Robert Vogelsang reads a winning number during the wine raffle at the RAPS Holiday Brunch Dec. 16 as President-elect Sue Poulsen gets ready to draw the next number. Now a regular part of RAPS meetings, the wine raffles have raised hundreds of dollars for the RAPS scholarship. Photo by Larry Sawyer.

RAPS to host regional conference

Delegates from higher education retirement associations in the western U.S. and Canada will converge in Portland Sept. 19-21, 2013 when RAPS hosts a regional conference at University Place. Conference presentations will focus on issues and challenges faced by retirement associations, along with possible solutions.

Special activities for the delegates include tours of the PSU campus and Park Blocks as well as excursions to places of interest in the city, including some of Portland’s ethnic restaurants.

A planning committee consisting of Larry Sawyer, Bruce Stern, and Robert Vogelsang has been meeting since September, advised by RAPS President Dave Krug and President-elect Sue Poulsen. Committee members say there will be ample opportunity for RAPS members to be involved.

Communications prof to speak at January meeting

The first RAPS meeting of 2013 features PSU Communications professor Jeffrey Robinson speaking on physician interaction with female breast cancer patients. The Thursday, Jan. 17 meeting begins at 1:30 pm – note the later than usual starting time – in 338 Smith Memorial Student Union, with Dr. Robinson speaking at 2:15 pm.
President’s Message

Last month RAPS broke from tradition and moved the Holiday Party from an evening affair to a brunch event. Motivating factors included cost and the reality that night-time driving is a concern for many of our members. The change proved to be highly successful as nearly 70 attendees came to enjoy excellent cuisine, wonderful live music from PSU’s own music department, and the pleasure of each other’s company, all in a beautiful holiday setting. A big thank you goes to Susan Poulsen, RAPS President-elect and Program Coordinator, for taking leadership on making this change.

For the first time ever RAPS has a dedicated office space all to its own! For a number of years RAPS shared a small office space in the Simon Benson House before moving five years ago to share room 212 in the Koinonia House with the Society for Values in Higher Education. In December the Society for Values moved to its headquarters in Tennessee and the PSU Space Committee decided in favor of a request from RAPS to be the only occupants of room 212. (Thank you, Amanda Wolf, PSU Space Analyst, for preparing the space request proposal for RAPS).

The space available to us is large enough to accommodate a large table for Board and committee meetings and a lounge area for RAPS members to drop in and relax while on campus. Winter term office hours for Sonia, our Office Manager, are Mondays and Tuesdays from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and Thursdays from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Give Sonia a call at 503-725-3447 to make sure she will be in, and drop by to see your new home away from home!

--Dave Krug

RAPS Club Reports

Bridge Group gathers Jan. 8

The RAPS Bridge Club meets at 1:00 pm Tuesday, Jan 8 at Friendly House, 1737 NW 26th Ave. For further information, call Colin Dunkeld, 503-292-0838. Please call no later than noon Friday, Jan. 4. New players are always welcome.

--Colin Dunkeld

RAPS Hikers chart course for 2013

The RAPS Hikers met in December to map out hikes for the New Year. Hikes are usually scheduled the second Friday of each month, and new hikers are always welcome. Following are the hikes planned for 2013:

January 11: Gabriel Park and Multnomah Village area.
February: Leif Erickson trail from Germantown Road in Forest Park
March: Pittock Mansion
April: Eastbank Esplanade
May: Hagg Lake
June: Tillamook Bay ocean spit
July: Mt. St. Helens, north side
August: Wahkeena Trail in the Columbia Gorge
September: Triple Falls in the Columbia Gorge
October: McIver State Park on the Clackamas River
November: Holocaust Museum near NW 23rd & Johnson, possibly via Macleay Park

December: Annual potluck and planning session for 2014

For more information, please contact Larry Sawyer at larry_sawyer@comcast.net or 503-771-1616.

--Larry Sawyer

Book Club discusses Waldman novel

The RAPS Book Club meets Tuesday, Jan. 15th, at 1:30 pm at the home of Felicia Wirtz, 16344 NW Avamere Court #8 in Portland. Contact Felicia at 503-645-0947 or feliciawirtz@gmail.com to RSVP and for directions. The December meeting was canceled due to snow. Therefore, we will discuss the December selection, The Submission by Amy Waldman. Please see the December RAPS Sheet for a description of the book. Looking forward, the book selected for February is Wolf Hall by Hilary Mantel.

--Mary Brannan

Free Membership at Age 85

RAPS members who reach age 85 are granted free lifetime membership. However, we have no way of knowing how old our members are — unless they tell us. If you are 85 and do not already have a lifetime membership, call Sonia, our office manager, at 503-725-3447 or email raps@pdx.edu. For those getting close to 85, contact RAPS when your next membership renewal letter arrives to request your free membership.

--Marge Terdal
A Tribute from 1955

As Portland State Extension Center evolved to college status, Marion Paulsen wrote a poem that appeared in the school's yearbook, the Viking '55. The poem honors the school's heritage as integral to its future success and conveys the excitement and enthusiasm of students and faculty during this memorable period of Portland State University's history.

A TRIBUTE

Where is the ivy that clings to her walls,
Where are her spiraling towers;
What of her chapel, her sweet sounding bells
That ring at the vesper hour?

Where is her campus, her quadrangle walks;
(Would that we might sing of this!) Is there no linden with lowspeading boughs
To shelter a lover’s kiss?

She is not imbued with legend and lore,
For her there’s no fanciful stories;
No quaint wishing well, nor old ox-road,
No table down at Morrie’s.

But this is she, and laud it well;
Let your voices ring on high;
Within these humble halls there breathes
A spirit that would not die!

A spirit that formed and grew of itself,
Guided by forces unseen;
That challenged the minds of thoughtful men,
That they began to dream.

And here’s to the dream so newly a-borning;
Here’s to the men who dreamed it.
A pledge to the hope they cherished so long,
Grant us the faith to redeem it.

Yet will the ivy cling to her walls,
Yet will her chapel bells ring.
Hallowed her halls with honor and fame
Her sons and daughters shall bring.

A toast to her noble traditions,
And to those who shall help to build them.
Here’s to the youth of tomorrow’s day
And the heritage we shall have willed them.

Here’s to a whisper that distantly echoes,
The rude winds of time defying.
Here’s to a grandeur she’s yet to attain;
Here’s to her spirit undying.

Marion Paulsen

RAPS is seeking information about Marion Paulsen, author of A Tribute. If you can help, please call Steve Brannan, 503-239-1077 or email him at sabrannan@comcast.net.

PAST TENSE features glimpses into Portland State’s history. To submit a story (or an idea for one), email the RAPS History Preservation Committee at raps@pdx.edu.

Nominations sought for outstanding staff, faculty

The RAPS Awards Committee is seeking nominations for the Outstanding Retired Faculty and Staff Awards. The awards will be presented at the annual President’s Luncheon in April.

Awardees are selected based on their achievements since retirement in at least three of the following categories:

- Service to the community
- Service to the University
- Professional/career achievements
- Service to RAPS

Both members and non-members of RAPS are eligible. Nominations will also be accepted for special awards to persons who excel in a single category. Deadline for receipt of nominations is Thursday, March 14.

Forms may be obtained by contacting Sonia Singh, RAPS Office Manager at rapsmail@pdx.edu or 503-725-3447. For questions please contact Awards Committee Chair Brian Lewis at brianlewis@pdx.edu or 503-590-5890.
In memoriam: Hugh Gilbert Lovell, 1926 - 2012

Hugh G. Lovell, a longtime active member of our organization, died at his Portland home Nov. 9, 2012 after a long illness. Family and friends gathered at Lincoln Hall for a Celebration of Life Dec. 9.

Born May 25, 1926 in Nottingham, England, young Hugh immigrated with his family to Salem, Oregon, where his father, Professor R. Ivan Lovell, was a distinguished historian at Willamette University. Upon graduating from high school in 1943, Hugh entered Pomona College with a Storrs Scholarship and in 1947 earned an honors degree in government and history with a Phi Beta Kappa award.

From 1947 to 1951 Hugh engaged in graduate studies at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, earning a doctoral degree focused on industrial economics. He launched his academic career in 1951 at the UCLA Industrial Relations Section, where he carried out labor relations research along with various administrative and teaching assignments.

Professor Lovell returned to Oregon in the fall of 1954, taking an appointment as assistant professor of economics at the Portland Center of the General Extension Division, where his duties included organizing special courses and conferences for business and labor groups, as well as offering instruction in economic theory dealing primarily with collective bargaining and human relations.

In 1964 Hugh joined Portland State’s Economics Department, which he headed from 1986 to 1989. He dedicated instructional and research efforts to issues of labor and management relations, which supported the University’s mission to fulfill the metropolitan area’s needs for higher education and teacher training. His distinguished career paralleled Portland State’s formation and development.

He also devised various programs and materials for promoting economics education programs at both secondary school and college levels. He served as a sponsored development adviser to academic institutions in Iran and the Philippines, adding an international dimension to his career. Frequent service as an arbitrator for industrial relations issues resulted in numerous publications. At various times he served as a Federal Industrial Relations Arbitrator and as Senior Conciliator for the Oregon State Conciliation Service.

At the campus level, Professor Lovell actively participated in academic governance through committee assignments and Faculty Senate membership. In 1972-73 he prepared a well-researched analysis entitled “Faculty Collective Bargaining under Oregon Law,” facilitating preparations for faculty collective bargaining.

Hugh was a well-rounded person with many interests and accomplishments. During wartime he worked in the Kaiser Shipyards. Sailing and woodworking were among his ongoing interests. As a skilled craftsman, he could make furniture, restore Victorian era houses, and maintain his sailboats. Indeed, he relished the challenge of venturing out during windy weather to sail on the Columbia River and along the Pacific Coast from Vancouver Island to Mexico.

Our organization extends its heartfelt condolences to his survivors: longtime friend and fiancée, Jean Morrison; his brother Mike; children Eric, Heather and Evan Lovell; and ex-wife Keigh Shutz. His son Mike preceded him in death.

Remembrances may be made to the Oregon Food Bank. The University community owes a debt of gratitude for Hugh’s dedicated service to this institution.

--Emeritus Professor of History Victor C. Dahl