

# Newberg Echoes



Senior Edition

Newberg High School Alumni Golden Gathering

Summer 2013

## Record Attendance In 2012

NUHS alumni at the 2012 Golden Gathering mingled with 367 classmates at the A-dec Co., Cafeteria August 12th. The Class of '61 topped the registration with 30. Nonagenarians Ellen Beese and Hazel Houser Harrison were present from the Class of '38. Out of state visitors totaled 47. George and Janet Peck, Class of '55/56 traveled from Jacksonville, FL; Ethel Lundgren Sandry, '62 from Litchfield, MN.

Del Ellis reported on the status of the Golden Gatherings Scholarship funding goal to make it self sustaining

and available to more than one NHS student each year.

Pat Hickert, retiring GG Treasurer

thanked everyone for their donations and invited the group to contribute to cover the costs associated with staging the 2012 Golden Gathering party

Appreciation was expressed by Bill Killen, Golden Gathering Chairman, to Ken and Joan Austin for use of the A-dec Company Cafeteria and the many golden alumni volunteers that made the event enjoyable



## Golden Gathering Benefits *Bill Killen, Chairman*

There are a couple of true blessings that I enjoy about the Golden Gathering. One is an opportunity to reaffirm relationships. Relationships that started 70 years ago in Dundee's grade school. We still get together and enjoy each other's company.

The other benefit at the GG is the opportunity to give back to the education process in the community. On June 5, 2013 I had the privilege to present a \$1000 scholarship to a deserving student. The night started off on a somber note, two teens had lost their life and Joan Austin ('48) passed away. About 300 people remained in silence, at the start of the program, to show respect. Supporting higher education is such an appropriate thing for older people to do. My thanks go to Del Ellis for his hard work in putting our program together and watching over it.

Losing Joan Austin is a tremendous event for the community of Newberg. She has been such a leader in the development of schools, businesses and cultural amenities. She will be greatly missed.

This year the GG will welcome the class of 1963 to join us on August 11, 2013.



The committee meeting this year was held on June 13, 2013. Two main topics covered were, the retirement of Pat Hickert McGreger as Treasurer. The treasurer's job now will be shared by Margie Christie Clevenger and Janice Van Fleet. The other main topic was the acceptance of a set of bylaws. Bev Zurcher has put a lot of work into presenting the committee with some organizational material that, people in the future can use, to be able to continue the operation of the GG at it's present level.

## Thank you!

To Ken and Joan Austin and the A-dec Company for use of your first-class cafeteria for the Golden Gathering.

To Loren Berg Chevrolet for furnishing the blue and gold balloons.

To all the Golden Gathering volunteers that continue to make this reunion of NUHS grads of +50 years an enjoyable event.

## 2013 Golden Gathering - Sunday Aug 11, 1-4 PM

A-dec Company Cafeteria 2601 Crestview Dr Newberg, OR 97132

Directions to A-dec: From HWY 99 in Newberg, turn North onto Springbrook Road and follow North through a round-about and merge with Mountain View Drive heading West. Turn left on Aspen Way. A-dec parking lot and cafeteria are on the right.

## Hundreds Pay Respects to Joan Austin

**A farm girl with a diploma from NUHS in 1948. A dreamer, an idealist, an achiever with ambition, devoted Mother and family matriarch, a successful business woman, a believer in the American dream, a leader in the community and education from primary to university — That is the Joan Austin whom hundreds came to pay their respects to at a stirring outdoor Memorial June 15th in Newberg.**

After several days of clouds and rain, blue sky and sunshine immersed the audience and as if Joan was directing, an occasional breeze refreshed the outdoor assembly.

Rows of folding chairs and a special grandstand were set up in an open field, described as the Field of Dreams on the program, within the shadow of Allison Inn & Spa. Musical performances and thoughtful expressions about Joan by her grandchildren and others, including Golden Gathering member Leslie Carsley, Principal at Joan Austin Elementary were delivered from the flower decorated stage. Mrs. Carsley, Newberg High School Class of '61 introduced a group of 4th and 5th grade students who performed a

couple songs and in the introduction she reflected on her memories of Joan.

*I come to you this morning with a grateful heart for the gift of Joan Austin. Joan was a woman of strong character, many wonderful skills and abilities, and great compassion. I remember vividly the evening that it was announced that I was going to be the instructional leader at Joan Austin Elementary. Both Joan and Ken welcomed me with open arms.*

*Joan Austin was a woman of strength and dignity. She was an inspiration to all students, staff and community at large. "Be all you can be." We can not be just like her, but we can learn from her industry, her integrity, and her resourcefulness.*

*Joan Austin's mantra for her school is inlaid in the floor of the front entrance to the school. It reads, "Education grants us the knowledge to pursue our dreams." That was Joan's desire for all students who attended her school. Whether it be in a kindergarten tea party, where the sugar cubes became the science experiment, the 5th grade hot chocolate and cookie Christmas Sing Along at the Allison, the Joan Austin Elementary lanyards that all students wore around their neck as they earned money for their school at the annual jog-a-thon, or getting to meet and touch the hands and feet of former Portland Trailblazer Chris Dudley, Joan wanted children to be able to follow their dreams, no matter how big.*



For a complete description of Joan's Memorial, See the Newberg Graphic  
<http://www.newberggraphic.com/news/2013/June/18/Front.Page/paying.homenage.to.a.local.legend/news.aspx>

## NUHS Coach Davis Remains in The Game at 93

Ralph Davis, football coach at NUHS during 1951 and 1952, is on the path to becoming a centenarian. At 93, still physically imposing with an equally sharp mind, Coach Davis is a living testament to the benefits of a life dedicated to athleticism and staying in condition. His fitness is also attributed to a Spartan way of life that never included drinking or smoking. He was 81 before he had his first cup of coffee. His favorite beverage remains milk.

Coach Davis defies his age by playing racquetball for two hours three days a week with other aspiring nonagenarians at the Multnomah Athletic Club in Portland. This is mixed with ping pong, and golf and other creative hobbies such as designing and making paper butterflies to decorate his stationery and poetry.

Coach Davis attributes his long life to being active in a variety of things and opines that, "life is like riding a bicycle — stop pedaling and you fall over!" Not surprisingly, his advice for the quiet enjoyment of a long life is to *Keep Pedaling! Whether you feel like it or not.*

The diversity of Coach Davis storied career in coaching and sports covers a multiple of achievements over seven decades. In 1996 he and his late wife Betty were working as life guards at Seaside, OR when they founded the Seaside Beach Run.



Oregon's first marathon, the *Trails End* grew out of this, and in 1970 with mentoring by Coach Davis, District 1 & 2 of the N.A.I.A. agreed to sanction its runners in the event by recognizing their scores.

In 1983, Coach Davis trained and contributed to the selection of officials for the 1984 Olympics in LA. He coached the National Korfball team for 10 years and in 1985 in London, his team placed third in world — first time a team outside Europe had achieved that high a ranking.

He's remembered by alumni at Sheridan, Newberg, and Jefferson High School as a football coach. He also coached football at Portland State University and was a Professor of Health and Physical Education at the same university. During his 36 year tenure at PSU, he distinguished himself as track and cross country coach for over 17 years, winning two national championships. One of his favorite memories relates to a victory over a strong Lewis and Clark team when the PSU team carried him off the field, causing a sportswriter to comment that it was first time in memory a track coach had received such recognition.

Typical of Coach Davis, he selflessly places the highlight of his coaching and education career on the success of his players and students after graduation.

Watch Coach Davis in an archived AM Northwest interview on the web at: [www.katu.com/amnw/segments/Racquetball-Men-Defying-Age-137584243.html](http://www.katu.com/amnw/segments/Racquetball-Men-Defying-Age-137584243.html)

## Golden Gathering Scholarship Winner for 2013



**Megan Audrey Tucker**, daughter of Kevin and Lynne Tucker was named recipient of the NEF Golden Gathering Scholarship at the NHS Senior Recognition night, June 6th. The award was presented by GG Chairman Bill Killen.

Megan was a valedictorian representing the Silver School. She participated on the NHS Cross Country, Track and Lacrosse teams and is a member of the National Honor Society. Megan is active in her church youth group and is among the organizers of the annual Alzheimer's Walk. She works at Providence Hospital and has a career goal of becoming a family physician. Megan has chosen to enroll at Notre Dame because it has a strong premed program and Christian foundation.

*Congratulations Megan!*

This marks the sixth consecutive scholarship that the Golden Gathering has awarded to a Newberg High School graduate. Informed by Del Ellis that the endowment fund of \$32,628 is self sustaining as of May 31, the Golden Gathering Committee has approved two \$1000 Scholarships for 2014.

## First Grade Teacher, "Miss Gill" Joins Exclusive Centenarian Club



Hugh Armstrong - Isabel Gill - Janny VanFleet

Edmundson was in the top one, Hugh was in the middle one and that "Something was going on between them". After John read a passage in front of the class she told us of Hugh protesting "I can do that". She told him "Let's see you then". He read the passage; Miss Gill told him "you've improved" and moved him to John's group.

Hugh recalls Miss Gill telling him he would get a star if he colored things any color but brown.

Seventy two years have passed in a flash! We wonder how many people will be fortunate enough to see their beloved first grade teacher seventy two years later and share with her stories from class. And how many first grade teachers will be able to chat with those students on their one hundredth birthday?

Contributed by Hugh Armstrong and Janice Boyes VanFleet '53



## Reporters Wanted

This newsletter counts on story ideas and news about experiences as seen through the eyes of the NUHS Golden Gathering. (See story on Isabel Gill, oldest known graduate on her 100th birthday). Birthdays, anniversaries, accomplishments, travel, experiences, names of veterans are all story seeds. Please send to the Echoes editor or your class representative with your name, phone number or E-mail address.

Senior Echoe's Editor

## Kudos .....

Central High of Monmouth Independence held the school's first Hall of Fame event in May before a packed crowd of past team athletes, coaches, families and community supporters. Former Football Coach, **Marv Heater**, NUHS '47 and his Central High 1960 State Football Championship Team players, were honored among the first inductees. Marv coached and taught at Central High for six years before taking the football coaching position at South Salem High where he also coached a State Champion Team.

A celebration commemorating 50 years of service was hosted for **Ivon Long Miller, Class of '50** by Newberg's Loren Berg Chevrolet. The dealership called her "incredible" for her enduring service over five decades.

Loren Berg Chevrolet provides balloons for the Golden Gathering

## NUHS Alma Mater

*Hail to old Newberg  
To our gold and blue  
We're standing together  
With loyalty true  
We'll raise our voices  
To cheer for Newberg High  
We're true to old Newberg  
Her fame will never die*

Does Anyone Have the Melody?

.....Memories  
2012 NUHS

## Golden Gathering



Rose Kabusreiter Killen '53, Betty Marks Loeks '55, Carol Newton Swamby '53  
Barbara Marks Mills '56, June Reighley Buccina '53



Beverly Heater Zurcher — Lorene Nissen '50



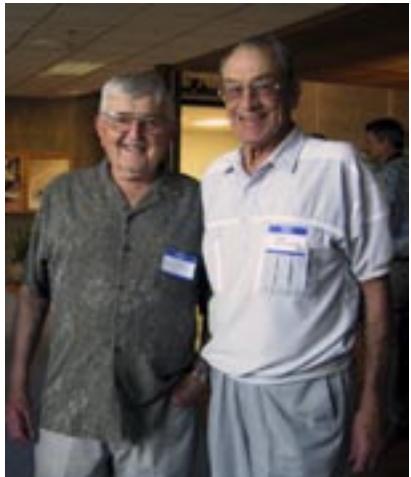
Chuck & Da Colling '53



Charlene Carlisle Blakely '61, Patty Sturdevant Findley '62  
Nancy Carlisle Robertson '53



Irene Harwood Thurman '55  
Leonard Braithwait '55



Bill Flatters '50 — Fred Herring '48



Ted Bennett '53, Joan Austin '48, Ken Austin '48, Sandy Bennett



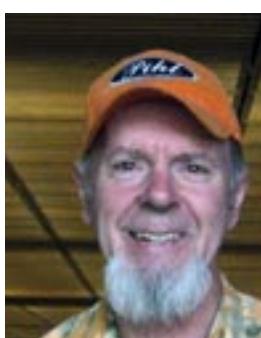
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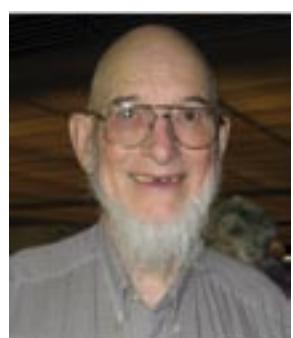
Del Ellis '50



Don Verley '49



Donald Cronin '57



Galen Litfin '49



Mel Woodruff '62



Archie '47 & Ione Gwinn Tiger '50



Arlene Owens Davis '53



Jean Wright '43 — Elmer Baron '50



Chuck Burgess '50, David Burgess '57, Bev Heater Zurcher '50  
Lucille Davis Jimmerson '50



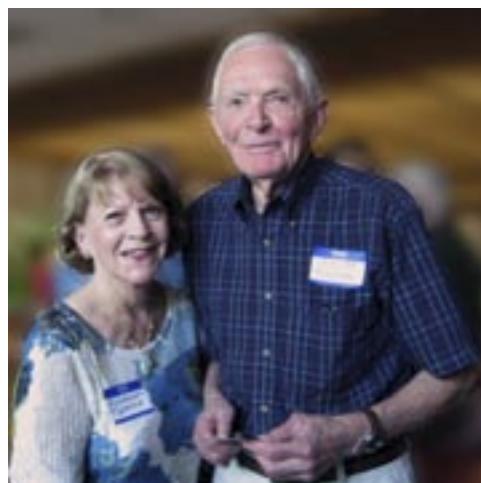
Rachel King Wall '52  
Joe & Ada Plews '52



Irene Harwood Thurman '55  
Janice Parrish Kuch '55, Gene Kuch '52



Ginger & Arnie Heimback '52



Ellen & Jack Twenge '48



Doris Mardock Cooke '46-'47  
Pat Hickert McGregor '50



Bob & Frances Reid Johnson Finzer '47



Opal Nolan Wright '41



Lenny & Betty Newton Morse '46



Bob Erb '61

## Austin Hall – Under Construction at Oregon State University

Named in honor of Ken and Joan Austin for their 10-million dollar commitment to the project, a new state-of-the-art College of Business building is under construction on the Oregon State University campus in Corvallis. Austin Hall, a 100,000 square-foot, five-floor-building is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2014 and will replace 90 year-old Bexel Hall.

According to the Business Dean, Ilene Kleinsorge, the building will comply with US Green standards and will provide a professional atmosphere for students to work together. Ken Austin believes the building will attract a high quality student who will be more apt to stay in Oregon after graduation.

Joan's recent, unexpected death deeply saddened the OSU community. Dean Kleinsorge expressed gratitude for Joan's passion, generosity and inspiration not only for this project, but for so many others at the University.

Ken graduated in engineering from the University in 1954. Joan was named an honorary alumnus in 2005 in recognition of her service and gifts to OSU. Both have received numerous awards and honors for their philanthropy and leadership.

Contributed by Bev Heater Zucher '50



Architectural Rendering of Austin Hall as shown on OSU's Website <http://business.oregonstate.edu/austin-hall>

### *In Memory of the Passing of Newberg High School Golden Alumni...*

Phyllis Thorne Anderson '29  
Elizabeth Boersman '32  
Elisabeth Forsman '32  
Ravena Burkett Chappell '37  
Alfred Henry Rohde '37  
Kenneth Field '38  
Emma Dressel Kondraski '38  
Florence Baker Oberg '39  
Roland Floch '40  
Annabel Strait Armstrong '41  
Leonard Hanson '41  
Don Lichtenhaler '42  
Don Simmons '43  
Betty West Cone '44  
Melvin Hall '44  
Robert Mueller '45  
Alice Giffert Winters '45  
Barbara Newlin Miller '46  
Emil Steger '46  
Ruth Stokes Haight '47  
Arthur Osmundsen '47  
Ruth Stokes '47

Joan Zemke Austin '48  
Arlon Bakanoff '48  
Bill Cleland '48  
Ron Cummings '48  
George Griffith '48  
Lloyd McAdams '48  
Bob Nelson '48  
Delores Gibbs Robertson '48  
Ivar Thornbloom '48  
George Oliver Butcher '49  
Mildred Goff Grow '49  
Eva McCormick Paul '49  
Donna Tully '49  
Theodore A. "Ted" Rosen '50  
Clyde H. Giffert '51  
Marvin Rhodes '51  
Lynn Lundquist '52  
Betty Stevens Reed '52  
Joan Holzmeyer Russell '53  
Harold Smith '53  
Jacqueline LeFevre '54  
Beverly Fugate Meeker '54  
Sandra Ferrell Sletten '54

Carol Shriver Clausen '58  
Gerald Schaad '58  
Dennis Inloes '59  
Gary Peterson '59  
Doyalene Singleton Henley '60  
Virginia Walker Launer '60  
Roger Wiltshire '60  
Jerry Bilton '61  
Sheron Farmer Stacey '62  
Betty Adolf West '63  
LaVonne Jochims Blakely '63  
Claire Fettig Bowlin '63  
Gary Brown '63  
Larry Burkett '63  
Marlene Andrews Canoose '63  
Don Clemonns '63  
John Cook '63  
Bill DeHart '63  
Dick Lefler '63  
Dennis Leis '63  
Larry VanRonk '63  
Sandee Wilson Wilson '63  
Kathy Utke Cooksey '63

## Golden Gathering Treasurer's Report

Thanks to all of you that have contributed to the annual Golden Gathering with your donations. These donations along with the generosity of the Austin family providing use A-Dec's facility for our celebrations is keeping the annual reunion of all classes that graduated from Newberg High School fifty or more years ago going year after year.

Each year as we add another class to our party, the costs for printing, postage and food increase. We are trying to get as many e-mail addresses as possible to cut down on some of those costs. In 2012 we had expenses of \$2, 523.82 for postage, printing, food and miscellaneous items. Donations of \$1,910.50 did not cover the expenses.

The cost of the GG activities for 2013 will total approximately \$2700. Your voluntary contribution each year to the operating fund insures the Golden Gathering Committee can carry out its mission to make this an enjoyable and successful annual event that meets everyone's expectations.

**Please make your check payable to Janice VanFleet, and mail to Janice , GG Treasurer,  
123 NW 25th, McMinnville, OR 97128   *Thank You!***



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