



TENTH GATHERING SETS RECORD HISTORY OF REUNION CONTINUES



Golden Gathering, 2010: Were you there?

Nearly 350 attendees were counted at the 2010 Golden Gathering, 50 more than in 2009. It included spouses, guests and former teachers from Newberg High School. However, most were class members who graduated or attended NHS 50 years ago or more. Newly added to the membership was the class of 1960 who wore T-shirts identifying their year of graduation.

Volunteers keep the Gathering going providing many different services, and are vital to the continuation of this special reunion. In 2001, the first named the Golden Gathering was held at the Dundee Grade School and included all 50 year or more classes. Over 250 people associated with NHS attended that year. In 2003 and 4, the event was held at the new Newberg High school building. In 2005, Joan and Ken Austin volunteered the use of the A-dec employee cafeteria. It has been held there on the second Sunday of August until this year when scheduling problems made a change to the first Sunday necessary.

General chair for the 2000 Gathering of classes that occupied the high school with the class of 1950 was Ron Baker. Bev Heater Zurcher chaired it

from 2001 through 2004. In 2005, Frances Johnson Finzer took the helm and continued until 2009 when Bill Kilion became lead volunteer. Pat Hickert McGregor has been treasurer, Lorene Nissen, historian and photographer, Jan Sander, arrangement leader and Ivon Long, sign chair for every Gathering.

In 2008, the first Golden Gathering Scholarship was given to a NHS senior. Funds for this award are separate from donated monies used to keep the reunion afloat.

The first Senior Echoes was published in 2001 and was available at the Gathering. Two years ago, the Echoes and flyer were combined and mailed together to the entire mailing list. Publishing and mailing costs are paid by donations.

The database of addresses is the lifeblood of the Gathering organization with over 1,100 currently listed. Ron Baker started the first address file in 2000. For several years, Susan McHale with the help of more than 20 class representatives, has kept the file current. Sign in information is gathered each year and the current 50-year class is contacted so that they are included

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO THIRD NHS SENIOR

Danielle Sherman, an active student, a athlete and a scholar with a 3.69 unweighted GPA in a strong college prep program was awarded the third annual Golden Gathering Scholarship in June of 2010. She played soccer for four years and was team captain for three years. In addition she was statistician for the high school wrestling team, was on the school leadership team as well as tutoring other students in math.

Danielle was also active outside of school, delivering food for the community kitchen and to the homeless. She is active in her church youth group and is a part-time nanny.

Qualifications for the scholarship were set by a Gathering committee three years ago. All NHS seniors with a GPA of 3.0 may apply. School and community activities, leadership potential as well as recommendations by faculty and community members are considered. Alexandra Rolandi, 2009 winner, is enrolled in Pre-med at Linfield College.

To donate to the Golden Gathering Scholarship Fund, please send a check to Newberg Education Foundation, PO Box 565, Newberg, OR 97132 with a notation on the memo line, "For Golden Gathering Scholarship Fund."

According to Del Ellis, Scholarship chairman, the fund currently is at \$22,757 and is invested in a conservative mutual fund at Edward Jones under the non-profit status of the Newberg Education Foundation. Donations are tax deductible.

GG LEADER WELCOMES CLASS OF '61 TO AUGUST EVENT: ANNOUNCES COMMITTEE MEETING JUNE 15 IN NEWBERG



Bill Killen, GG Chairman

The class of 1961 will be added to our growing Golden Gathering group this year. Let's all welcome them to a day of fun and reminiscing. This year we will be meeting on August 7, 2011 at the A-dec cafeteria, thanks to the generosity of Ken and Joan Austin.

Our GG committee team members are scheduled to meet on June 14, 2011 at Izzy's in Newberg at 11:00 AM. Those expected to attend are: Jan Sander, Merle and Doris Brandt, Emil Shutts, Dale Miller, Pat McGregor, Myrna Royal, Larry and Patti Renne, Janice Van Fleet, Kathy Nicklous, Del Ellis, Ron Baker, Lorene Nissen, Ivon Miller and helping out from a distance are Bev Zurcher and Susan McHale.

Our organization has grown to the point now that we need to be increasing our operating procedures in a more responsible fashion. A search was made to see if we needed to form a corporation or

consider some business like structure as we move forward. The search showed a corporation was not necessary. We have substantial assets to manage now with the Scholarship Fund at \$20,000 and our general fund at around \$5,000. We will discuss a proposal to use the "worker bee's" listed below as board members, each with voting power, at our June meeting. If this meets with approval there, it will be announced at the GG in August. We need to be able to make decisions sometimes, quickly, and not have to wait for the GG to vote full membership.

The Newberg High School Senior Awards event will be Wednesday, June 8, 2011 at 7 pm at the high school. Patti Renne has agreed to present the Golden Gathering scholarship this year for us. I did this the last two years and it is a very rewarding experience to be able to give a gift of \$1,000 to a deserving student. If any of you would be interested in doing this next year please let me know.

During our gathering this year, there will be a lady with a blue and gold coffee mug with Newberg High School class of 1942 printed on the side. If you are interested in this unique keepsake, see if you can find the lady. The initials of her name are I. T. If you are nice to her she may give it to you.

Don't forget, August 7, 2011

.....see you then. Bill Killen

NEWBERG ALUM HELPS AT COLLEGE IN AFRICA

Jim Marnach, class of 55, and wife Jenene reported on their five years spent at the African Christian College, Swaziland and their experiences while there. They were able to attend the Gathering last year on a trip back to the U.S.

After retirement, they were looking for a place to volunteer and found that this college had planted 14,000 Macadamia trees anticipating that the income would help to finance the institution. It is located on about 200 acres in the small land-locked Kingdom of Swaziland in southern Africa. Students come from as many as 10 southern African countries where English is the common language, according to Janene.

As Jim was a retired Hazelnut (filberts to Oregonians) grower, they went to Swaziland and decided that they could make a difference there. Jim has helped them with farming techniques and built machinery plus helping the college get equipment he couldn't build. He also oversees new construction on campus. Many times he wished for a Home Depot near by. Jenene works wherever help is needed from child care to painting.

They will be spending less time in Africa by 2013, but were there for 9 months in 2010. Both feel grateful for the learning experience and feel blessed by the opportunity they were given.

The Golden Gathering is built upon committed volunteers: without them we could not function. Several long-serving volunteers now need to retire and we are searching for new people, perhaps from more recent classes, to serve as leaders of the committees. Please check this list of currently serving chairpersons and consider volunteering for the open slots. Bold type and asterisks indicate the jobs open and needing replacements. A sign-up list will be available at the Gathering. We're counting on YOU!

Chairman: Bill Killen

***Echoes Production:** (Bev Zurcher)

***Member List/ Flyer:** (Susan McHale)

***Treasurer:** (Pat McGregor)

***Scholarship fund:** (Del Ellis)

Photographer/Historian: Lorene Nissen

Prior Arrangements Leader: Jan Sander

Set-up/Facilities: Merle & Doris Brandt

***Refreshment Committee:** (Myrna Royal)

Committee Members: Larry & Patti Renne

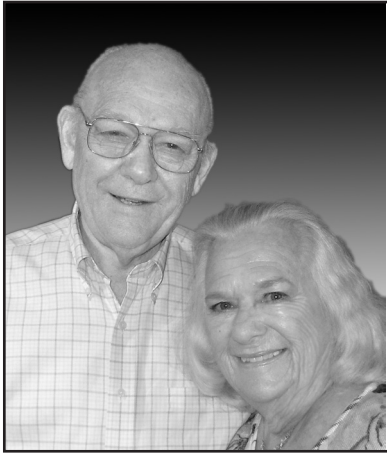
Registration Committee: Kathy Nicklous

Prior Arrangements, Greeter: Emil Shutts

Decorations: Ivon Miller

There are also other people who jump in and help where ever they are needed and we really do appreciate helpers.

HISTORY MAKER'S MEDAL AWARDED TO AUSTINS



Ken And Joan Austin

Joan and Ken Austin are one of four prominent Oregonians recently selected by the Oregon Historical Society to receive the 2011 History Maker's Medal. First awarded in 2009, the medal is presented annually by OHS to individuals who have positively shaped the history, culture and landscape of Oregon.

The Society recognized the Austins as innovative entrepreneurs, community leaders and philanthropists. In addition to having co-founded Newberg-based A-dec, the world's largest manufacturer of dental equipment, they brought national attention and economic development to Yamhill County when they opened the highly acclaimed Allison Inn and Spa. Their extensive philanthropic work has supported many organizations including Oregon State University and the Oregon Special Olympics.

The others who will be awarded medals are Albert Starr, inventor of the first successful artificial heart valve, Allyn Ford, president and CEO of Roseburg Forest Products and Gus Van Sant, academy award winning movie director.

The History Maker Medals will be awarded to the honorees September 22 at a banquet at the Oregon Historical Society. Tickets are available for tables and event sponsorship by calling the Oregon Historical Society.



DEATHS OF NEWBERG HIGH ALUMNI REPORTED TEACHERS ALSO NAMED ON THE 2010 - 2011 LIST

Deaths of the following Newberg High School alumni and teachers were reported during the past year from May 2010 to May 2011. All attended high school 50 or more years ago. In some cases, the class assigned to them is based on their age.

Teachers, Mary Wiley Hein, and Mary Miller. Both taught at NHS in the late '40's.

Alumni reported include Mabel Gardner Merkel, '30-'31: Marion "Shorty" Dench, '31-'32, Lloyd Schaad, '33 and Bud Fisher, age 95: Sylvia Dusauhl Trueax, '36: Thomas Crowley and Howard Mills, both '38: Doris Ornduff Whitmore, '39: Kathryn Boss Larson, Janet Bonar Zick and Betty Garrick Erb, all '40.

Elaine Speer Stewart, '41: Margaret Garland Knight and Leila Matherly McGinnis, '42: Jean Reigle Rogers, '43: Jack DeVore, Paul Gander and Neil Rader all '44: Iona Daniel Lambert, Merlin Lane and Helen Cloepfil Miller all '46: Goldie Monroe Flock, '47: Nancy Barkman Lamb and John Yates both '48:

Raymond Morse and Harriett Robertson Sully, both '49: Delores Brooks, Gloria Galinat DeLorm and Dennie Higdon, all '50: Bertie Hall Ankins, Marilyn Smith Twenge and Roy Hacker, all '52: Bryce Jones and Delbert Wilson, both '53: Milford (Mickey) Gray, '54: Pat Macken Bakken, Loretta Bloodgood Fendall, Max Mesplay, Bill Pilkenton and Jim Self all '55.

Wayne Tautfest, '57: Bob Branch, Bland Herring and James Trunde, all '58: Karen Scott Blodgett, '59: Susan Leffler Hughes, '60.

No classes were listed for NHS alumni Emerson Watson, Bob Armstrong and Betty Morgan Fortune.

*Remember I will still be here as long as you hold me in your memory
Horner/Wells*

MABEL RUSH GRADE SCHOOL HOLDS FIFTY YEAR CELEBRATION

A school assembly was held May 12, 2011 at Newberg's Mabel Rush Elementary School celebrating fifty years since the building was completed and honoring Mabel Rush, pioneer Newberg educator, for whom the school was named. Students performed skits written about her after researching Rush's life and career. The entire school sang a celebration song written by music classes.

Speakers at the assembly included Bob Weaver, first Mabel Rush school principal, Doyle McAninch, former Central School principal, and Verne Martin, educator and former Oregon teacher of the Year in 1972. He also attended Central School for six years while Mabel Rush was principal.

Martin asked alumni of Central Grade School, now the Chehalem Cultural Center, to contribute remembrances of "Miss Rush" for the assembly. This resulted in many responses concerning both her strict and caring ways. One ex-student recalls that she was credited

with writing the Central School song: "Good Old Central School". Her teaching career spanned 50 years starting at Springbrook School in 1903 and ending at Central as principal for 18 years. After retirement, she volunteered to teach remedial subjects in Newberg grade schools.

ALSO DESERVING MENTION:

People we couldn't do without: Class representatives Lorene Nissen, Hazel Harrison, Larry Rickert, Gene Buckley, Bob Jossy, Jean Caldwell, Shirley Kane, Barbara Miller, Frances Finzer, Bob Tripp, Jan Sander, Jessie Ellis, Margarette Sommers, Janny Van Fleet, Doris Brandt, Darlene Swonger, Jerry Wilkins, Joan Swart-Keeler, Sally Steimno, Jeanne Ochsner, Phyllis Mills, Linda Brandt, and new from the Class of '61, Ken Carsley - the people who help me keep our class lists current and our members informed.

Many thanks!

...Susan McHale

REUNIONS HELD BY THREE NHS CLASSES

CLASS OF 1950:

The NHS class of 1950 celebrated its 60th reunion last year on the same day as the Golden Gathering, according to Lucile Jimerson. After the Gathering at 4:30, the class adjourned to the Yamhill Grill for a social hour and country buffet dinner. The tables were decorated with blue and gold table linens and gold flower arrangements for a Newberg Tigers look. Verne Martin, class vice president, was in charge of a short, fun program. Forty-five class members, spouses, friends and guests enjoyed a lot of reminiscing. This schedule worked out well many attendees did not have to make two trips to Newberg.

CLASS OF 1955:

Darlene Swonger, reported on the 55th reunion of the class of 1955 held the Saturday before the Golden Gathering, August 7. Dinner was catered at the Summerfield Clubhouse in Tigard to 34 classmates and spouses. Thirty-one attended the GG the next day in Newberg. Norman Dyer was MC for the evening.

Committee members were Dyer, Dorothy Hall Davis, Phyllis Thorton Greer, Margaret Chamberlin Hamilton, Dewey Hamilton, Roberta Rittenhouse Locks, Roberta Gibson Miller, Darlene Hacke Swonger and Arlene Sather Windsor.

At the 50th reunion, the class of 1955 decided to make a gift to the high school to commemorate their 50 years. After working with the administration, it was decided to purchase a podium for the newly opened music and drama auditorium. That podium is now being used.

Class members are asked to contact Darlene at 2605 Chehalem Dr, Newberg, 97132 with any change of address.

CLASS OF 1960

Linda Brandt from the class of 1960 wrote details of their very successful 50th reunion held July 24, 25 and 26 of 2010. Friday evening, class members met for snacks and visiting. Saturday,

they rode on a float in the Newberg Old Fashioned Day Parade honoring class member Lauri Niinisto from Finland. He was NHS's first exchange student, so taking part in the parade themed "Where Friends Meet", seemed very fitting for the 50th Reunion

Saturday evening dinner was served to 65 class members, spouses and friends at the home of Ed and Cathy Christy overlooking the Chehalem Valley. The beautiful Festival fireworks over Newberg culminated a wonderful evening. Many classmates attended a reunion for the first time in 50 years. On Sunday, the class gathered again for cleanup, visiting and eating leftovers. Much praise and thanks was given to the reunion committee for the well-organized and enjoyable event.

NEWBERG ALUMNI WORK WITH SOCIETY TO PRESERVE HISTORY

Verne Martin, '50 moved back to Newberg last year and soon became involved in keeping the history of his hometown alive. Most recently, he and other alumni of NHS including, Lorene Nissen, '50, Al Blodgett, '58 and other Newberg residents have joined with local historian and author, George Edmonston, Jr., to form the Newberg Historical Society.

The group has written, but yet not approved bylaws. A walking tour of the First Street business district of Newberg was conducted recently with another walk planned inviting the public take part. Lorene has done research to determine where many businesses once existed along the route. Meetings have been held in the Senior Center, but recently the Society has been granted a room at the Chehalem Cultural Center.

Membership in the Newberg Historical Society is open to all. Those joining this spring will be considered charter members. Edmonston writes a history column published in the Graphic and other area newspapers plus teaching classes at the Cultural Center. For more information on the Historical Society email <edmonstong@comcast.net>

ALLIANCE ORGANIZED BY NEWBERG CITIZENS TO SAVE HISTORIC HOME

The Newberg Citizen's Alliance has been formed to save a historic Newberg house and property around it at 1103 Meridian Street, according to Verne Martin, NHS, class of '50. The Newberg Planning Commission and City Council have voted for a zone change that will allow up to 93 affordable housing units to be built there by the Housing Authority of Yamhill County who has requested the zone change. HAYC has said the house will not be removed.

The Citizens Alliance would hope to make that property into a Heritage Park with the house as the center. Known as the Todd House, it sits on the last remaining open land that was part of the D.D. Deskins original donation land claim that formed the North side of Newberg. Dan and Gail Shepard, who live in another historic home next to the Todd house, are organizers of the Alliance. At their own expense, with the backing of NCA, Shepards have hired an attorney to file an appeal to stop the zone change that has been approved. It is now in the appeal process waiting for a decision from the Land Use Board of Appeals. More information can be found at the web site www.hometownnewberg.org/.

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