Chairman’s Report...

**2011 Golden Gathering Nostalgic Fun for Golden Alumni**

The 2011 Golden Gathering was a great success and a lot of nostalgic fun for the 316 Golden Alumni in attendance. Dedicated Golden Gathering volunteers provided refreshments, assisted with registration, parking and other details that contributed to the enjoyment of the visit with classmates and friends of NUHS and NHS. A special thanks to Ken and Joan Austin, who once again generously provided the A-dec Company cafeteria as meeting place for the Golden Gathering.

Long distance travelers to Newberg for the annual event included David Burgess, ’57, Chugiak, AK; Doris Larkin, ’46, Austin, MN; George and Janet Meyers, ’55, ’56, Jacksonville, FL; Miles and Nell Christensen, ’58, Lewiston, ID; Ralph & Marcia Haight, ’51, Pacific Palisades, CA; and Bruce and Lauri Hickert, ’51, Palmdale, CA. Dedicated Golden Gathering volunteers provided refreshments, assisted with registration, parking and other details that contributed to the enjoyment of the visit with classmates and friends of NUHS and NHS.

After having graduated 73 years ago, Ellen Beese, Hazel Mary Harrison and Gertrude Willard were present to represent the Class of ’38. The Class of ’39 had members Doris Gilbert Mardock and Irene McFall in attendance.

This year, 2012 the Newberg High School Class of ’62 is being welcomed as Golden Alumni joining the ranks of the Golden Gathering, having accumulated 50 years since graduation.

Each year since the founding of the Golden Gathering in 2000, committee members meet in mid-June to critique the last reunion and to discuss ideas for making the next years event even better. Our primary goal is to make the venue as pleasant as possible for visiting and reminiscing with classmates and friends.

Donations from Golden Gathering members have made it possible to provide, refreshments, printing the Senior Echoes and mailing. Your suggestions or comments are welcome. Please mail or E-mail them to one of the committee members listed in the Echoes.

A Golden Gathering Scholarship Fund has been established, and in 2011 and 2012, a $1,000.00 scholarship award was presented to a deserving NHS student at The Newberg High School Awards Night. I am proud to report that we, the Golden Gathering have been able to fund this award five consecutive years since its inception. It has been reported that many students apply for it, so the competition is rigorous. More information on the Scholarship Fund and the recipients during 2011 and 2012 is found in another article in this edition of the Echoes.

Bill Killen, GG Chairman
GOLDEN GATHERING AWARDS 5 SCHOLARSHIPS SINCE 2008

The Golden Gathering scholarship for Newberg High graduates was commenced in 2008 with the presentation of a $1,000 scholarship to Emily Wolfe. This year’s recipient is the fifth graduating senior to receive it. Awarding this scholarship was conceived as a golden opportunity for the alumni associated with the Golden Gathering to contribute to a NHS senior’s college education as a living memorial to the Golden Alumni classmates that walked the halls of NUHS and NHS with pride during the years past.

A committee composed of Frances Johnson Finzer, ’47, Del Ellis, Bev Heater Zurcher and Pat Hickert McGregor, ’50 conceived the criteria for the Golden Gathering scholarship recipient’s qualifications. It was envisioned that a $1,000 scholarship would be presented to a graduating NHS senior based on school and community activities, leadership potential, academic achievement and financial need. Any NHS graduating senior with a 3.0 or better cumulative GPA would be eligible to apply. Recommendations by faculty and community members were also to be considered. Selection of the winning candidate for the Golden Gathering scholarship is delegated to the NHS faculty scholarship committee. Since then the Golden Alumni have generously contributed to establish and sustain the fund with donations.

The goal is to have an endowment fund that is of sufficient size to fund one or more NHS Golden Gathering $1,000 scholarships for graduating NHS seniors in perpetuity. To make this a reality requires that the fund grow by means of donations from the Golden Alumni until it is self-sustaining from interest and investment income.

The caretaker for the scholarship fund is the Newberg Education Foundation working in conjunction with the GG Finance Committee, Chaired by Del Ellis. Other Golden Gathering members on the finance committee include Bill Killen, Pat McGregor and Jim Flatters.

According to Del Ellis, GG Finance Committee Chair, tax deductible donations can be made to the Newberg Education Foundation, PO Box 565, Newberg, OR 97132. Please place a memo on or with your check reading, For Golden Gathering Scholarship Fund.

Jade Morgan was awarded the fourth Golden Gathering Scholarship by GG member Emil Shuts during ceremonies at the 2011 Newberg High School Senior Recognition Night.

Jade was involved in student leadership at the Blue School. She was a member of the Key Club and a number of other service organizations during her four years at Newberg High School. A quote from a person who recommended her by letter put it this way, “She is passionate about life, dependable, loves people, always first to serve, committed to her education and lifelong learning and most of all a great role model and leader.”

Natalie Kosela is the recipient of the fifth consecutive Golden Gathering $1,000 scholarship. It was presented by Bill Killen during the Newberg High School Senior Recognition Night on June 6th, 2012.

Natalie is valedictorian of her class. She was captain of the track and cross country team, and received an outstanding senior athlete award. In addition she does volunteer work with her Church.

Killen commented, “Natalie is an amazing young lady and presents herself as a kind and delightful personality, very deserving of our award.”
Congratulations to Joan and Ken

OSU ALUMNI PRESENT AUSTIN’S LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Joan and Ken Austin, both graduates of Newberg high school and active members of the Golden Gathering, were awarded the Oregon State University Martin Chaves Lifetime Achievement Award at an alumni meeting in February of this year at Rancho Mirage, California. Joan graduated from NHS in 1948, and Ken in 1949. Ken received his degree from OSU in 1953 while Joan was named an honorary alumnus in 2005. Their support of the University’s athletic program includes donations to many athletic facility projects including Truax Indoor Center, Reser Stadium, Goss Stadium and Gill Coliseum. Their greatest impact at OSU has been on the College of Business where a new building will bear their name in honor of a $10 million lead gift.

In Newberg, they are cofounders in 1964 and owners of A-Dec Company, the world’s largest privately held dental equipment manufacturer. A-Dec has nearly 1,000 employees and operates on a philosophy of concern for people and the community. Newberg has benefited from the Austin’s generosity especially in education and the arts.

The latest local addition to the Austin business holdings is the highly acclaimed Allison Inn and Spa, which opened in 2009 as part of Spingbrook Properties. Joan is president of the development company overseeing the future addition of homes, a community center, parks and open spaces in the 450 acres surrounding the Inn.

The generosity and business acumen of the Austin’s is legendary and appreciated. They have been awarded honors at OSU, in Newberg, in Oregon, nationally and internationally. Many organizations, foundations, universities, publications and associations have honored Joan and Ken for their philanthropy, entrepreneurship and leadership.

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FROM THE RETIRING EDITORS TO VOLUNTEERS — THANK YOU

For ten years, we have attempted to inform and entertain through the pages of our beloved Senior Echoes. Now it’s time for us to retire and go wherever old editors are happy. We appreciate the many kind words and support our pages have elicited from the Golden Gathering members. Since 2009, the Echoes has been mailed to over 1,200 NHS alumni. Before that time, the paper was available only at the Gatherings. It has been a pleasure to write articles, keep address files current, work with class representatives plus print and mail the Echoes to such a great senior audience. Thank you!

We are happy to welcome, David Servine, ’53, the new editor-in-chief of the Senior Echoes, and the GG flyer. Also, we welcome Joyce Colling, ’57 who has accepted the responsibility of keeping up the address file for the mailing of the Echoes and flyer. She will be working with David and also with the representatives who provide current addresses and information and news from their classes. We give our sincere thanks to all these volunteers who are so very vital to the continuation of the Golden Gathering.

Susan Swart McHale and Bev Heater Zurcher, ’50

Welcome
Class of ‘62

50 Years!! ‘It can’t be that long ago that we roamed the halls of Newberg High.’ That’s what most, if not all of the Golden Gathering alumni have said or thought when learning about their ‘graduation’ to the NHS Golden Gathering. So, WELCOME, Class of ‘62 — share the moment and join with other Newberg Tigers August 12th for a couple hours sharing memories of the good ‘ol high school days in a pleasant atmosphere for socializing with the NHS family. You are encouraged to be among the future volunteers and donors that keep the annual Golden Gatherings a free, memorable occasion from year to year.

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We need your help to keep in touch...
Susan McHale has turned over her duties to Joyce Colling, Class of ‘57. Please send address changes by mail or Email to: 959 7th St., Dundee, OR 97115 jcol503@comcast.net

NHS Golden Alumni Obituaries
May 2011 – June 2012

Mildred Maynard Mabry ‘30
Gladys Newton Straight ‘32
Violet Newton Baker ‘32
Charlotte Riggs Gilbert ‘33
Lucille Getsinger Wright ‘34
Genevieve Gray Gavin ‘37
Dorthea Smith Reed ‘40
Loren Mills ‘42
Delbert Weber ‘43
Walter Williams ‘43
Ella Herring Pippin ‘45
Aretta Young Winters ‘46
Meredith Hester Fieldhouse ‘46
Jack Swonger ‘47
Robert Ornduff ‘47
Bruce Rummer ‘49
Ruth Hinshaw Rosenow ‘50

Roger Noyes ‘50
Kirby Gates ‘50
Dick Hoy ‘51
Patricia Bailey Helmers, ‘51
Donna Brouse Baune ‘51
Velma Jean Teeter Woodruff ‘51
Harold Uken ‘52
Paul Cramer ‘53
James Whited ‘53
Dorothy Coburn Lunsford ‘54
Dale Kidd ‘55
Tommy Tucker ‘57
Karen Scott Blodgett ‘59
Elma Baker Scott-Woods ‘62
Valeria Taylor Kirk
Howard McDonald, Coach And Counselor 1955-1966

Golden Gathering Committee 2012 Seated: Left to Right: Ivon Miller, Janny VanFleet, Patti Renne
Standing Left to Right: Larry Renne, David Servine, Jeannie Sturdevant, Kathy Nicklous, Lorene Nissen, Bill Killen, Emil Shutts
Pat McGregor, Del Ellis, Doris and Merle Brandt, Linda Brandt, Jan Sander, Shirley Schrader. (Joyce Colling and Jim Flatters, not present)
On a recent road trip to Oklahoma to see their granddaughter graduate from college, Bill and Rose Killen stopped in Meridian, Idaho to spend a few days with Rose’s school buddy, Carol Newton Swamby.

They went from the first grade to graduation from Newberg High School together. Carol lived with Rose during the senior school year. They became good and fast friends and have kept in touch all through the thick and thin times of life.

Carol was Rose’s maid of honor at her wedding. Rose happened to take her wedding album along to reminisce of the past good times they have spent together.

The photo on the left shows Carol putting a garter on Rose prior to her wedding in 1955. The garter was still in the album.

After a few laughs, Carol said let’s do it again. So with her husband, Ken at the camera, Carol got down on her knees and proceeded in reenacting the event.

Carol was cautioned about getting down on her knees but she wanted to do this. After the picture taking, there was silence, then, Carol said “help”.

Rose was quoted as saying, “special friends are the ones that develop early in life”.

NHS Golden Gathering 2011...

Jessie Garrick Ellis ’51 Maryle Christie Hutchens ’51
Joanne Gainer Hoy ’51 Goldie Ryals Leslie ’51
Myrna Hoy Royal ’52

Bob Swift ’51

Ginger Reigle Sasse ’50
Jeanie Montgomery Morris ’50

Ron Baker ’50 Verne Martin ’50

Lorene Nissen ’50 Larry Renne ’50

Nadine Scheel Jones ’53
JoAnn Jacobs Cooper ’53

Gorman Colling ’55
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Susan Swart McHale, Del Ellis, Bill Killen

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