RAPS Annual Holiday Brunch
Sunday, December 11

Multnomah Athletic Club, 1849 SW Salmon St, Portland
Free parking in the MAC lot across the street
Socializing begins at 11:30 am. Brunch is served at 12:30 pm.

Highlights of This Year’s Event
- Meet our 2016-17 scholarship recipient, Tanya Kindrachuk
- Holiday treats will be on sale including tempting baked goods
- We will hold our annual holiday raffle for premium wines and a free year of membership in RAPS

All sale and raffle proceeds go to the RAPS Scholarship Fund.

Brunch Menu*
- Fresh fruit juices, sliced fresh seasonal fruit
- Scrambled eggs with cheddar cheese and herbs
- Crisp bacon
- Roasted red potatoes with sautéed onions
- House-made breakfast pastries including MAC’s famous cinnamon rolls
- House-made granola with lowfat yogurt
- Cheese blintzes with berry compote

*Have dietary restrictions? Please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate you.

Cost is $23 per person. Respond to Adam Jones, RAPS Office Manager, PO Box 751, Portland OR 97207, or call him at 503-725-3447. You may pay by check made out to the PSU Foundation (marked RAPS Holiday Brunch) or call Adam at 503-725-3447 to pay by credit card. Deadline for receipt of payment is Friday, December 2.
Co-President’s Message

A tradition of long standing in RAPS is the President’s Gathering for Retired Staff and Faculty, a much anticipated event in April that draws our largest crowd of the year. In 2017 President Wim Wiewel, in his ninth and final year at the helm of PSU, will host the gathering in May. At the same event RAPS will also recognize PSU staff and faculty who have made significant contributions since retirement to the university and community. Be sure to mark your calendars for Thursday, May 18. The Gathering will be a luncheon at University Place; look for details in future issues.

For the April 2017 program, RAPS asked Chris Shortel, PSU Professor of Political Science and Department Chair, to speak on the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS). The request was made and accepted before the Nov. 8 presidential election. I can only wonder how the content of Professor Shortel’s talk to RAPS will be shaped by the election results and what happens with respect to SCOTUS between now and April 19, when he speaks to us. That’s a meeting you won’t want to miss.

Now that a few weeks have passed since the votes were tallied, it’s clear that the divisiveness and conflict that marked the election season is not ending. More than ever I appreciate the collegiality and kinship that I find among my fellow RAPS retirees. Whatever your political persuasion, let us look for common ground and hope for peace on earth. All the best to you in 2017!

--Dawn White

Winter Term RAPS Events—Save the Dates

January 19, 2017 (Room 238 Smith Memorial Center)
“I Can See Clearly Now… Rains Are Gone over the Oregon Economy. What Clouds Might Be on the Horizon?”
Tom Potiowsky, Chair of the Economics Department and former Economist for the State of Oregon, speaking on Oregon’s economy.

February 16, 2017 (Room 294 Smith Memorial Center)
“The French Far West.”
Claudine Fisher, Professor Emerita of French Language and Literature, will talk about writing historical fiction, discussing her family history and how she came to be born in North Africa. She is finishing a third novel in a trilogy based in part on her family history. The three historical novels cover more than 100 years, from the Revolution of 1848 in Paris through the Algerian war of 1957-62.

March 16, 2017 (Room 238 Smith Memorial Center)
Christine Meadows, Director of PSU’s Opera Program, will give a preview of PSU’s spring opera, a double bill of Puccini’s Gianni Schicchi and Suor Angelica. Students in the opera program will perform. Please come and bring your favorite salad or dessert.

These member meetings begin with a lunch at noon, followed by the presentations at 1:00 pm.
The RAPS Book Group. On November 15 the book group met at the home of Brian Lewis and discussed *Thunderstruck* by Erik Larson. Set in the Edwardian era, *Thunderstruck* tells the interwoven stories of Guglielmo Marconi and his invention of the wireless, and Hawley Crippen, who has murdered his wife. Book group members were somewhat baffled by the author’s choice to interweave those two stories, though their relationship becomes clear near the end of the book when the newly invented wireless assists in the capture of the murderer, and the capture advertises the value of wireless to the world.

The December meeting of the book group will be on December 13, a week earlier than usual, and we will be discussing *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins. This is a “psychological” murder mystery, long on the bestseller list, which many of us had not read. Definitely light reading for the holiday season. We will meet at the home of Marge and Leif Terdal, in Terwilliger Plaza, 2545 SW Terwilliger Blvd., Apartment 812. There is valet parking at the main entrance. Call Marge at 503-808-7438 or e-mail her at dbmt@pdx.edu and let her know whether you will be there.

The January meeting will be on the usual third Tuesday of the month, the 17th. The group will be discussing *A Man Called Ove* by the Swedish writer Fredrik Backman.

The book group usually meets the third Tuesday of every month at 1:30. New members are always welcome.

--Joan Shireman

The RAPS Bridge Group. The RAPS bridge group meets in the afternoon on the first Tuesday of each month. We begin play at 12:15 pm. We try to finish up by 4 pm. We meet in Smith Center, usually on the second floor, but sometimes on the third floor.

Please mark your calendars for the following upcoming months, bridge dates and times:

- Tuesday, December 6, 2016; 12:15 pm in SMSU 294
- Tuesday, January 3, 2017; 12:15 pm in SMSU 294
- Tuesday, February 7, 2017; 12:15 pm in SMSU 333
- Tuesday, March 7, 2017; 12:15 pm in SMSU 294
- Tuesday, April 4, 2017; 12:15 pm in SMSU 294

I will send out the reminder email notice closer to each date we play.

The RAPS bridge group members are very friendly and are always looking for new players. If you wish to join us, please contact Steve Brennan, 503-646-6297. My email address is the.steve.brennan@gmail.com.

--Steve Brennan

The RAPS Hiking Group. In November, the hikers took a leisurely stroll of about 3 miles through Oaks Bottom. Lunch was at *a Cena*, an Italian restaurant in Sellwood. Six participated, although one of our hikers from Vancouver got caught up in the late I-5 rush hour traffic and had to turn back.

December will be a potluck and 2017 planning session for our regular hikers at the Sawyers’ home, date to be decided. If we stay with our regular second Tuesday, our next hike will be a local hike on January 10th.

--Larry Sawyer

Annabelle M. Alexander passed away on October 17, 2016. She was born in Thatcher, Oregon and graduated from Forest Grove High School. Her husband, Jerry, served in the Army Air Force in World War II. After the war, he and Ann returned to Oregon. After Jerry completed his degree at Oregon State University, the family moved to Vancouver, Washington. Ann worked as a secretary in the Vancouver School District while raising their three children. Ann received a B.A. from Portland State University. She continued her education with a scholarship from University of Oregon, where she earned her Master’s Degree in Counseling. Ann was a counselor at Portland State University until she retired in 1983. During her counseling career at PSU, she taught several classes in sex education. She was co-author with Robert Leonard Smith of a book, *Counseling Couples in Groups*. After her retirement, the Alexanders traveled extensively in the United States and Europe. Ann is survived by her children, Nancy Ann Miller (Art), Tim Alexander (Susie), Steve Alexander (Laurie); six grandchildren, and seven greatgrandchildren. Ann will be inurned at Willamette National Cemetery beside her husband, Jerry.

RAPS wishes to convey sincere condolences to Ann Alexander’s family.

--John R. Cooper, Professor Emeritus of English

--Photograph from PSU Digital Archives

RAPS Scholarship Contributions

Scholarship contributions were received by the PSU Foundation from the following donors between November 1 and November 16, 2016:

Barbara Alberty
Priscilla Blumel—In memory of Ann Alexander
Priscilla Blumel—In memory of Dan Bernstine
Nancy Chapman
Mary Constans—In memory of Claire Kelly Zimmers
Georgia Crampton
Nancy Eriksson
Chik Erzurumlu—In memory of Dan Bernstine
James and Hedi Hugon—In memory of Richard Brinkman
Charlene Levesque—In memory of Dan Bernstine
Byron Lippert
Donna Philbrick—In memory of Don Watne

We also received donations from the Robert W. Vogelsang Memorial Wine Raffle.
Updates from the University Archives

The PSU Oral History Project

This fall, the University Archives launched its online collection of oral history interviews featuring some of Portland State’s key stakeholders. The interviews are the outcome of the ongoing partnership of the archives and RAPS. In 2010, the library contracted with an independent oral historian to complete interviews with Bill Lemman and Margaret Dobson. While the results were excellent, this approach was both time-consuming and expensive. Committed to capturing these pivotal voices, the University Archives worked with Steve Brannan of RAPS’ History Preservation Committee to find a more sustainable and economical approach. In 2013, with funding from RAPS for AV support, Steve Brannan and Charlie White facilitated interviews with Vic Dahl and Brock Dixon, faculty members and administrators. In 2014, Brannan coordinated a successful group interview with former faculty of the School of Health and Human Performance.

William T. (Bill) Lemman

To streamline the process further and continue to cut costs, the University Archives purchased its own video camera later that year. The two most recent interviews, conducted at the library and recorded by archives staff, highlight the careers of Judith Ramaley, former PSU president, and Michael Reardon, long-time PSU administrator and past interim president. In conversations researched and guided by Clarence Hein, Ramaley and Reardon share their perspectives on their roles in the development of Portland State and the accompanying successes and challenges. Using the library's PDXScholar platform, the University Archives recently shared four of these interviews online, with the rest to follow shortly. Each entry includes the video, viewable with one click through an embedded player, as well as a downloadable PDF of the accompanying transcript. They are open and accessible to the public at:

http://pdxscholar.library.pdx.edu/rememberpsu_oralhist/

These invaluable interviews provide the first-person insights necessary to understand our shared history in its fullest context. The University Archives plans to continue to capture as many as possible. Time and the twists of life are not always on our side, however. We were fortunate to interview Margaret Dobson before her death in 2012 but were greatly saddened to miss the opportunity to talk with Nohad Toulan and Dan Bernstine. We continue to work with the History Preservation Committee to identify and coordinate future interviews but we also encourage all RAPS members to consider leading similar projects to preserve the history of their own departments and schools. We’ve found that the richest interviews often result when they are led by those with the most knowledge and understanding of the subject at hand. If you are interested in taking on such an endeavor, the University Archives would be happy to assist with technical support and provide any needed advice or guidance.

Judith Ramaley

---Cris Paschild
Vikings Go Online!

Portland State celebrates its 70th anniversary this year. This fall, the University Archives debuted the ultimate Portland State flashback: the complete collection of Viking yearbooks. Featuring all available issues from 1946 to 1995, the Viking can now be read online, searched, and downloaded from the PSU Library’s website. Users can leaf through the digitized yearbooks at anytime from anywhere by visiting: http://library.pdx.edu/research/special-collections-university-archives/university-archives/the-viking/

Beginning with Vanport in 1946, students produced the Viking as an annual record of campus life, commemorating the highlights of each year in photographs, essays, articles, drawings, and poetry. Today the yearbooks are an invaluable and fun record of daily life at PSU, including academics, sports, politics, recreation, fashion, food, living on campus, and popular culture. The Viking suspended publication between 1978 and 1989, but resumed during the 1989-90 academic year and continued until 1995, concluding with Portland State’s 50th anniversary. The University Archives scanned each issue in house and worked with the library’s Digital Initiatives team to present them online. Original copies of the yearbooks remain in the University Archives and when additional copies are available, they are cataloged and shared on the library’s open shelves.

Support the Archives

The University Archives is fortunate to have a dedicated PSU Foundation fund that helps us in our work to preserve and share the history of this campus. Donations to the fund have allowed us to purchase equipment, such as the video camera we use for our oral history projects, and to get assistance with labor-intensive tasks, such as scanning the Viking yearbooks. If you are interested in supporting the University Archives, you can donate to the fund online at library.pdx.edu/about/giving-opportunities/ or by contacting the Library's development officer Gayle Schneider (503-725-4616 or libdev@pdx.edu).

Contact the University Archives at specialcollections@pdx.edu

---Cris Paschild and Carolee Harrison
Many friends, relatives and PSU associates of Bill Meloy, former director of PSU Facilities and Planning, were invited to celebrate his 100th birthday Sunday, November 13, at a buffet lunch complete with a DJ, at the Monarch Hotel and Conference Center in the Clackamas Town Center. Attendees included Dick and Sandy Eacker, Bruce Conrad and his wife (both couples worked for Bill in Facilities), Roger and Sylvia Moseley, Brian and Chris Lewis, Jim Sells, Mary Karr, Vic and Beryl Dahl, and Larry Sawyer. Bill’s interests include the Antique Radio Club and art. He started out painting saw blades. He has made 42 ukuleles and his celebration featured a performance by the Hollywood Ukulele Group (HUG).

--Larry Sawyer
Member Events

The November 8 RAPS hike at Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge featured birdwatching!

Dr. Jim Peck shared insights about the work of Doctors Without Borders on November 17.

— Photos by Larry Sawyer