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President's Luncheon Scheduled for April 21



On Thursday, April 21 President Wim Wiewel will host his annual luncheon for retired faculty and staff. The event will begin at noon in the Columbia Falls Ballroom of University Place, 310 SW Lincoln Street, Portland. President Wiewel will speak about current issues and future plans for Portland State from his perspective as an expert in the field of urban planning and university-community relations. Members will also have the opportunity to meet our current RAPS Scholarship recipient, and to learn about key programs and upcoming events within the RAPS organization. A highlight of the afternoon will be the announcement of the 2016 RAPS awards to outstanding retired faculty and staff. The Robert W. Vogelsang Memorial Wine Raffle will also be held to benefit the RAPS Scholarship fund. As always, this event will provide time for friends and colleagues to reconnect.

Free parking is available at University Place for this event. Please display your PSU parking permit, if you have one. If you do not have a permit, please give the University Place kiosk attendant the event code #16020. Space is limited. If you plan to attend the luncheon, please respond by Wednesday, April 13, to Carissa Ponting at rapsmail@pdx.edu or 503-725-3447. When you respond, please indicate if you prefer the vegetarian option for your lunch.

Please note that some members have received invitations from a previous year that were mailed in error. Rest assured that the information in this story is correct and current.

President's Message



More than 30 members and guests heard Susan Sokol Blosser give an insightful reflection on *la troisième*, the third phase of life, at our March meeting. The theme was "Seven Lessons at 70," but her wide-ranging presentation included dealing with loss, finding reason for joy, and letting go as a positive process. Reading from her latest book, *Letting Go*, Susan highlighted the new task of a groundbreaking generation – redefining old age. As RAPS members, we are engaged in this task of redefinition on a daily basis as we explore diverse areas of learning and as our relationships evolve.

Portland State is also in the process of change, as the university puts its latest five-year (2016-2020) strategic plan into action. Please join your friends and colleagues at the President's luncheon on April 21. President Wiewel will bring us up to date on initiatives and new directions, and the recipients of the RAPS Outstanding Retired Faculty and Staff Awards will exemplify the vitality of our members, and their continuing contributions. I hope to see you at this premier event, and that you will join us for the May 11 wine tour with Scott Burns who will discuss Oregon's *terroir* and the fine wines it produces. A few seats are still available for this tour, which will feature Willamette Valley vineyards and wineries, including the award-winning Sokol Blosser Winery.

--Eileen Brennan

Get Your Wine Tour Tickets Now!

Don't miss the fun as Scott Burns, our geology and vineyard *terroir* expert, leads a wine tour on May 11 from 10 am until 5 pm. We will meet the 28-seat bus at the corner of SW Broadway and Mill. We have set the price at \$90 per person for RAPS members, their spouses and friends. The price covers the cost of the bus and the wineries' tasting fees while also supporting our scholarship fund. It is still well below the price Scott charges for a tour open to the public.

Scott has chosen wineries that differ in both the *terroir* of the vineyard and the techniques of the vintners. We will visit Anne Amie Vineyard in the Carleton area, Sokol Blosser in the Dundee Hills, and Trisaetum on Ribbon Ridge, with carefully chosen comparisons at each. We will bring our own lunches and picnic at one of the wineries. To purchase tickets, contact Carissa, our office manager, at 503-725-3447. She is in the office on Monday, Thursday and Friday and can take a credit card or you may send in a check.

--Nancy Chapman

Coming Events

April 21, noon, President's Luncheon for PSU Retirees

May 11, 10 am, Scott Burns Wine Tour

May 19, noon, Ice Cream Social, Robert Liberty speaks on Sustainability

8/18, (time to be announced), Annual Picnic at Overlook Park

--Terral Doherty

RAPS Office – Same Location, New Address

We have been notified that with the relocation of the Campus Public Safety offices to the former Koinonia House, President Wiewel has approved the renaming of this building to Campus Public Safety (CPS). Accordingly, the signage on the building has been changed. The RAPS office will remain on the second floor of the building, with a new entrance next to the main Campus Public Safety entrance. The first floor entrance to our office is now labeled "Second Floor Offices." As of the week of April 25, 2016, our street address will be 633 SW Montgomery Street. Our mailing address remains the same: RAPS, PO Box 751, Portland OR 97207-0751.

--Eileen Brennan

The RAPS Book Group met on March 15 at the home of Felicia Wirtz and discussed *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah. A story of two sisters in occupied France during World War II, the trauma and decisions of the sisters provoked a lively discussion. One of the members, Leif Terdal, enriched the discussion with his recounting of his own experiences, and added little-known information to explain Germany's ability to advance so rapidly into France.

On April 19, we will be discussing *The President's Club: Inside the World's Most Exclusive Fraternity* by Nancy Gibbs and Michael Duffy. From the back cover: "Michael Duffy and Nancy Gibbs have taken us inside one of the most powerful and unusual families in American life – the brotherhood of former presidents of the United States." We will meet at the home of Nancy Chapman, 4214 NE Hazelfern Place, Portland at our usual 1:30 pm time. Call Nancy at 503-234-0162 or e-mail her at chapmannj@comcast.net to RSVP and get directions.

The group has selected Timothy Egan's *Short Nights of the Shadow Catcher: The Epic Life and Immortal Photographs of Edward Curtis* as the book to discuss in May. This is a biography of Edward Curtis, whose photographs are on display at the Portland Art Museum through early May. We will meet at the home of Joan Shireman.

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

--Joan Shireman

The RAPS Bridge Group meets on Tuesday afternoon once a month. We are changing our meeting time to 12:15 pm from May onward. In April, we will meet at the "regular time" of 1 pm. The time change is to give us better parking options. We usually play on the first Tuesday but for April we need to move to the second Tuesday because of room scheduling problems.

Please mark your calendars for the next three months' bridge dates and times:

Tuesday, April 12 at 1:00 pm in Smith Memorial Student Union (SMSU) 236

Tuesday May 3 at 12:15 pm in SMSU 238

Tuesday June 7 at 12:15 pm in SMSU 236

I will send out a reminder email notice closer to each date we play.

The RAPS bridge group is very friendly, and we 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 8 hiked out to the lighthouse near Warrior Point on Sauvie Island. Due to high water on the beach and the fact that the interior trail was not very inviting we did not make it to the point where the Willamette and Columbia meet. We estimate we walked about 6 miles.

The Tuesday, April 12 hike will be at Lacamas Lake Park in Camas, WA. We will actually be hiking around Round Lake, and we hope to see camas in bloom. Meet at 9:30am at the Lacamas Lake Park parking lot. More information on this and future hikes can be found on the quick links on the RAPS web page.

(<http://www.pdx.edu/raps>). This will be the last local hike until the November Oaks Bottom hike. We start our longer carpool hikes in May with a walk through the Mosier Tunnels.

--Larry Sawyer

Hiking Group Photos



--Photos by Larry Sawyer