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President's Luncheon Scheduled for April 16



PSU President Wim Wiewel will host his annual luncheon for retired faculty and staff at noon on April 16, in the Columbia Falls Ballroom of University Place, 310 SW Lincoln Street, Portland. President Wiewel will bring us up to date on University strategic planning and initiatives. The luncheon is also a great opportunity to reconnect with colleagues and friends, meet our RAPS Scholarship recipient, and hear about significant programs within RAPS. One highlight will be the announcement of RAPS awards to outstanding retired faculty and staff. We will also hold the Robert W. Vogelsang Memorial Wine Raffle to benefit the RAPS Scholarship, and announce spring and summer term events.

Parking will be available at University Place. If you have a PSU parking permit, please display it. If you do not have a permit, please give the parking kiosk attendant our event code, which is #16020. Space is limited. If you plan to attend the luncheon, please respond by Wednesday, April 8, to Carissa Ponting at rapsmail@pdx.edu or 503-725-3447.

President's Message



Students from the PSU Opera Program gave a splendid performance at our March membership meeting. We are so fortunate to have a professional like Christine Meadows heading this program. We thank her and her students for their preview of the upcoming production of *Le Nozze de Figaro*. Performance dates are April 17, 18, 21 and 24 at 7:30 pm, and April 26 at 3:00 pm in Lincoln Performance Hall 175. Judging from the preview we had, it should be a wonderful production.

After a mild winter, we are sliding into spring with unusually pleasant days. Our April meeting will be our traditional luncheon hosted by President Wim Wiewel. All retired faculty and staff are invited. It is an opportunity to hear from the President about changes at PSU and how they will affect the future of the University. I hope you will plan to attend, and I look forward to seeing you on April 16.

--Priscilla Blumel

RAPS Wine Tasting Event

Save the date! You are invited to join us for a wine tasting on Sunday, May 3 at the Storyteller Wine Company (5511 SW Hood, just off Macadam in Portland) to benefit the RAPS Scholarship fund. Barbara Alberty's son, Michael, owns the shop and will open it just for us (and any family or friends you want to invite) from 1:00 to 3:00 pm that day. There will be refreshments to accompany the tasting; entrance fee is \$15.

In addition, Michael put together a "mystery case" of Kermit Lynch wines. Kermit Lynch is a highly regarded distributor and a friend of Michael's. The wines he selected for the case had a value of \$399; he offered it in his shop for \$199 and sold all 30 cases in the first week. One of those cases has been donated to us, and will be raffled at the wine tasting. Raffle tickets will be offered for sale at the April luncheon and at the wine tasting for \$5 each; you need not be present to win.

--Eileen Brennan

RAPS Scholarship Fund

The RAPS Scholarship Fund was enriched last month by the proceeds of The Robert W. Vogelsang Memorial Wine Raffle.

RAPS Group Reports

The RAPS Book Group met on March 17 and discussed *The Orchardist* by Amanda Coplin. The setting in the orchards of Wenatchee as the 20th century began was intriguing. We tried to fathom the reasons for the actions of the enigmatic characters and were taken by their stories and the way their lives were woven together.

The April meeting of the book group, on April 21 at 1:30 pm, will be at the home of Brian Lewis. We will discuss *The Painted Girls* by Cathy Marie Buchanan. It is a tale of the young ballerinas that were the subjects of Degas' art. "Wonderfully imagined and masterfully rendered, this story of 19th century Paris and life behind the scenes of its legendary Opera House will change the way you see the world of ballet, art, and the lives it portrays." wrote Shilpi Somaya Gowda in the New York Times. Brian's address is 12828 SW Walnut St., Tigard. Contact him at 503-590-5890 or brianlewispx@gmail.com to let him you know you are coming and to get directions.

In May the group will meet at Joan Shireman's home and will read *A Tale for the Time Being* by Ruth Ozeki. The Book Group meets at 1:30 pm on the third Tuesday of each month. We try to balance our book selections to include non-fiction as well as fiction. New members are always welcome.

--Joan Shireman

The RAPS Bridge Group will meet (or has already met) on Tuesday, April 7, 2015. We meet regularly on the first Tuesday of each month. Given the timing of the monthly RAPS Sheet, let me inform you of upcoming bridge sessions: May 5, 2015 and June 2, 2015.

We gather in the conference room of Friendly House's Anderson Building. This building is on the North side of NW Savier Street, around the corner from the main entrance to Friendly House at 26th and Thurman. Playing begins at 1 pm and continues to about 4:30 pm.

We are friendly and are always looking for new players. If you wish to join us, please contact Steve Brennan, [503-646-6297](tel:503-646-6297). My email address is the.steve.brennan@gmail.com.

--Steve Brennan

The RAPS Hiking Group, on March 13, walked the Banks to Vernonia State Trail from milepost 12 to milepost 21 in Vernonia. This is a linear park along an abandoned railroad line. The weather was ideal. All shed their jackets before the hike was over. We saw our first trillium bloom for 2015. We also saw a couple of skunk cabbage blooms at a distance and evidence of beaver small tree logging next to Beaver Creek.

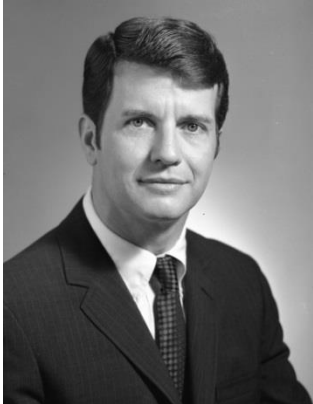
On April 10, the RAPS Hikers will travel up the Columbia Gorge to Rowena Crest and hike from there to Tom McCall Point. This will be an entirely different type of hike than the March hike. It will only be 3.4 miles round trip, but it will be on an unpaved trail with an elevation gain of 1100 feet. The hike appears in Sullivan's *100 Northwest Oregon Hikes, 4th edition* as Hike #58.

Plan to enjoy a sack lunch at Tom McCall Point unless we decide on a late lunch in Mosier. We will carpool from the SE corner of the Gateway Transit Center parking structure. Meet us there at 9:00 am. As this will be a longer drive, plan on driver compensation. For more details, or to confirm your participation, contact Larry Sawyer at 503-771-1616 or larry_sawyer@comcast.net. (There is an underscore between "larry" and "sawyer" in that email address.) This will be a wild-flower hike. Expect a slower pace than the March hike.

--Larry Sawyer

In Memoriam: Robert Tayler, 1933-2015

Robert (Bob) Tayler was born in Boise, Idaho in 1933, and grew up in The Dalles, Oregon. His father was The Reverend Ernest E. Tayler, rector for many years of St Paul's Episcopal Church in The Dalles. His mother was Beryl Cleo Rogers Tayler. Robert graduated from The Dalles High School in 1951. He attended Willamette University from 1951 to 1955, earning an A.B. in history. He did graduate work at American University in Washington D.C from 1955 to 1956, earning an M.A. with a specialization in American history. While there, he also took advanced courses in economics, political science, education,



and psychology. He served in the United States Army from 1956 to 1957. At Fort Belvoir Virginia, he was an administrative assistant at the Army Education Center, and he edited the post newspaper. After leaving the Army, he worked as an assistant to the Director of Admissions at American University.

Bob joined Portland State College in 1960 as an admissions officer. During the 1960s, he was in charge of relations with high schools and served on the President's Task Force for the Disadvantaged. He also taught adult evening classes in American History at the Portland Center Division of Continuing Education. In 1968, his article Portland State College at Home in the World appeared in the journal *Portland Commerce*. In it, he described Portland State's student body, its student life, and its role as an urban institution. Though he was describing PSC, much of what he described would still apply to PSU.

He was appointed Director of Admissions in the Office of the President of Portland State. There he also acted as liaison with the City of Portland and helped to found both the Alumni Association and the University Development Office. After leaving the Admissions Office, he devoted himself to student advising. He moved to the Athletic Department in 1993, where he acted as staff liaison officer to the Viking Club. On his retirement in 1997, he was promoted to Assistant Professor Emeritus. In retirement, he became Development Officer for the Viking Club. He arranged fund-raising events, such as Bingo games and a golf tournament, in support of PSU athletics. When he retired, the endowed Robert Tayler Fund for student athletes, particularly women athletes, was established in his name at the PSU Foundation. The fund is still active and taking donations. He indulged his love of classical music with a vast collection of classical CDs.

Bob is survived by his wife, Faye Tayler, MSW (PSU '85); his daughter, Anne Tayler Kayser and her family (Jeff, Julia Kayser Frisbee and Tom Kayser); his step-daughters Ilse Coffman, and her husband Jim (who played baseball for PSU in the 1970s) and their children Nic and Haydn Coffman; and Gretchen Tobin and her husband Patrick). He is also survived by his sister Jane Tayler Hogan and her family. A requiem service was held at St Stephen's Episcopal Parish, Portland on February 9, 2015. RAPS extends its sincere condolences to Robert Tayler's family.

--John Cooper, Professor Emeritus

In Memoriam: Jerry W. Lansdowne, 1931- 2015

Jerry Wayman Lansdowne was born in Clearwater Kansas in 1931. He died January 2, 2015. He earned a B.A. in Business Administration from Wichita State University in 1954. He served in the Army after graduation and then completed an M.A. in Economics (1959) and a Ph.D. in Government from the

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University of Arizona (1968). He received two post-doctoral appointments, one at The Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan (1973-74) and another at Harvard University (1978-79). Before coming to PSU he taught at Wichita State University, the University of California Los Angeles, California Polytechnic at San Luis Obispo, and Colorado State University. He taught at Portland State University from 1970 until his retirement in 1996. He was one of the first faculty members hired to teach urban studies at Portland State, where he played a major role in developing the major and doctoral degree programs in Urban Studies. He chaired many of the dissertation committees and advised many Masters and PhD students in Urban Studies. When the Public Administration program moved to the School of Urban and Public Affairs, he was able to act as a bridge between the two programs.

Professor Lansdowne is survived by his long-term partner, Nancy Hearn Stevens, and four stepchildren. A celebration of his life will be held this summer. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Outside In, 1132 S.W. 13th Avenue, Portland, OR 97205. Dr. Lansdowne chaired the dissertation committee for Kathy Oliver, who founded Outside In. RAPS extends its sincere condolences to Professor Lansdowne's family.

In Memoriam: Charlotte Tsoi Goodluck, 1946-2014

Charlotte Tsoi Goodluck, Ph.D., M.S.W., was born October 14, 1946 in Ft. Defiance, Arizona. She died on December 3, 2014. Dr. Goodluck graduated from Window Rock High school in Ft. Defiance, Arizona. She earned a B.A. in Anthropology from Prescott College in Prescott, Arizona, an M.S.W. from Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts, and a Ph.D. in Social work from the University of Denver in 1998.



Dr. Goodluck began her career as a social worker at Jewish Family Services in Phoenix in 1973. She was the project director of a program that placed Native children with Native families.

She taught social work from 1987 to 2014 at Northern Arizona University. On retirement, she was named Professor Emerita.

She was instrumental in starting the Bachelor of Social Work Program at Portland State University and during the last seven years served as Professor and Program Director, successfully navigating the program through accreditation by the Council on Social Work Education. She was a board member of the Council, as well as several Native American organizations. She conducted training on Native American child and welfare services. She also did research on the social welfare of Native Americans. Dr. Goodluck devoted her life to social justice and the wellbeing of all communities, but especially that of indigenous peoples.

She was preceded in death by her parents and is survived by her sister, Lesley Goodluck, her niece, Natalie Locust, and many relatives on the Navajo Reservation. A celebration of life was held at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Portland on January 10, 2015. Academic scholarships will be established in her memory. Please contact Dr. Laura Nissen at nissen@pdx.edu for more information. RAPS extends sincere condolences to Dr. Goodluck's family.

Photos from the Hiking Group



White and Red Trilliums – Sure Signs of Spring

Photos by Larry Sawyer (top) and Tom Dieterich (bottom)