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## RAPS Annual Holiday Party Sunday, December 13



Buffet at the 2014 RAPS Holiday Party  
Photo by Larry Sawyer

### Highlights of This Year's Event

- Meet our 2015-16 scholarship recipient, Jillian Szilagyi Kelly.
- Holiday treats will be on sale including tempting baked goods, theater tickets, artwork, and gift certificates.
- We will hold our annual holiday raffle for premium wines and a one-year free RAPS membership.
- All sale and raffle proceeds go to the RAPS Scholarship Fund.

### Brunch Menu\*

Mimosas (cash bar)	Fresh seasonal fruit
MAC's famous cinnamon rolls	Fruit Juices
Chicken apple sausage	Scrambled eggs

Crispy smoked bacon

Chef Philippe's homemade granola

MAC's famous cinnamon rolls and breads

Roasted red potatoes with fresh herbs and sautéed onions

Other special dishes designed by MAC Executive Chef Philippe Boulot

\*If you have dietary restrictions, please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate.

**Please RSVP by Monday, December 7, 2015** to Carissa Ponting, RAPS Office Manager, PO Box 751, Portland, OR 97207, or 503-725-3447. Cost is \$22 per person. You may pay by check made out to the PSU Foundation, or call Carissa at 503-725-3447 to pay by credit card.

## President's Message



With chilly days and rainy Portland weather come gatherings of friends and family to celebrate the holidays. Please join us for the RAPS annual Holiday Party, with a delicious menu planned by Claudine Fisher and Multnomah Athletic Club Executive Chef Philippe Boulot. RAPS Scholarship recipient Jillian Szilagyi Kelly will join us for this event, which helps support the scholarship program.

The RAPS Program Committee has planned some exciting monthly programs to warm up our winter months. In January 2016, members will hear about the latest developments at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry from its President, Nancy Steuber. Provost Emeritus Michael Reardon will join us in February to discuss the development of Eastern International University in Vietnam. Our March program will feature Susan Sokol Blosser who will discuss her book on winemaking across generations.

In order to keep in touch with all of our members, and to let you know about RAPS events and opportunities, please let us know about any changes in your contact information. A form is provided below for your convenience.

I hope to see you at our annual holiday party. Please reach out to recent PSU retirees and personally invite them to join us at this festive event.

--Eileen Brennan

## PSU History Book Available

*Portland State: A History in Pictures* is a great addition to your personal library and makes a terrific gift. Three years in the making, this project of the Retirement Association of Portland State contains more than 300 color and black-and-white photos that document PSU's history, events, and people. This book can be purchased at the PSU Bookstore, or at the RAPS office.

--David Krug

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## Member Information Update Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Current Phone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Current Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to Carissa Ponting, RAPS Office Manager, Portland State University, PO Box 751, Portland OR 97207-0751

## RAPS Group Reports

**The RAPS Book Group** met on November 17 at the home of Phyllis Leonard. The group has chosen David McCullough's *The Path Between the Seas: The Creation of the Panama Canal, 1870-1914* to read and discuss. A long book, it is divided into three sections which the author labels "books." When we realized at the October meeting, how long the book was, and thought about the demands of the holiday season, we decided to read Books One and Two for November and Book Three for December.

We had a lively discussion of the first two sections of the book. In the third part, construction of the canal begins. The story of the control of yellow fever and malaria is also part of the story of the construction of the canal. These are the topics we anticipate discussing at our meeting on December 15 at the new home of Maxine Thomas at Rose Villa, #3029, 13505 SE River Road, Portland. Let Maxine know if you plan to attend. You can reach her by phone at 503-652-3069 or by email at [Thomasm@pdx.edu](mailto:Thomasm@pdx.edu).

Our January meeting will be at the Terwilliger Plaza home of Marge Terdal. We will be discussing Elizabeth Gilbert's *The Signature of All Things*.

The Book Group meets at 1:30 on the third Tuesday of every month. New members are always welcome.

--Joan Shireman

**The RAPS Bridge Group** will meet (or already has met) on Tuesday, December 1, 2015. We meet regularly on the first Tuesday of each month. Given the timing of the monthly RAPS Sheet, let me inform you of a couple of upcoming bridge sessions: January 5, 2016 and February 2, 2016.

On December 1, we will gather in the Cascade Room (Room 236) of Smith Memorial Center at PSU. Playing begins at 1 pm and continues to about 4:30 pm. We are trying out Smith Center as a centrally located place to play bridge. The RAPS board has kindly offered to pay the room rent for our Bridge Group. We will see how the room fits our needs during this trial period.

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

--Steve Brennan

**The RAPS Hiking Group** completed its last hike of the year on November 13. Deve Swaim brought along her friend Halley, bringing the total to ten. We hiked from Terwilliger Plaza to the Casey Eye Clinic at



OHSU, and took lots and lots of stairs to the Tram. Some took the elevator shortcut. From the lower tram station we walked a short distance to the Tilikum Crossing bridge, past the opera office and OMSI to the Vera Katz bronze statue where we cuddled up to her for a group picture. We returned across the Tilikum Crossing to the PSU/OSU/OHSU Collaborative Life Sciences Building where we had lunch.

The December gathering is our annual potluck and 2016 hike planning session. The 2016 hike schedule will be posted on the RAPS Calendar and events web page by December 20.

--Larry Sawyer

## In Memoriam: Lily R. (Sakurai) Kajiwara, 1924 - 2015

Lily Kajiwara was born July 26, 1924, in Portland, to Masaru Sakurai and Chiyoko (Takeuchi) Sakurai. She grew up, along with five younger siblings, on a farm in Troutdale, Oregon. She attended the nearby Corbett Grade and High Schools, graduating from the latter as the Valedictorian of her class in May 1942.

Immediately thereafter, along with other Japanese Americans on the West Coast, she was sent to an internment camp, in her case, Camp Minidoka, in Hunt, Idaho. Initially, she was appointed to the teaching staff of the Elementary School there (as a recent graduate of high school). Shortly thereafter, she was appointed as the lone head teacher of her own classroom. At war's end, the family returned to the Portland area, where she married George Saburo Kajiwara, a veteran of the famous 442<sup>nd</sup> "Go for Broke" Regiment.

Lily started taking classes at Portland State University. When she graduated with a major in anthropology, she was hired by the University to work in the PSU Library. For a long time, she worked in the Science Library, where she trained and managed the student work force. She took the course in the history of science so that she could develop a handbook for students having difficulty with the class. She was named "Outstanding Employee of the Year" in 1992.

After retirement, she worked for the libraries of The Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center, Providence Hospital, The Holgate Branch Library, The Oregon Buddhist Temple, and several others.

She was preceded in death by one sibling, Betty Sakurai. She is survived by her husband, George Kajiwara; daughter, Karen Kajiwara; and three brothers, Dick Sakurai, George Sakurai, and Ed Sakurai. RAPS extends condolences to Lily Kajiwara's family.

*--John R. Cooper, Professor Emeritus*

## In Memoriam: Zola Grace Dunbar 1927-2015

Zola Grace Dunbar née Thomas was born March 12, 1927, in Fossil, Oregon. She passed away Oct. 8, 2015, in Beaverton. Dr. Dunbar attended grades one through eight in a one-room school at Richmond, Oregon. She graduated from Wheeler County High School in Fossil. She received a Bachelor of Science degree from Eastern Oregon College, and a Master's degree and Doctor of Education degree from the University of Oregon. She taught elementary school near LaGrande, in Albany, and at Raleigh Hills in Beaverton. She was named Beaverton's Teacher of the Year in 1974.

Beginning in 1968, while working full time as an elementary teacher in the Beaverton School District, Zola also taught language arts and reading classes as an adjunct for the School of Education at Portland State. When she received her doctorate, she joined the faculty of the School of Education, where she directed the program in Teacher Education and Certification. She taught graduate and undergraduate courses in the teaching of reading to prospective elementary school teachers. She was the author of several published research studies on the teaching of reading. She was a member of a number of educational organizations, serving as president of five, including the Oregon branch of the International Reading Association. After her retirement in 1985, she became an academic adviser for student-athletes at PSU. Her husband of 67 years, Donald Dunbar, was a principal in the Beaverton School district. Together Zola and Donald Dunbar received the Eastern Oregon Distinguished Alumni Award in 2013. They funded a scholarship at Eastern for many years.

Dr. Dunbar is survived by her husband, their daughters, Donna Mason and Myrna Neese, her sisters, Willa May Burns and Ruth Thomas, four step-grandchildren, eight step-great-grandchildren, and seventeen nieces and nephews. A private interment was held in Willamette National Cemetery. A celebration of her life was held on Saturday, Nov. 7, 2015, at Laurel Park at Bethany Village. Donations may be made to the University of Oregon or Eastern Oregon University School of Education in Dr. Dunbar's name. RAPS extends sincere condolences to the family of Zola Dunbar.

*--John R. Cooper, Professor Emeritus*