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From the President

Dear Fellow Cardinal Alumni,

I hope you are all doing well. Hopefully life is getting a little more back to normal now that we approach herd immunity with this virus. The Lincoln Boys Basketball team played their final home game recently on the current court, it was bitter sweet for many that played and watched on that court. This edition of the alumni magazine covers many interesting topics, including a focus on the new school and what's to become of the current school, alumni news stories, the induction of several Teachers and Alumni to the Alumni Hall of Honor, and the ongoing collaboration of the Lincoln High School Alumni Association and Friends of Lincoln. These are two very different organizations that share the same goal of supporting Lincoln High School.

As always, I want to remind our members and readers that we are a volunteer non-profit organization that relies heavily on member's dues and donations. This magazine is expensive to publish, so any additional support you can provide is greatly needed and appreciated. In addition to financial support we are also looking for new board members for the LHSAA and/or committee contributors. If you have any interest, please contact me or any of the current board members.

Finally, I would like to update you on the status of Lincoln and the new campus. Those of us who live in town and drive by the construction site can see that the new school is almost done. It is on schedule to open in the fall of 2022 and will be a "state of the art" learning facility. Lincoln High School's future is bright, but we cannot ignore the current challenges faced by many families in Portland. If you are wondering how you can support the students, please consider donating time or money to Friends of Lincoln. Your contributions are very much appreciated and please know that all donations go straight to the classroom and or Sports Programs. We can all make a difference!

All the best,
Go Cards!



Glenn Doyle McMath

From the Principal

Dear Cardinal Alumni,

As the Spring Equinox passes, we are well on our way to completing Phase 1 of our new school construction with "move in" to the new school starting in early June. The final occupancy day at 1600 SW Salmon Street will be June 17th. Phase 2 begins shortly thereafter with the demolition of our current Lincoln High School. This summer and fall we will watch from our new six story school the construction of the Track, Field and Stadium completing the entire project by the end of summer 2023. We have much to be grateful for at Lincoln!

We have marked this school year with many "lasts" celebrations. This past quarter we hosted the last basketball game in the old but classic, hand painted, checkerboard Cardinal Coliseum. We invited 8th grade students from West Sylvan Middle School, Skyline K-8, and a bevy of private school "Future Cardinals" for our last 8th Grade Visit Day to this campus to join us for an epic "All together again" mask optional reunion Pep Assembly. We are now planning the last May Fete and Senior Awards celebrations. LHS Drama and music students are busy working on the last musical that will ever be performed in what will soon be the "old Lincoln High School". Sound of Music was the first musical performed in the "new school" in 1952 so it is only fitting that we end as we began with one last Sound of Music and the well known lyrics,

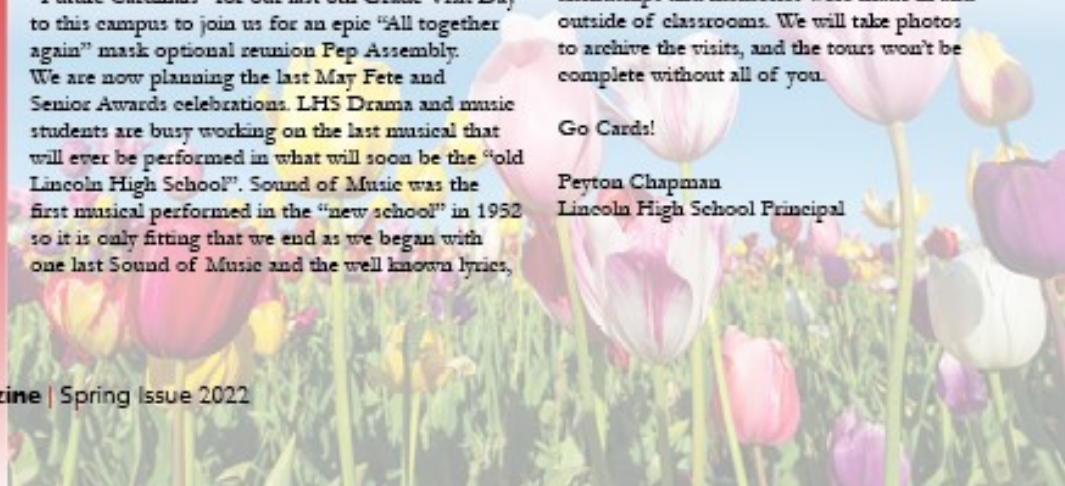
"So long, farewell, au revoir, auf wiedersehen, goodbye". To help us say adieu to the place that has known thousands of Cardinals from 1952-2022, we will be hosting two alumni tours on Friday, April 29th and Friday, May 6th, from 4-6pm starting in the Auditorium Foyer. Please come and join us as we remember and share stories from earlier decades where friendships and memories were made in and outside of classrooms. We will take photos to archive the visits, and the tours won't be complete without all of you.

Go Cards!

Peyton Chapman
Lincoln High School Principal



Principal Peyton Chapman



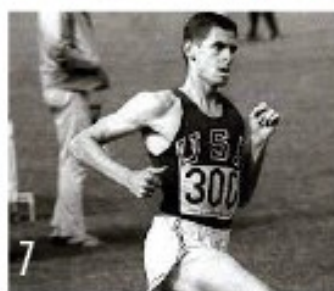
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MESSAGE FROM LHSAA BOARD

Happy spring! So many changes not only in our world but for Lincoln High School. Recently I have interacted with several Lincoln teachers and counselors. Mary Rechner, Media/Communications teacher, asked me to visit her classroom to see the collection of years of Cardinal Times they have saved. Her question was "should we recycle these, or can the Archive take them?" I told her we would take, store in archival safe boxes – alums who are having reunions can take them or alums searching for an article or? One of our goals is to digitally catalog each issue to enable search by subject. Our plan is to have Lincoln students work in the archive at our new school. This can be included in other curriculums. Alums are welcome to volunteer and help with digitizing our collections! We will have our own Archive room which will only be accessible through the office or a LHSAA Board member. I was very impressed with the students in Ms. Rechner's classroom! They were concentrating on the work they were doing on their computers; they were polite and interested in our Archive. Kudos to the amazing staff at Lincoln!

Speaking of kudos... this magazine has gotten rave reviews from our alums, and I want you all to know that Lauren Livesay and her amazing graphic design talents deserve all the credit. Lauren has worked with LHSAA, first with the newsletter and now with our magazine for many years. Lauren is not a Lincoln graduate but her mother Janet Woods Livesay, '52, was very involved until her death in November 2021. Livesay Design creates ads for businesses, creates brochures for businesses. My class of 1964 had her do a spiral booklet with every class member's name, pictures of senior year and entries from classmates with recent pictures and updates on their lives. The back of the book was a directory. So many have commented that they use often.

Reunions are back! Lise Massey, LHSAA Reunion Chair, has led the charge with enthusiasm and attention to detail. Page 15 reviews what she can do for you!

Hope to see you at one of the "last look" tours we have scheduled. See page 5.

CLASS NOTES! Each issue will have a page with shares from alums – please send us your news! See page 10.

My very best,
Dana Barton Cress, '64



Dana Barton Cress
LHSAA Board
Member
Class of 1964

On the Cover
New Lincoln High School

★ ★ LHS HALL OF HONOR 2022 ★ ★

The LHSAA Board voted at our January Board meeting to induct the following alums into our **HALL OF HONOR**.



1. **Bud Clark** – 1949 Mayor & tavern owner
2. **Joy Lawrence** – 1994 – soccer, basketball & softball, place kicker on football team, 1994 Rose Festival Queen
3. **Brenda Hesler** – 1940 – Olympic swimmer



4. **Robin Marks** – 1980 – Track & basketball
5. **Kendall Johnson** – 2009 – Soccer professional
6. **Walter Cole "Darcelle"** – 1950 – Oldest female impersonator in world
7. **Matt Groening** – 1972 – Artist, cartoonist, writer
8. **Lauren Thies** – 1997 – Swimming
9. **Christy Lacey-Krietz MacColl** – 1996 – Cross Country, Basketball, Soccer, Track & Field



Please nominate alums who you would like to see in our Hall of Honor

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News Release

Join us in celebration of our Lincoln High to wave goodbye before demolition begins in early July!

Tours require proof of being immunized—please bring your vaccination card.

Friday, April 29th, at 4 p.m.

Friday, May 6th, at 4 p.m.



Tours of the new Lincoln High School are in progress of scheduling in August or September 2022! Check the LHSAA website for tour updates!

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“Coming from a small grade school of 12 graduating 8th graders, I was overwhelmed walking into LHS my first day as a freshman. I have no idea how I navigated the locker system and getting from one class to another without being late! Home room was a good start at the beginning of each day and then travelling from one classroom to another was a challenge. It took me a good week to settle into the rhythm of high school!! Thankfully, I made it for four years and graduated!!!!” —Shirley Lehrer Bankston '56, comments on her first day at LHS

PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Lincoln Rebuild Construction Update

Construction Begins Early 2020 and continues through the summer of 2024.



Construction Fun Facts

- The new Lincoln will take over a million worker hours to build and includes:
 - Moving more than 20 million pounds of dirt and rock.
 - Installing 1.6 million pounds of drywall.
 - Framing with 6.2 million pounds of steel.
 - Installing over 296,000 pounds of ductwork.
 - Installing 56,000 feet of piping and 150 miles of wire.

Construction Activities

- The construction schedule typically runs from 7 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday.
- Work may occur on some evenings and on some weekends, and will be in compliance with City of Portland noise ordinance.
- There will be construction traffic in the neighborhood.
- The current school entrance and bus parking on SW Salmon will be maintained with reconfigured staff parking accessed off of SW 16th from Jefferson.
- Site security is a priority. Construction fencing will surround the active areas of the site. Please help us stop vandalism and keep the site safe. If you see anything that seems suspicious at the site, please call the Portland Police non-emergency line at 503-823-3333. If you witness an act of vandalism, call 911.

Project Timeline

SPRING 2019-FALL 2019

Design and Permitting
Construction documents and building permitting process

WINTER 2020-SUMMER 2022

Phase 1 Construction
Main building and plaza are constructed. Students remain in original building.

FALL 2022-FALL 2023

Phase 2 Construction
Track & Field and parking lot constructed. Students move to new building August 2022.

Portland Public Schools is an affirmative action and equal opportunity employer.

An Epic Win!

On March 1, the Lincoln High School basketball team won their last game held in "our" gym against Canby High School! 57 to 52!



1 Celebrating an epic win! 2 #10 Malachi Seely-Roberts goes to the basket! 3 Cardinal mascot celebrates with rally. Final hug in this gym! 4 Coach Heather Seely-Roberts encourages one of her twin sons Moroni! Coach Heather was the first woman to coach a high school basketball team! She brought her sons with her to Lincoln so they could play in the competitive 6-A league. 5 Team celebrates a big win! 6 #10 Malachi Seely-Roberts makes the basket! 7 Team celebrates!

Olympic Glory



The 2022 Beijing winter Olympics are over but we are reminded of the following alumni who competed for their country at the highest level.

2022- Beijing – Asa Miller '2018 competed (represented the Philippines) in two winter Olympics as Alpine Skier

2004 -Athens – Philip Dunn '89 - 50km racewalk
Jennifer Devine '86 - single sculls

2000 – Sydney – Philip Dunn '89 – 50km racewalk

1996 – Atlanta – Jennifer Devine '86 – single sculls

1988 – Seoul – Art Boileau '75 – Marathon
(rep Canada)

1984 – Los Angeles – Art Boileau '75 – Marathon
(rep Canada)

1972 – Munich – Rick Sanders '63 – Wrestler silver medalist (bantam weight)

1960 – Rome – Jim Grelle '55 - runner

1948 – London – Brenda Hesler '44– swimming

1940 – Helsinki – Brenda Hesler '44– swimming
(games cancelled due to WWII)

1940 – Helsinki – Joyce Macrae '44 – swimming
(games cancelled due to WWII)

1924 – Paris – Ralph Spearow '24 – pole vault

1920 – Antwerp – Louis "Hap" Kuehn '19 –
3m springboard diving - Gold medalist

1912 – Stockholm – Martin Hawkins '12– high hurdles – Bronze medalist

1908 – London – Forrest Smithson '08 – high hurdles – Gold medalist



Jim Grelle, 1960 Olympics



Brenda Hesler, 1944 Olympics



LHSAA Author's Corner

The Author's Corner is devoted to Lincoln Alums who have published a book. Please contact the Lincoln High School Alumni Association, if you would like to add a book to our magazine. The alumni association is pleased to feature these publications by Lincoln High School graduates.

Historian and author Chet Orloff (class of 1967), Director Emeritus of the Oregon Historical Society writes about history of Portland public schools. To read the full document go to: **Author's Corner: A Very Brief History of Portland Public Schools** by Chet Orloff. <https://www.lincolnalum.org/resources/pdf/Some%20Lincoln%20High%20History%20Chet%20Orloff.pdf>

A VERY BRIEF HISTORY OF PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS – Chet Orloff

On December 6, 1851, the following advertisement appeared in *The Oregonian* newspaper: In pursuance of a vote of the Portland school district at their annual meeting, the directors have established a free school. The first term will commence on Monday, the 15th inst., at the schoolhouse in this city, near the City Hotel. (John Outhouse, teacher.) The directors would recommend the following books to be used in the school, viz.: Sandler's Series of *Readers and Spellers*, Goodrich's *Geography*, Thompson's *Arithmetics*, and Bullion's *Grammar*.

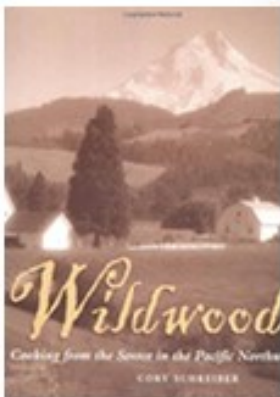


John Outhouse, the schoolteacher, was paid 100 dollars a month. The school was held in a schoolhouse at the corner of First and Oak Streets, in what is now downtown Portland and had just 20 students at first. Abigail Clarke was hired at the beginning of the third term in 1852, due to increased attendance. Miss Clarke was paid 75 dollars a month, and taught at a new school building, on First and Taylor Streets. By the third term, 126 students were enrolled in all, and an average of 90 showed up each day. Clarke was known to “thrash” boys who made a sport of rapping on the windows of the school, which faced out to the street. She continued to teach until the summer of 1853, when she moved to Oregon City.



Chet Orloff
Class of 1967

Cory Schreiber '79 is the founder of Wildwood Restaurant and winner of the James Beard Award for Best Chef: Pacific Northwest. Schreiber now works with the Oregon Department of Agriculture as the Farm-to-School Food Coordinator and writes, consults, and teaches cooking classes in Portland, Oregon.



Cory Schreiber
Class of 1979



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FEATURED LHSAA SCHOLARSHIPS 2022

NEW Resiliency Scholarship

The Lincoln High School Alumni Association is presenting a new \$2000 scholarship involving a nomination process rather than the normal student application.

The nominators will be Lincoln High School employees (administrators, teachers, coaches, counselors, and other school staff.) They will be provided a nomination form with two questions: Why should this student be nominated for this scholarship? And do you know of the student's plans beyond high school? The completed nomination forms will be sent directly to counselors for confirmation the student is projected to graduate and has plans for continuing education or training. Counselors will replace student names with a number and remove any other specific identification in the nomination. The nomination, along with a redacted transcript, will be sent to the LHSAA Endowment committee Chair for the selection committee. The Committee will evaluate the nomination and transcripts and select the Resiliency Scholarship winners.

Bill Lynch Scholarship

Established by the Alumni Association in February 2020 to honor Mr. Lynch who taught English at Lincoln High School and died suddenly in September 2019. The scholarship is awarded to a Senior student in need of financial assistance and who has demonstrated "an uncommon and authentic passion for the study of literature and philosophy", the kind of student Mr. Lynch inspired.

Bill was a much beloved English teacher at Lincoln High School and was named teacher of the year, representing Portland, Oregon at a ceremony in Washington, DC. His students admired him for his empathy, his listening ear, his wit, his intellect, his true passion for ideas, and his love for helping students succeed, not only within his class, but also within themselves.

The Asa I Arnsberg Scholarship

Established in 2018 by Susan Arnsberg Diamond, class of 1957 and president of the Arnsberg Family Foundation; and Robert L. Arnsberg, class of 1960 and director of the foundation board.

As Susan Diamond said of her father: "I think Dad would be extremely pleased to know another ambitious, needy college freshman will receive some additional funding for the first year, whether it's a two or four-year state college or university in Oregon. Higher education is so necessary in today's world, and economically an Oregon resident's best financial option. Thus, the recipient must attend an Oregon state-run college, and need is this scholarship's #1 criterion."

The Ruth Arbuckle Scholarship

Established in 2018 by Eled V. [Bud] Toly '56. Ms. Arbuckle was a member of the Lincoln community for more than six decades from her enrollment as a freshman in 1917. She dedicated her life to be a college counselor for nearly three decades at LHS and gained national recognition from higher education admissions panels for her guidance of students into the world after high school.

This scholarship is awarded to a student who shows a sustained love for Lincoln, demonstrates thoughtful concern, kindness, and consideration for others, and maintains high academic standards. Priority consideration is given to a student planning to attend an Oregon public college or university.

The LHSAA Endowment committee has announced the following available scholarships for 2022*

Bertha Hunter Scholarship - \$10,000.
Ruth Arbuckle Trophy Scholarship - \$500
Bill Lynch Scholarship - \$1000
Dr. Shirley Malcom Scholarship - \$1000
Cardinal Stem- Dickey Scholarship - \$1000
LHSAA Leadership Scholarship - \$1500
ASA I. Arnsberg Scholarship - \$2000
Marie Allen Award - \$500

Applications are now available to all Lincoln students. The selections will be made in April and the winners will be announced in May. All donations are welcome. You may indicate which scholarship you wish to fund.

Please donate by sending your check to:
LHSAA Endowment Scholarships
c/o LHSAA, 4913 SW 76th Ave. #282, Portland, OR 97225.
You can also pay online at lincolnum.org.

The Selection Committee is composed of:
David Perlman – 1965 LHSAA Board Member
Roscoe Nelson – 1966 LHSAA Board Member
Vincent Galindo – Lincoln Parent
Linda Cohn – Past PTA President
Mike Lynch – Scholarship Advisor

LHSAA is also pleased to announce a NEW Resiliency Scholarship. Because resiliency is the ability to adapt well in the face of adversity, it is now recognized as a better predictor of success after graduation than grade point average or test scores. The LHSAA Endowment Committee is aware of students attending Lincoln who are facing difficult situations, including violence, homelessness, and foster care. Many of these students have the necessary grades to continue their education beyond high school, but sadly, they do not have the support and resources. It is time we step in as a community and help those struggling students by supporting them to be successful after graduation.

We are offering a \$2,000 scholarship to a deserving student. Instead of the LHSAA Selection Committee, the student will be selected by a nominating committee consisting of Lincoln teachers, counselors, and administrators.

*For more information about the individual scholarships, visit our website. lincolnum.org

– Report by David Perlman

CLASS NOTES

Alums... this will be a bulletin board for alums to share! We look Forward to hearing from you!

'48 The recent article about Ruth Arbuckle reminded me of something that happened in her class room in 1947 or 1948. Then Lincoln was on SW Park/Broadway, now Portland State's Lincoln Hall. She was in a corner room by the staircase, the last period before lunch and a quick dash down to the cafeteria.

There were some boys who could be counted on to cause trouble. Usually Miss Arbuckle would give them a look or caustic comment that controlled them, but today that didn't work. She calmly walked to the door and locked it. "Nobody is going to lunch until you shape up." One of the boys said, "We are hungry, Miss Arbuckle, and so are you." Miss Arbuckle said, "You are not leaving until you behave. We could be here a long time. I have enough here for 30 days."

Eventually the boys did as they were told, and everyone went to lunch. -Ibby Malarkey Brooke, Class of 1948

'60 I remember Miss Arbuckle as the best advisor ever, giving me confidence and helping me get into Pomona college. And George Bell was a genius choir director, making our Senior Choir experience outstanding. Miss McCormick, strict, brilliant, funny and motivating as our Latin teacher. Good teachers, good friends memories.
-Kay Lively Carson, Class of '60.

'67 The LHS class of 1967 will hold its 55th-year reunion this summer. If your email address is not on the list, please send it to: Chet Orloff at chetorloff@gmail.com.

'70 Robin Gunsul Reese, '70, fairly recently moved to DC Ranch in Scottsdale for a "project". Anyone here from Lincoln?

'71 John C. Mitchell, '71, released his first memoir, *Seasoning of Birdie* McInnes, last October.

'63 David Avshalomov, '63, is delighted to announce that he and his wife Randi welcomed their first grandchild, baby boy Cypress Drake Avshalomov, on Sept. 30 2021. Baby and parents Jesse (son) and Nicole are safe and well and thriving in Oakland, CA. Their younger son Zack is now engaged to Ms Jenny Diamond, formerly of San Diego; their small family wedding will be at Temescal Lake in Oakland in May of 2022.

David also is excited to share that his second opera, on James Thurber's "The 13 Clocks" will be given its World Premiere Production by Mission Opera in Santa Clarita, CA, on June 10 and 11, 2022. A link to my website will allow folks to read the libretto, look at the musical score, see the Simont illustrations on which the scenic design will be based, and hear preview recordings of some of the arias. <http://davidavshalomov.com/operas/>

'64 Stephen Chen reports that he is working with others to put together a retrospective/exhibit at the Portland Chinatown Museum featuring my dad's paintings, calligraphy, and impact on the community.

'81 John Saltveit - Class of 1981. I just retired as a teacher. I live in Cedar Hills, west of Portland. I continue subbing. I'm married and have two grown sons. I play baseball, skateboard, hang glide and paddle white water. I still hang out with several Lincoln buddies and I look forward to seeing others, especially since we didn't have our 40th reunion.

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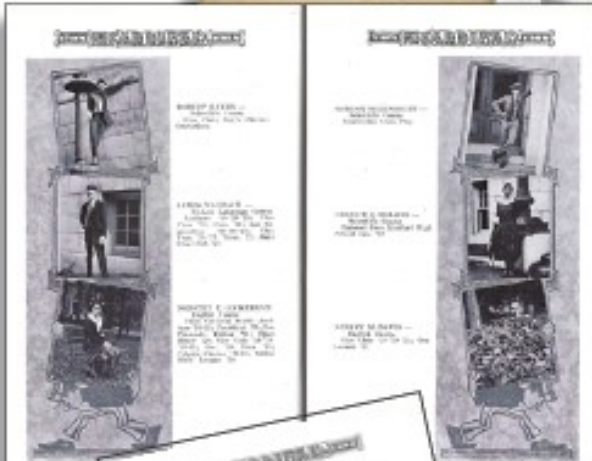
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From the ARCHIVES

— by Dana Barton Cress

One Hundred Years Ago....
 Our Archive has yearbooks and papers from the late 1800's. Each magazine edition will feature an article from our collection. The generous support of our alumni makes these collections possible. Thank you! Dana Barton Cress
 LHSAA Board Archivist



BASKETBALL TEAM 1922

Ruth Arbuckle, a Lincoln Legend and a Trusted Friend to All

—Pat Mead Wall '64

I was in the class of '64. Having had Ruth Arbuckle as both an English Teacher and my counselor, I had many encounters with her. She really helped to determine my fate as far as college. She recommended that I attend Wheaton College just south of Boston, a women's college in those days. It absolutely was a wonderful decision. Although many of my friends are on the East Coast, we all keep in close touch and meet annually.

When my husband Macy, Class of '63, and I became engaged, Ruth attended many prewedding gatherings and also my recipe shower. Knowing that we were going to live on a ranch, she gave me a recipe for skunk stew! Everyone had a real laugh out of it. She always had a twinkle in her eye and a great laugh which was kind of like a chuckle while her shoulders would roll up and down! Ruth, and sometimes her brother, would always join us on Christmas Eve. She watched our children grow and was the best ever sounding board for all sorts of life predicaments and decisions, almost like a second mother!

When I was singing Ruth's praises, Hap Leonard '63 recalled that "Miss Arbuckle" spied a note being passed between desks in his Junior year English class. She remarked seeing the note being passed and several of the note passers tried not to laugh. Miss Arbuckle gave a little "Arbuckle chuckle" and smiling said she'd love to see the note since it had to



Pat Mead Wall '64

be more interesting than what the class was discussing. Then she asked if she could read it out loud. Everyone started laughing. She never insisted on seeing the note, implicated no one and

returned to the class subject. Hap said, "I don't think it ever happened again! She made her point with a gentle humor, something for which she had a remarkable gift."

"Miss Arbuckle" loved Shakespeare. Macy said all those lucky enough to have had her for sophomore English knew this. His mother, Mary Malarkey Wall, was aware of this as well. So, she invited Miss Arbuckle to join her for a weekend trip to the World's Fair in Seattle, where the Old Vic Shakespeare Company from London was going to perform "Macbeth."

This was the Spring of 1962, Macy's Junior year at Lincoln. There were 4 of them going — Macy, Miss Arbuckle, Macy's mother and his cousin George Thompson. George did not know Miss Arbuckle since he was going to Catlin Gabel. He, too, loved Shakespeare and it did not take long for the two of them to hit it off.

As all her students knew, Miss Arbuckle was tough and expected a good deal from her students. She was also extremely fair. She did not play favorites. At a fundamental level, she understood teenagers which, as it turns out, was important during the course of their weekend at the World's Fair.

The four of them stayed at the Olympic Hotel in Seattle. George and Macy shared a room. It did not take them long to figure out that we could order room service, which could include a few beers, as long as no one realized they were under age. They devised a scheme so that when room service arrived, one of them was in the bath making noise and the other was out of the room. With the door left ajar and a small tip on the table, the fellow in the bathtub yelled "Please just set the food on the table with the bill and please pick up your tip!" When the



MISS RUTH ARBUCKLE, college and sophomore counselor senior English

plan worked the first time, they couldn't resist repeating the process.

When it was time for dinner and Macbeth, the two of them were feeling no pain. Miss Arbuckle who was next door listening to all this, had her suspicions, but she never let on. After a nice dinner and the Old Vic production, Miss Arbuckle said, with a sparkle in her eye, "You boys certainly stay clean with all your baths!" They knew what she meant! The next morning at breakfast they received the benefit of Miss Arbuckle's insights into the subtleties of the Old Vic's interpretation of Macbeth. Neither Macy nor George ever forgot Miss Arbuckle's signature laugh and good humor, and still remember the trip well after 60 plus years. What they never quite figured out was why neither his mother nor Miss Arbuckle ever confronted them, though they are both sure to this day that she, as well as Miss Arbuckle, recognized that they were a little too loud and a little too enthusiastic at the Pre Macbeth dinner. They were both old hands at dealing with teenagers and knew when to play which card.

Ruth Arbuckle was a definite delightful Lincoln ledge down and helped a slew of students through her many years at Lincoln, but was loyal to each student and never repeated what she did. I'm sure that she knew within her heart what a huge positive difference she made in so many lives! A toast to Miss Ruth Arbuckle! May her memories live on!

Background photo: World Fair in Seattle, 1962

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THANK YOU FOR THE LOVE

Together we raised \$251,000 which means Friends of Lincoln can ensure every student has equitable access to the full Cardinal experience. We help fund teacher positions and support students, from meeting basic human needs to providing technology and covering fees for those who would otherwise not be able to participate. We also build community connections and caring through a broad range of volunteer efforts.

Thanks to our lead sponsors:



Friends of Lincoln

—By Lauren Holden Kilbane, FOL Board member

I was warned by friends with older kids that the high school years sped by faster than any others and even then, when my oldest son reached his senior year at Lincoln, it caught me off guard: *why hasn't I been more involved?*

Not long after, I was asked to join the Friends of Lincoln Board. In the 2 years since then, here's what I have learned about Friends of Lincoln impact:

Friends of Lincoln (FoL) was created in 2014 to maximize efficiencies to the benefit of the school community. FoL combines PTA, Boosters and Foundation under one non-profit umbrella to avoid duplicative fundraising efforts and fill any gaps, ensuring every student has equitable access to the full experience at Lincoln.

So, what does equitable access look like, why does it matter and, where does the money you donate actually go?

1. Teaching positions. The largest chunk of change helps fund teacher positions threatened by budget cuts. Often the first to go are those whose expertise benefits diverse learners. In 2021, FoL covered 2 headcount and will do the same in 2022.

2. Student support. FoL lends a hand to students who would otherwise go without or opt out, covering club and activity fees, team uniforms, affinity needs and field trips not covered by PPS budget. The availability of assistance is most often communicated to students through counselors, club advisors and coaches.

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McKinney Vento students, to making sure teen parents are supported in care for themselves and their babies, to providing Fred Meyer gift cards at the holidays and to make ends meet throughout the year, Friends of Lincoln is able to meet every critical request identified.

Friends of Lincoln has given me an insiders view and deeper appreciation for the generosity and commitment our community has to every student, not just their own. It's encouraging to know that most people who can be generous are, those who need help get it and, Friends of Lincoln makes sure of it.

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Mouse Trap – 1962

before the current building, but this one, and this stage, will always have special meaning to me. I came to Lincoln in 1960, at the beginning of my junior year, and immediately enrolled in John Lehman’s Drama class: our Junior Class Play was “Gidget” and I enjoyed being in that, in Popcycles (a variety show that was an annual tradition for decades, and many other productions, large and small. That

stage was a big part of my time at Lincoln! Our Senior Class Play was Agatha Christie’s Mousetrap and Mr. Lehman cast me as Molly, the lead. Thrill of a lifetime (or at least the first

18 years of my lifetime)! I gave my Rose Festival speech on that stage and introduced the next year’s princess the last time that I was there--so now I get to come back one last time 59 years later to tread the boards again! I am very excited--thanks to whoever came up with this great idea.

So glad to hear that the Flock Party and Auction were both successful!”

–Katy White Qualman, Class of 1962



Rose Festival Princess 1962



John Lehman, Drama teacher

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LHS school sites over the years



The Central School – 1874-1869 (Where Pioneer Courthouse now stands)

The high school outgrew this space above the elementary school, in 1874 the high school (Lincoln) moved to a shared space with Central School, located where Pioneer Square now stands. Four years later, in 1878, Lincoln moved once again to Park School located at the current Portland Art Museum site.



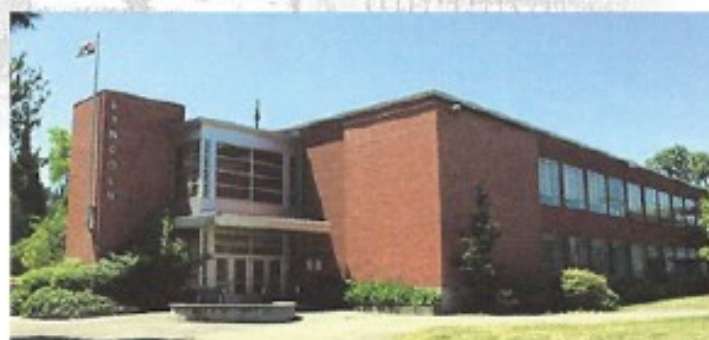
"the Marvel of the West" again parents complained about the costs and stated that if students wanted continuing education, they should pay for it at the private schools. For a time, Girls' Polytechnic School used this building. In 1928 Girls' Poly moved to their new building and the vacant school was demolished in 1930.

By 1885 the high school had outgrown all the shared spaces. Students and staff moved into their own home located at Southwest 14th & Morrison. This school was called "the Marvel of the West" for its gothic architecture. The land was given to the school district by Mrs. Simeon Reed (wife of the founder of Reed College). This ornate structure was designed by William Stokes, an architect who has recently moved to Portland from Oakland, California. Once again parents complained about the costs and stated that if students



Lincoln High school, now known as Lincoln Hall, a part of Portland State University

In 1909, the high school was renamed Lincoln High School and moved to a 45-room new building on the South Park Blocks location (bounded by Market & Mill Streets and Park & Boundary) in 1912 after the building was completed. This building is now part of Portland State University and is known as Lincoln Hall.



Lincoln High School at its current site, soon to be demolished as new building is being built

One more move, 40 years later, brought Lincoln to its current site, which was once occupied by the Jacob Kamm estate. The building opened in 1952 with considerable celebration because it was the first new high school to be built in Portland since Cleveland broke ground in 1929.



The New Lincoln High School building under construction at the current site

Calling all Reunion Planners! *The return of* *Class* REUNIONS!

Lise Massey, LHSAA Reunion Chair
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About this time last year, I was optimistic that life was beginning to return to normal in the COVID era and I would have a busy summer supporting various classes planning and hosting reunion activities. Unfortunately, the COVID Omicron variant put a halt to many classes that were enthusiastically organizing their big event and people once again had to “pivot”. With case numbers decreasing again and mask mandates lifted in March, I am hopeful that our alumni will be able to safely gather and reconnect this summer and fall. Currently, 11 classes have reached out for details on how LHSAA can support reunion planning so this article addresses some frequently asked questions.

What does LHSAA do to help with reunions? The LHSAA is here to support your reunion planning process and provide guidance as needed. We can send you lists of your classmates along with contact information (addresses are limited to what we have available in the LHSAA database; not all addresses from your class will be accounted for), provide marketing support by advertising your event for free on <https://www.lincolnalum.org/reunions>, set up a payment collection processor for event tickets, share best practices from other class reunions, etc.



How much time is needed to plan a reunion? Most reunion committees begin the planning process about a year before their reunion date but we have also seen reunions come together in just a few months. The amount of lead time depends on how elaborate your event will be – you will need to take into consideration if your event will be a single day event or if it will take place over an entire weekend. Generally speaking, the more time you have to plan, the better! As your reunion plans start to come together, contact LHSAA with your preliminary dates and details and we will add your event and committee details to our website and our internal event tracker.

Who manages event space contracts and payment? Class reunion committees are responsible for collecting payment and managing all contracts. The LHSAA can provide a payment collector on the LHSAA website but we are not responsible for paying event venues or vendors.

When is the best time to have a reunion? Weekends are typically the most convenient for attendees, especially classmates that may be traveling from out of town. Any combination of Friday, Saturday or Sunday works well and most reunions take place in the summer or early fall which could allow for outdoor activities. Other options could include LHS Homecoming in early September or dates around the Thanksgiving or winter holidays as out of town classmates may be in Portland visiting family. If you opt for a weekend event, many classes take full advantage of the weekend and kick off their reunion activities with an informal Friday night get together. Saturday night is usually a more formal gathering at a restaurant, hotel, or club and payment is collected ahead of time to secure event space and catering. Some classes close out the weekend with a gathering on Sunday and opt for an activity like an informal picnic at a park so families can join.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to LHSAA with any questions – stay safe and healthy and **GO CARDS!**

Background photo: Class of 1971 50 Year Reunion at the Eleanor, a Chown Event Space, in Portland on September 18, 2021.

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*"We are the poorer for the loss of their company,
but are well served that they were once among us." – Anonymous*



Gerry Frank
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Class of 1941



Beatrice Louise Vincent
Dick 9/27/1924 - 12/4/2021
Class of 1942



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Class of 1943



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11/12/1927 - 3/3/3022



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Class of 1946



Sally Shannon Colwell Hart
3/ 8/1929 - 1/13/2022
Class of 1947



Jean Steiner Grasl
5/5/1929 - 12/8/2021
Class of 1947



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Jr. 12/19/1931 - 2/1/2022
Class of 1949



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4/13/1931 - 2/11/2022
Class of 1949



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10/7/1931 - 1/11/2022
Class of 1950



Eldine Joanne Bozich
Anderson 5/12/1934 -
1/27/2021
Class of 1952



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Archer 9/11/1934 -
1/24/2022
Class of 1952



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6/1/1936 - 1/9/2022
Class of 1954



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1/18/1937 - 12/27/2021
Class of 1954



Shirley Falk Warner
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Class of 1956



Robin Joy Vidgoff
Mesher 7/6/1938 -
2/3/2022
Class of 1956



Lois Anita Wick Lord
6/18/1938 - 12/23/2021
Class of 1956



Thomas (Tom) Walsh
10/9/1940 - 2/3/2022
Class of 1958



Kaye Gil Paterson Cairney
11/23/1945 - 1/7/2022
Class of 1963



Judith Bline Montgomery
12/31/1946 - 3/11/2021
Class of 1964

Remembering...

Tom Walsh

Tom Walsh, LHS class of 1958 died Feb 3, 2022. Tom was a former TriMet manager and construction executive. He was a prominent figure in Portland land development and transportation circles, Walsh helmed the transportation agency from 1991 to 1998. He led TriMet just as it was launching the light rail expansion to Beaverton and Hillsboro.

His wife, Patricia McCaig, said "Tom cared about what was going on in Oregon until his last days." Walsh was a talented football player in his youth, starting on the offensive line for Stanford. He spent hours lifting weights, a hobby he kept up until two weeks before his death, said his brother, Bob Walsh.

He was involved with several large civic construction projects, including the building of the Oregon Convention Center and the Multnomah County Justice Center, said Rep. Earl Blumenauer, a longtime friend. Later in life,

he owned an affordable housing development company.



Tom Walsh, Class of 1958



David Markewitz
1/2022
Class of 1964



John Van Buren
9/21/1952 - 1/15/2022
Class of 1970



Dolph Timmerman
8/17/1954 - 11/25/2020
Class of 1971



Janet Doerfler Altman
11/1/1967 - 12/30/2021
Class of 1986

This list includes known deaths since our Winter 2021-22 magazine. We depend on our alumni to help provide us with obituaries/notices that we have missed.

Robin Joy Vidgoff Mesher



Robin Joy Vidgoff Mesher
Class of 1956

Robin Joy Vidgoff Mesher, class of 1956, born July 6, 1938 died February 3, 2022. She married Robert "Bob" Mesher in 1958 and raised two children, Page (class of 1980) and Tracy Mesher Moir (class of 1983). She was a pioneer woman business owner who opened her first clothing store in Seaside, Oregon, called The Cover Up. She led the challenge of being a woman small business owner. Robin owned and operated 11 women's clothing stores. She and her husband, Bob, traveled the world together but were always happy to return to their Seaside, South Prom, beach house. Passionate about children's charities she served on the boards of Young Audiences of Oregon, Boys & Girls Aid, Lincoln High School Alumni Association and Albertina Kerr.

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Thank you, alums, for your financial support. LHSAA is a non-profit that you can make happen! Every donation helps! Go to: <http://www.lincolnalum.org/page-19107> Or mail to: 4931 SW 76th Ave #282, Portland, OR 97225

Our beloved Bud Clark

12/19/1931 – 2/1/2022

—By Rachel Clark

Many of us have lost a parent or guardian in recent months - or years - and we can all relate to the feelings of our fellow cards when we learn of their loss.

We can all take a moment to honor not just the collective loss of all of these parents, but more importantly to honor the collective gains that have grown right here from the establishment of their roots in this community. They came from not only Portland, but across the United States, to raise their families.

My father, John Elwood "Bud" Clark moved here from Idaho when he was six years old. His mother, always admiring the big city came out first to establish work before his Grandma Edna and he arrived by train from Boise. After a couple of months in a boarding house on Union Avenue (now Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard), Bud and Mildred moved into a studio apartment just a few blocks south from Lincoln at the Imperial Arms, which is still there today.

At that time, there was no I-405, and Mildred's "Little Buddy" would walk to and from Fruit and Flower Day Care (now Helen Gordon) right by the houses that sat where the space above the freeway is now. And while they moved around over the years, Buddy would never forget his roots on the west side.

Mildred modeled the independent spirit that my Dad would also model for those he inspired, a drive to create and run not only a small business, but to get stuff done; but although he was fortunate enough to have an independent and caring mother who often told little Bud and demonstrated that she loved him, my Dad recounted to us how he had always wanted a family. He often had meals at the tables of the families of his friends, receiving the guiding words of a village of mothers and fathers. I believe that when he raised us kids (David, Jason, Nic, and me) that he brought with him, as all parents do, the collective experiences from that latchkey kid youth that helped to build him into what he became.

When I was one year old, Sigrid and Bud, moved from a small house in Multnomah Village to a three-story home on NW 25th and Northrup Street. The house had been a brothel, and the city wanted the Clarks to move in immediately so the Madam didn't get back in there first. The former tenants had installed intercoms throughout the house, even in the bathrooms, so at any time, if our Dad wanted to get our immediate attention, he'd press a button in the pantry and reach us where we were on

the floors above him. As a former Marine, he often blasted out "Revelry! Time for Breakfast" in order to get our bottoms to the kitchen. His specialty was "shit on a shingle" (toast cut into squares covered with a creamy sausage or chipped beef gravy) or fried potatoes cut into perfect little squares.

Our mother was a violinist in the Oregon Symphony and then opened Mother Goose Antiques just two doors up from Goose Hollow Inn, Dad's tavern on SW 19th and Jefferson. We were lucky kids, being able to see both of our parents quite a bit, but also being left alone... almost as much time. Bud brought us along to work at "the Goose", piling us into one of the Volkswagen Buses that we had over the years. Hanging out in the parking lot while he worked on various projects, he'd feed us cheese specials, roast beef sandwiches, bags of Korn Kurls (early Cheetos) or dried shrimp (I think we preferred the Korn Kurls), and sometimes a hunk of steaming corned beef right off of the brisket, among other 70s pub food.

He volunteered for Meals on Wheels, and he would take us to help run the food up into the apartments and hotels. With stacks of steaming meals inside of styrofoam trays, he'd tell us the apartment number, slide open the door of the van, and off we'd run, opening the scissor-like elevator doors and rising to the floors above where the elderly awaited a visit from Dad or one of his kids.

As he continued to put deeper roots in the NW neighborhood, his volunteer activities grew and continued. Between work and volunteer reach-out, his life from our point of view was a seamless tapestry of "doing" and "being" that was normal. There was a memorable campaign of tree planting along the streets of northwest, the roots of some which are now building height. There was also "Neighborfair", the earliest use of Waterfront Park that I recall, besides the Rose Festival Carnival. The booth for the Goose Hollow Foot-hills League (?) looked like a cabin, and he sold Sub Sandwiches. I guess the health department wasn't quite as vigilant

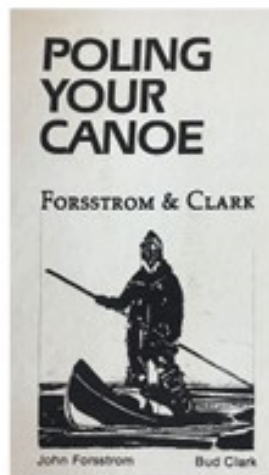


Caitlyn Aldersea, Bud Clark & Peyton Chapman

back then as they are now, because a bunch of the kids of the adults involved were assembling sandwiches for sale. But most notable at that fair one year was when an easel displayed a poster for sale, "Expose Yourself to Art", featuring my dad in a trench coat flashing a statue. They sold for a buck. What I didn't know then was that the poster was partially made to raise awareness about the spread and dangers of VD. And while in the end, it may have done more for the world of art than VD, in my Dad's mind, he knew what he was wearing underneath...*

Aside from all of the neighborhood activities, my Dad loved nature and took us with him as much as was possible. He went on many float trips, first being guided by friends he met at Goose Hollow Inn who invented a raft made by strapping enormous truck tire inner tubes together. My Dad spent many hours on the rivers on these rafts with his friends and family. I think that, to him, the more the merrier was often on his mind. Bringing people together was "the way". The Goose brought people together, and as he told it, so many of the people that he met there showed him new things. He friend, John Forstrom and he would go on fishing trips on the "amoeba-raft" inner tube rafts and eventually opened a duck hunting and canoe shop (Forstrom and Clark) in a house on the south side of Lincoln High School, and so when I eventually attended Lincoln ('85), I could walk out the doors and stop by and see my dad at work at either the canoe shop or the Goose - or my mom at the antique store.

You see, my Dad, Bud Clark, just did stuff. My mom sometimes lamented that he'd easily loan (give) a friend money; we sometimes bemoaned that he brought home people from the Goose on Christmas Eve; and at times, we just wanted our dad to ourselves. But, in the end, Dad taught not only his kids, but he also showed others, that growing a community is perhaps the greatest contribution that one can make in a fair city like ours. From sharing to teaching to modeling — to truly caring, my Dad was a great model for all of us.



Oregon Businessman and civic leader Gerry Frank dies

9/21/2023 – 3/13/2022

Excerpted from the *Oregonian*
Oregon Live | By Douglas Perry

He was Oregon's beloved local tourist, traveling the state's byways and reporting back to a large, enthusiastic audience.

For Gerry Frank, who died Sunday, March 13th at age 98, this was far from his only claim to Northwest fame. Before he began recommending day trips on KPTV's "Good Day Oregon" and highlighting favorite restaurants in a column for *The Oregonian*, he served as Sen. Mark Hatfield's right-hand man for more than two decades.

When Frank stepped down as Hatfield's chief of staff in 1992, *The Oregonian* pointed out that he was "nearly as prominent as his boss."

For years, Frank was Salem's best-known restaurateur, holding court at Gerry Frank's Konditorei, where he offered up "his famous crushing handshake" to patrons and friends alike. He also promoted numerous charity endeavors over the years and served on a multitude of corporate boards. He even became a favorite of Big Apple connoisseurs after writing the top-selling travel guide, "Where to Find It, Buy It, Eat It in New York."

He was celebrated as Salem's "First Citizen" and its "most-eligible bachelor" -- and as Oregon's "third senator."

When Frank turned 93 in 2016, popular conservative radio host Lars Larson heralded him as "the single greatest ambassador for Oregon and the Northwest."

Frank insisted he never expected to have such a multifaceted public career. "I thought I would be in the family business all my life," he said.

That business was, of course, the Meier & Frank Co., Oregon's biggest and best-known retailer throughout the 20th century. In its heyday, the department-store company's Northwest influence was so great, wrote former M&F store model Jan Boutin, that its "sales representatives joked that there were four major cities on the West Coast: Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle and Meier & Frank."

Frank, the great-grandson of store founder Aaron Meier, was never Meier & Frank's mayor -- that was his father Aaron Frank. But, as he later did for Sen. Hatfield, he served as its indefatigable major domo. He traveled extensively to discover the secrets of the world's top retailers, and in 1955 he personally put what he'd learned into practice as manager of the company's new Salem store.

Ten years later, the company's board suddenly forced his father out as chief executive. Amid bickering among members of the family, the company was sold to the St. Louis-based May Department Stores Co. Frank said the contentious battle for control of Meier & Frank was "the saddest" period of his life.

He never really got over it. "In Frank's view," *The Oregonian* wrote in 1977, "the

most poisonous influence in Oregon has been the control of business by owners from outside the state who don't have a stake, a real emotional tie here."

Gerald W. Frank was born in Portland on Sept. 21, 1923, eight years before his great-uncle, Julius Meier, became Oregon governor. His privileged childhood was offset by his father's work ethic and his mother's social obligations, and he admitted he spent more time with his governess than with his parents. Frank served in the military during World War II, and he attended Stanford University and England's Cambridge University.

Despite holding fancy degrees, Frank didn't begin his retailing career in the Meier & Frank executive suite. "He started in the receiving room opening boxes," Boutin wrote, "then got promoted to opening larger boxes."

After the May Co. took over the company, Frank turned to another passion: politics. He had been managing Hatfield's campaigns since the mid-1950s. Now he joined the senator's office, initially taking a dollar-a-year salary.

Frank, whom Hatfield called his "best friend," soon became chief of staff. He relished the job -- even on the rare occasion when Hatfield's viewpoint made him uncomfortable, such as when the senator opposed the Vietnam War.

"I'm a flag-waver," Frank said of his early support for President Lyndon Johnson's escalation of the conflict in Southeast Asia. "I've been in the military. I must say my [attitude] has always been, 'My country, right or wrong.' I found it very difficult not to accept what the president, the commander-in-chief, was saying."

But he backed Hatfield's antiwar stance for one simple reason: "I trusted Mark's intelligence."

He also stuck with Hatfield through late-career scandals that threatened the senator's reputation, such as the revelation that Hatfield had accepted gifts from lobbyists. In 2012, a year after Hatfield's death, newly released FBI documents showed that in 1985 the federal government had secretly indicted a Greek arms dealer on charges of bribing the influential senator.

For years Frank was probably the best-known congressional staffer in the country. In 1976, a Salem man approached Hatfield at a campaign event and asked for a brief audience -- with his assistant. "My wife says she won't want anything else," he told the senator, "if she can just see Gerry Frank."

"It is hard to overstate Gerry Frank's contributions, through decades of service, to our community in Salem and to the state of Oregon," Gov. Kate Brown said in a statement Sunday. "As the Chief of Staff to Senator Mark Hatfield for over 20 years, he was sometimes called Oregon's Third Senator. He also advised countless governors throughout the years, myself included. I am lucky to have called Gerry a trusted counselor and friend."

Throughout the 1970s and beyond,



Gerry Frank

rumors swirled that Frank would run for governor, and pundits around the state believed that, if he did, he would easily win. But he never threw his hat in the ring.

One longtime friend offered a theory on why Frank never put his name on the ballot: "I think he knows that the title 'Gerry Frank' is enough to get him anything he wants in Oregon."

That included cushy spots on a long list of corporate boards -- as well as a place on an advisory panel for Aequitas Capital Management, which collapsed in 2016 in one of Oregon's largest-ever financial scandals. The company's receiver, Ronald Greenspan, issued a report that chronicled Aequitas' long history of institutionalized self-dealing and "actual fraud," which he called "Ponzi-like."

In 2007, Aequitas provided Frank with \$250,000 for a planned restaurant in Portland. When Aequitas fell apart, the receiver came looking for repayment. Frank "initially denied he owed anything in the matter," *The Oregonian* reported, but he ended up paying the debt with a combination of stock from a health-care finance company and cash.

Frank diligently kept up with Oregon's power elite even long after leaving politics, but he insisted his true avocation was very different. More than anything else he loved discovering new places and meeting everyday people. (For decades he served as the sole judge of the annual chocolate-cake contest at the Oregon State Fair.) In the early 1980s, shortly after beginning his Oregon TV career, Frank wrote "Where to Find It, Buy It, Eat It in New York," which immediately became an indispensable guide for anyone who found themselves in New York City. Twenty editions of the book have been published, and more than a million copies have sold.

Years later came his Oregon guidebook, "Gerry Frank's Oregon," first published in 2012. This book grew out of travels for his newspaper column, which he titled "Friday Surprise" -- a reference to the popular weekly Meier & Frank sale from back in the day. He never forgot that his Northwest celebrity had as much to do with his family's department store as anything he had accomplished as a politico or travel writer.

For the full article please go to:
<https://www.oregonlive.com/news/2022/03/oregon-businessman-and-civic-leader-gerry-frank-dies-at-age-98.html>



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