, Berkeley, and USD. All three had prestigious employment before they graduated. I was fortunate to be a stay at home dad. I love them immensely. We are close. I am fortunate to have married my wife, 38 years ago. My wife has nine siblings. She knows family; I was a renegade.

SPECIAL MEMORIES of SEHS: I was absent 23 days out of 45 days, and my beloved counselor, Mr. Huff, told me I could just sign my own excuses instead of forging my mother's. I was lucky to have Mr. Huff; I wish I could tell him. Per Colonel Bruns, I have never been employable. I am the Controller for our law firm, Pratt & Associates. We do real property law here in the Silicon Valley. I prefer employing myself. I was fond of three or four beautiful SEHS girls who were a challenge to my self-confidence. There were a few bright spots. I'd like to buy a meal for Colonel Bruns at the French Laundry.

#### KAY (PRESCOTT) KEPLEY

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Highlights include biking and walking our home area from 1980-2022. Meeting and sharing time, learning experiences and many a fine meal with folks that became dear friends and opened Sequim, WA.'s first dedicated gluten free restaurant. Slowly learning how to deal with dementia in a spouse. Doing many a great Holiday marketing show

of our Resonance Note Card and calendar line with Jan Kepley Photo Imagery. The meeting and talking to people never ceases to be a delight for me. The sale of our Gardiner property of 42 years and moving to a retirement community in Medford, OR. Family gatherings for granddaughters

graduating, all our kids lives and activities, and the everongoing interesting changes that happen.

**SPECIAL MEMORIES of SEHS:** Ed Ragozzino, musicals, lunch time with friends.

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I have so many titles bestowed upon me. Daughter, sister, niece, and aunt. But my best titles came after high school graduation: Wife, 1965, Robert Wilson; Mother, 1968, Laurie and 1971, Trish; Mother-in-law, 1989, Jim, and 1992, Chad; Grandma, to grandson Kyle, 1994; grandson Hayden,

1995; and grandson Colton, 2000; Grandmother-in-law to Hayden's wife Kaitlyn, 2017; to Colton's wife Mellisa, 2020; and to Kyle's wife Laura, 2022; Great-Grandma to Hayden's 2 sons, Levi, 2017 and Ryan, 2019, and Colton's daughter Sophie, 2024. Two titles I have lost: Daughter, after my Dad passed in 2006 and my Mom passed in 2019; Sister, to my brother Butch who passed away in 2022 after a long illness. My children are doing well. My three grandsons are happy and successful. Two of my grandsons married their high school sweethearts, as I did. Two of them live within 40 miles. The third one, Kyle, lives in Houston, Tecas. My husband of 59 years has become a bionic man; due to arthritis inherited from his family, he has had both knees, hips, and shoulders replaced. Which has given me new titles: nurse, caretaker, and chauffer. I am retiring from those titles. The cute little nurse's uniform no longer fits. I also am a gardener; I love to garden, but the sun and I don't get along, so I garden at night with a head lamp, when it is cooler. We enjoy trips in our RV, especially to our lot on the Siuslaw. We enjoy spending time with family and friends (we have kept in contact with several of our high school friends). A dear friend has given me the title of General Manager of the World. ¡¡Hope this finds you all Happy and well.

#### **DIANE (RICHEY) BERDZAR**

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Wow, 60 years! At this age I can now say I am truly old--every joint in my body reminds me every day. I have entered into the maintenance era: having to maintain my body, my car, my house, and yard. Done by myself now becomes even harder. I have lived in my house now for 26 years, and finally have it the way I want it. Living through

remodels is not fun, especially when you have popcorn ceilings. I've been experiencing many fun adventures with my daughter. She works at the Toyota Regional Office in Portland. Boy, the perks I get to enjoy with her! Last summer my daughter and I took a long-awaited trip to Oslo, Norway, and

Prague, Czech Republic. So much fun. Going to the Well (a spa north of Oslo) made me a new woman. Prague is a beautiful city (so many changes since being there in 1980 when it was under Communist rule). I love traveling and have been to all but four of the United States, and have lived in four. But there is nothing quite like coming back home to Oregon. So much fun walking on the beach, collecting rocks and shells, sitting in a boat in the middle of Diamond Lake, or hiking into our many beautiful waterfalls. Family game nights, following the WNBA and reading a good book. Life is Good! GO DUCKS!

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The last ten years have been jam packed; some of it good, some bad. My daughter, MacKenzie, was diagnosed with a brain tumor and the resulting surgery and recovery was long. (This is why I support the National Brain Tumor Walk in San Francisco) BUT, she is well now and the mother of two redheaded boys. As a parent you are only

as happy and stress-free as your least happy child. We are in a good place now. We also have a winery, Tarabrook Winery, in the garage and 180 Tempernillo grapevines in the backyard. Needless to say, we have lots of wine. It is a lot of work; thankfully my husband does most of the labor, I do most of the drinking!! We have gotten in some travel. This past year we went to Oaxaca, Mexico City, and San Miguel de Allende. I love the diverse culture and the fabulous art! I am fortunate to be surrounded by many good friends. We play Mahjong, go for walks, go thrifting for bargains, and just hang out together. I have a husband who is ready to head over to San Francisco at the drop of a hat. I am also fortunate to have a twin sister, Ann, who has been by my side since birth!!!!

SPECIAL MEMORIES of SEHS: It would be remiss of me to not mention Ed Ragozzino and the important part he played in my life and education. It was just a fluke that I took his class when I arrived in Eugene from Medford. It was the one elective I could get into. From then on I became what is now called a "groupie." I learned the history of theatre, the craziness that was performing in chorus settings and what takes place off stage with the tech crew. I look back at my good fortune in awe. I even still have my thespian pin! It opened a whole new world for me and that appreciation has continued throughout my lifetime. I think the PE classes were somewhat of a pain, with the shower situation, the uniform code, swimming at the Y, and the field hockey! I still remember Sue Decker and Robbie Hamel as being stars in anything they attempted. But women's sports were not encouraged or supported. I am so glad things have changed. I am going to sound old here, but NOT elderly. I think the times we had at SEHS were full. I met good friends and was challenged by new ideas. I am so thankful that we did not have social media. There was an innocence about this time and I am thankful I was part of it.

## ROBERT SALLE

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I became a supervising electrician for the IBEW local 280 and ran many electrical projects around the Eugene/ Springfield area. My favorite project was King Estate Vinyards. That was a three-year project. Another of my projects was the Monaco motor homes paint shops and gas products building. I had 72 electricians under my man-

Sue

agement on that project. One other was Movies 17 at the Gateway shopping center. The real challenge on that project was nobody knew how to automate all 17 theaters off one laptop. Took a lot of research but I managed to put it together and it has worked since. While running electrical projects, I also taught the apprenticeship program for 38 years and ran the electrical installation on the Habitat for Humanities houses when they came due. I am on my 43rd vear with my wife, and our son was home schooled by us and is now an electrical engineer with Collins International. **SPECIAL MEMORIES of SEHS:** A couple of things I really enjoyed at South were being part of the swim team and partying with some of the guys occasionally; lots of work but a good time. I also enjoyed the parties on the weekends that I had the pleasure to attend. So many good times. Wasn't much for studying, but I had a great time socializing.

## STEPHANIE (SHAW) SACHTLER Jeff

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Married for 53 years, have four grandchildren and two happily married sons. Took three Viking trips to Europe and East Adriatic countries, and numerous family visits to California.

**SPECIAL MEMORIES of SEHS:** Ongoing friendships; effective teachers; a 1963 AFS student (to Finland); successful sports teams.

#### SUSAN (SIEGRIST) SCIACCA

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Continuing to know the joys of living in the very special city of San Diego. Taking a heart-breaking trip up the McKenzie after the horrific fires. Enjoying watching my three grandkids, Jude, Simone, and Olivia, navigate life. Emerging from the pandemic with a greater appreciation for normal.

#### **SPECIAL MEMORIES of SEHS:**

1: Meeting my first love; 2: Experiencing wonderful theatre camaraderie; 3: Cheering on our wonderful athletes...culminating in our nail-biting victory over Parkrose! 4: And, years

later, realizing what a top-notch education we received. After attending three recent graduations, I couldn't help but reminisce on how our SEHS "backyard" ceremony was so bittersweet... wondering if we'll stray far and wide, never to be together again. But we were so lucky to have grown up together in such a wonderful city with indelible memories.

#### JEAN (STALEY) MAINA

Bob

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Sunriver, OR 97707 bobandjeanmaina@aol.com Highlights include: Covid, Covid, Covid!! In January 2023 we ended up selling our home in Wanaka, New Zealand. When Covid hit in 2020, New Zealand locked the country down for almost three years, and we were unable to return. In September 2023, we bought a house on Lake Minnehaha in Clermont, Florida, and now live there October through April each year.

#### ANNE (SWEETLAND) KIRBY

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Highlights: I am in the process of writing my life story, and I can see how my high school years gave me lots of opportunities that helped me become who I am now. I am a genealogist and I have written several more books about my ancestors and enjoy the "root trips" I take to see what life was like for them. Most recent were the gold fields near

Carson City. I still use some of my "free" time swimming, reading, and playing the church organ. I live in the south Salem hills and enjoy bird watching at the nearby refuge along with my wonderful husband, Dale. We have a lot in common and have a happy life together. I still miss Mr. Brockway and the a capella choir. I find myself singing the music we learned. **SPECIAL MEMORIES of SEHS:** Attending the basketball and football games; proudly seeing the South Eugene pep band and marching band at Civic Stadium; being in the Jester Hairston choir event with North High; learning the science of chemistry; being in *Music Man*; medical career club arranging training at the nearby Red Cross building, and using that knowledge to do volunteer work at Sacred Heart Hospital and the blood bank.

# **DAVID TEPFER**9 Passage de la Main d'Or

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Highlights: Solo kayaking 600 kilometers from Wakayama to Kyiushu (Japan). Publishing first novel, *Shikoku*, available on Amazon. Taking two around the world bike trips with Becky. **SPECIAL MEMORIES of SEHS:** 

Seeing Becky Ruff in *Peter Pan*. (Search YouTube: Becky Ruff Peter

Pan)

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The Past 10 years: In 2012, after 44 years of engineering and ~36 parallel years of counseling & communication training, I retired and Barbara and I moved to our Ashland, Oregon condo. From our very first date, attending OSF plays in Ashland in 1981, and returning every year from wherever we lived across the US... we have embraced the

richness and depth of what is offered within our community. "There's only one thing more precious than our time and that's what we spend it on." Our focus for the past ~10 years has been volunteering, theater/ film, family, friends, & ccns, and causes. Community volunteering continues to bring purpose, balance, and a sense of belonging as well as accomplishment to our lives. Within this cultural "oasis" we have also immersed ourselves in several local theater venues, with the Oregon Shakespeare Festival (OSF) being the cornerstone. At last count we have attended nearly 698 live performances of over the last 10 years. By 2014 we completed our "small / cozy" home theater room (very fortuitous during COVID) where, with streaming, the Ashland Independent Film Festival and local movie theaters we have been able to view, at last count, over 2,577 movies, documentaries, shorts, and series. There have been a few more aches, pains & need for more frequent naps; however, maintaining our 35 to 40+ miles of aerobic exercise and gym strength work each week definitely helps. The past 10 years we celebrated my 70th and 75th and Barbara's 65th and 70th milestone birthdays, as well as our 35th & 40th wedding anniversaries. And, in Oct. 2017 we joined Son Kurt and his wife in Denver for their 20th anniversary roaring 20's recommitment celebration. COVID definitely reduced and significantly changed the world, but for all the sadness and tragedy and upheaval it caused, the forced isolation also created valued moments of treasured time together.

**SPECIAL MEMORIES of SEHS:** "My memory is starting to fail me. I'm beginning to remember things the way they actually happened." Looking back, I can more clearly see how SEHS provided us/me with a more simple, compassionate, safe, personally engaging, and individually challenging educational / life opportunity, and encouraged the formation and strengthening of interpersonal life skills, as well as ability to think independently while working together. A few random memories from that time are:

- Dr. Ten Brinke's adv. physics classes that challenged and inspired my engineering career.
- Being in John Hale's adv. chemistry after school lab when the Great Columbus Day storm hit and having to walk the 1-1/2 miles back home
- Meeting Judy Harry (class of '63) who would become my first wife and mother of my son Kurt.
- Having virtually no acting talent and not being able to carry a tune in a bucket, I used my "high school superpower" of "being male and a dancer" in order to join the SEHS theater musical offerings (*Music Man* and *Once Upon A Mattress*). Thank you, Ed Ragozzino.

• Acknowledged for my persistence and dedicated work ethic, I was accepted as a PE Assistant. This proved to be a perfect incubator for a life-long appreciation of physical activities and fitness. Final 60th Reunion thought for the Class of 1964 in 2024: "Never be a prisoner of your past. It was just a lesson, not a life sentence."

## POLLY (THAXTON) WESTOVER Robert (Bob)

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Tigard, OR 97224 pollywestover@gmail.com I retired in 2014. In 2019 moved to Summerfield retirement community on the golf course. Travelled in the Caribbean and Hawaii, and cruised the Danube for two weeks from Prague to Central Germany.

SPECIAL MEMORIES of SEHS: The student body at SEHS was a diverse and stimulating blend from several west and south middle schools in Eugene, which I attended due to bussing because of the population explosion, even though my home address stayed the same. I therefore got to know many friends from a wide population base. I attended classes taught by talent from the UO community. The choice of activities at SEHS was delightful; I chose drama, the arts, and choir. SEHS prepared me for a successful life at the UO and beyond.

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And life has been filled with spending time with grandchildren locally and in Omaha, Nebraska. We have been blessed to be able to travel. Our most recent trip was a river cruise in Eastern Europe and a family reunion in Kauai Hawaii to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary. We continue to be involved in our local church. I have had

some health issues in the last couple of years. Getting older has its physical challenges.

**SPECIAL MEMORIES of SEHS:** I have fond memories of attending plays, basketball, football games, and spending time with friends.

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We have celebrated the arrival of three more grandsons, making a total of four lovely little boys. A host of family celebrations and get-togethers every year give us a lot of happiness. (The last was Christmas of 2023 in Ecuador with our whole family there – joining one of our sons and his family where he is on sabbatical.) We journeyed to see two

different solar eclipses – amazing! (The one in 2017 was a great excuse to return to Oregon for a short visit.) We have

made a lot of great trips to many places – the American southwest, Canada, Central and South America, Africa, Europe, and Asia. We spend a couple of months on the Kona coast every winter. When we are at home near Annapolis, Maryland, we enjoy kayaking during warmer weather, getting together with friends, and taking advantage of our proximity to Washington DC. My husband is involved in lots of activities while I enjoy spending time on math problems (sounds weird, I know!) as well as reading, cooking, and gardening.

**SPECIAL MEMORIES of SEHS:** I fondly remember Mrs. Bach's French class in particular – we did all sorts of activities, including a Christmas carol singing expedition around town (in French, of course! I still remember some of the carols we learned for that).

#### **TERESA (WEST) SHIELDS**

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The past 10 years: My husband and I did lots of traveling until he was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in 2020. He passed away in June 2022. Pat Mortimore Donelson and I took a Caribbean Cruise and a Viking Cruise, then spent a week in Paris. At the 50th reunion several of us realized that we all lived in the Puget Sound area. Cam-

my Sparks Yeend, Suzanne Beistel Wilson, Dawn Butler Yeager, Pat Mortimore Donelson and I have been having monthly lunches since then.

**SPECIAL MEMORIES of SEHS:** Basketball games, especially our senior year when we went to state. Ed Ragozzino musicals every spring. And (sadly) the assassination of President Kennedy our senior year.

## JEAN (WHITE) KEAVENEY John

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West Richland WA 99353 jeankeaveney@gmail.com We love to travel and have enjoyed several trips to Hawaii, plus Ireland, Israel, and last year celebrated our 50th anniversary in Tanzania... lions, leopards, and elephants oh my! With family on the East coast, we have zig-zagged the US many times. We would love to revisit Beirut, Lebanon where we met, but unrest seems to plague that beautiful country. SPECIAL MEMORIES of SEHS: Acting in Ed Ragozzino's plays was the best time of my SEHS life! It inspired a lifetime of singing, acting, and directing in small productions.

#### STEPHEN WILLIAMS Gail MacLennan

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cally spend 1.5--2 months parked on a beach in Baja with my dog, Luna. Gail flies down for a few weeks at the end. Both my daughters and Gail's son live close by with our

13 (some inherited grandchildren), lots of birthdays. Lot of family gatherings and drama, travel, camping, riding motorcycles and bicycles, and walking the dog.

**SPECIAL MEMORIES of SEHS:** basketball, baseball, ski team, Jim Creech, Mike Fix, Carol Knowlton (never forget first love). Riding my Vespa to school with Mike on the back.

#### ELAINE (WINN) GALLOWAY

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Hello and best wishes to all of you! What a great bunch of people you are to grow up (old) with! I feel so lucky to have gone to school with you. We are still living in Sydney, Australia, and have enjoyed seeing a fair number of you Oregonians here. Our overseas travels in the last several years have centered around friends and family in

the States, Europe, and Africa. My husband is from England, so we have family, friends, and former work and research colleagues there. We met in Munich and both still have friends and an emotional attachment to Germany. My two older brothers and nephews have all moved to California now: El Cerrito, Pacifica, and Monterey, so that part of the world has become a family hub. Also, our son-in-law's family are based in Pacifica, Carmel, and San Juan Capistrano. We also get up to Eugene almost every summer and love catching up with our local friends for picnics by the river there. Our daughter and son-in-law have lived in Rwanda and Ethiopia in recent years, and are now living in Nairobi, Kenya. They're expecting their first child in July. Our first grandchild, too! They have planned to have their baby here in Sydney, since it's our daughter's family home. If I'm unable to attend the reunion, I will fill my brain with very happy memories of seeing you all at various times, including a fair number of reunions, and getting a Swampy Award for coming from far away!

**SPECIAL MEMORIES of SEHS:** I'll start with the SEHS memories and how they've somehow related to how my life has developed. At South I had two senior classes that were personal Waterloos: Calculus and Advanced English. I ended up marrying a mathematician and became an English teacher. German was one of my favorite subjects and I later lived in Munich for 13 years.

#### **CHUCK WITHROW**

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Retired from 24 years with the Oregon Department of Corrections. Some work for fun in Idaho, helping with Fall harvest of sugar beets and dry corn. Also building hot rod trucks and attending car shows on the West Coast. Looking forward to August and getting together with all.

#### **CHERYL WOODRUFF**

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SPECIAL MEMORIES of SEHS: I graduated! YAY

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I retired from 15 years as a teaching faculty at Arizona State University in 2013. We built a new home in Cornville, about 15 miles from Sedona. After 2 years of retirement I felt the need to make some meaningful contribution to society again. Because I was a Health Promotion Program Manager for the Oregon Public Safety Academy for 12

years, I was very familiar with law enforcement. I accepted a 2/3 time position at the Sedona Police Department in 2015 and have worked there to the present day. We keep Sedona safe for our citizens and about 1 million visitors per year. My wife and I have hiked some of the most amazing trails in Arizona and Utah. Our oldest son is an IT engineer for a large firm headquartered in Salt Lake City. Our youngest son is a Blackhawk pilot in charge of a U.S. Army battalion helicopter maintenance program in South Korea, overseeing about 120 Army and civilian personnel.

SPECIAL MEMORIES of SEHS: My Senior year with the class of 1964 was one of the best years of my life. I was a member of the 1963 graduating class, but our mother was a single mom (father died when I was 10) for 4 kids, so I worked 30 hours a week that year to buy a car and clothes, etc. I missed a lot of school and failed two required classes. I was mostly mentally and physically AWOL from school in '62-'63. Beside failing two classes, I got a D in PE. Over the summer I became friends with Kelly Atwood, and after serious reflection, decided to return to SEHS for the 1963-'64 year, cut way back on my work hours, take a full load of courses, participate in as many extracurricular activities as possible, and pursue a college degree. Thanks to Kelly, I made many good friends and had some great adventures with them. I was ineligible for sports, so chose drama and student government as my after-school pursuits. I was in all of the plays, and the Senior Show. Those were some of my most memorable experiences. Chuck Sisk was a great jiu jitsu teacher for me. Kirk Rupp taught me Tae Kwon Do karate and we developed a self defense class for SEHS students that was a hit (no pun intended). I was the occasionall designated driver for several friends who came to my house to drink and drag the gut. (I didn't touch alcohol in H.S.) I remember one night a bunch of us were riding in the back of an old pickup and someone with the initials B.S. was drunk and trying to put a lit cigarette down the gas tank. We had to physically restrain him, if we wanted to live. I remember

the Monroe Street Stomps. Most important, I got A's and B's in all my classes, scored high enough on the SAT to qualify for the U of O. I really loved everything about school that year. I had some of the best friends I have ever known, and had the most rewarding year of my young life. That year changed my trajectory in life, and put me on a path for success and genuine happiness. I owe a lot to my best friend, Kelly Atwood, and my counselor, Ira Huff. Long story short, I majored in P.E. and health at U of O, and decided to do my final semester internship at none other than SEHS for Lloyd Amick, Hank Kuchera, and Harry Johnson for track coaching (I had taken a track coaching course at UO from Bill Bowerman). Amick was the guy who gave me a D in PE, and once said to me, "Woodruff, get the hell out!" I was surprised he accepted me. However, by that time I was an athlete, a health and fitness fanatic, and had the requisite knowledge and grades.

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I am thoroughly enjoying retirement. I am staying socially active with lots of friends in all walks of life. I like to go dancing, hiking and floating on lakes. I spend lots of time up the McKenzie River with friends, camping at Belknap Hot Springs, and the Oregon Coast. I spent lots of time riding my Harley, including 3 trips to Sturgis. I have en-

joyed my travels to Thailand, the Baja, and to New Zealand, which was my favorite vacation. I enjoy spending time making memories with my 3 kids and their families. I have 6 grandchildren, who are busy getting married and have my great-grandchildren that call me Gigi. Life is so good; I'm living it to the fullest!

**SPECIAL MEMORIES of SEHS:** My Senior years. Attending football & basketball games, as well as school dances.

JON (MIKE) WOODWORTH

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Highlights from the past 10 years: Jill and I continued our world travels that we had started in 2006. In the end we had visited all seven continents, 90 countries, and all 50 states. Travel basically ended in 2017 when I was diagnosed with congestive heart failure. We now spend our time going to the theater and concerts. We are also season ticket holders to Hillsboro Hops baseball. SPECIAL MEMORIES of SEHS: Any and all sporting events. I especially enjoyed my time as manager of both the football and track and field teams.

# — In Memoriam —

Bev Adams Mike Alford Mac Allison Julanne Andersen Paul Anderson John Andreason Dave Backes Toni Bagley David Barsby Mike Batori Pat Becraft Dennis Bee Janet Bolles Dick Braun Rob Brinton Sue Bruce Jack Brumwell Bill Bundrant Karin Cagle Judy Carlson Donna Champ John Clark George Classen John Clulow Chuck Cochran Marie Cramblit Sheldon Cross

Dave Dennis Sandra Dillin Sam Dunlap Ron Edwards Lori Hansen Elkins Dave Florea Russell Gates Margaret George Noel Goodman Pat Gordinier Ellen Gunderson Herb Gustafson Sharon Halford Michael Hart Dick Hartman Ben Hash Bruce Hatleli Norval Hayes Mary Henry John Higgins Marilyn Hill Geoff Hollister Larry Holme Isaac Hsu Harrick Hudson Herb Hughes Gerry Jacobson

Jim Jacobson Cary Johnson David Jones Sierra Kina Susan Kirk Nancy Knowlton Bernd Kronberger Alan Larson Penny Lovewell Leann McCoy Carol Moore Bob Muir Fred Myers Chas Nelson Nick Nicolai Bob Pedersen Ken Persinaer Gary Pfeiffer Chuck Points Lvnne Powell Shirley Prater Betsv Pratt Bill Prime Susie Questad Melvin Quillen Bob Rennie Mary Ellen Riley

Tanya Rouw Penny Russell Joanne Sheeks Bob Shelby John Sheppard Neil Smith Robert Smith Rodney Smith Cammy Sparks Jerry Storm Lorie Suelzle Reeves Taylor Alvin Thorn Gunilla Tiader Ardelle Towne Nancy Townsend Ron Walker Gene Watters Larry Watters Mike Weischedel Paul Weiseth Eldon Wheeler Carol White Ellen Williamson Steve Wiss

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The booklet contains only the bios from classmates we heard from in putting together the reunion. If there is someone else with whom you'd like to reconnect, or if you know of other classmates who have passed away, Kelly Atwood is our database manager. If you move or change any of your addresses (e-mail or otherwise), send your updates to Kelly so we can keep everything as current as possible—for the next reunion! And on that subject, we are considering making all our future reunions to be **one-day informal gatherings**, every **five** years. Let us know if you have strong feelings about that. In the meantime, check our official Reunion Website: **sehs1964.org** The password for classmate access is **E19thAve** If you have questions or corrections on our website, or any other updates, contact Kelly Atwood at k.atwood@comcast.net or phone Kelly at 503-718-8667.

