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RAPS Annual Summer Picnic at Overlook Park on August 18



**Carissa Ponting, Dave Krug, John Cooper, Terry Rohe, Joan Shireman,
Charlie White, and Chris Lewis at the Annual Picnic in August, 2015.**
Photo by Larry Sawyer.

As last year, the RAPS summer picnic will be at **Overlook Park, located at North Interstate Avenue and Fremont in Portland.** The park is next to the Kaiser West Interstate Clinic, on the bluff overlooking the Willamette River. We will be in the large stone picnic shelter on the Fremont Street turnaround. Both the shelter and the site are accessible for people with disabilities.

The park is served by the MAX Yellow Line. Northbound, the line begins at PSU (stop #10293). Overlook Park is stop #11510. The Yellow Line ends at the Expo Center in north Portland. Parking for Overlook Park is located on Fremont Street, with overflow in the adjacent lot.

The festivities will begin at **4:00 pm Thursday, August 18.** As always, it will be a potluck. Please bring your own beverages and a dish to share.

Terril Doherty is coordinating the picnic; please contact her and tell her what dish you will be bringing so that she can insure that we have a balanced menu. Terril's phone number is 503-238-0545; her email is theterriljoan@gmail.com.

President's Message



Sue Poulsen and I are excited to begin the 2016-17 RAPS year as Co-Presidents, a new governance model for our organization approved by the membership earlier this year. Sue and I join an experienced and committed group of retirees serving RAPS. (The full board is listed on the masthead on page 1.)

Also joining RAPS is our new Office Manager, Rebecca Kelsay. Rebecca just finished her first year in the Graduate School of Education, focusing on marital, couple, and family counseling. Fortunately for RAPS, our outgoing Office Manager, Carissa Ponting, is willing to work outside her new full-time job in the State of Oregon's Department of Human Services to train Rebecca.

Thanks to the hard work of the Program Committee (Barbara Alberty, Priscilla Blumel, Eileen Brennan, Terril Doherty, Claudine Fisher, Charlene Levesque, and Carissa Ponting), Sue and I have a long list of potential speakers for our monthly meetings. By the time the September issue of the *RAPS Sheet* comes out, we plan to have the entire year's programs in place so that you can mark your calendars for the programs of special interest to you. If we have planned well, you will want to come to all of them. Already confirmed for Thursday, Sept. 15, is a hard-hat tour of Karl Miller Center, the newly renovated (and newly named) home of the School of Business Administration.

The new RAPS year kicks off with our annual summer picnic – Thursday, August 18 – at Overlook Park. There's no formal program; our only agenda is to socialize and enjoy good food. (You'll find more information about the potluck elsewhere in this issue.)

We look forward to a full year of RAPS activities in pursuit of learning, fun, and friendship.

--Dawn White

Football Tickets Available for First PSU Home Game!

PSU's Athletics department has made 20 tickets available for the Saturday, September 3, 2016 football game between PSU and Central Washington. The game will be held at Providence Park beginning at 2:30 pm. RAPS members can receive two tickets without charge on a first-come, first-served basis. We will have tickets available for distribution at the RAPS Annual Picnic on August 18, or you can contact Rebecca Kelsay at: 503-725-3447 or at her email, rapsmail@pdx.edu.

--Eileen Brennan

Coming Events

August 18, 4:00 pm, RAPS Annual Summer Picnic at Overlook Park

September 3, 2:30 pm, PSU Season Opener Football Game at Providence Park

September 15, RAPS Member meeting and tour of Karl Miller Center

Please Update your Contact Information

Have you moved, changed your phone number, or changed your email address? Please contact Rebecca Kelsay in the RAPS Office at rapsmail@pdx.edu, or call her at 503-725-3447 by **July 29**. Leave a message if Rebecca is not in the office. This will assure that you receive our mailings, email announcements, and the 2016 RAPS Membership Directory.

RAPS Group Reports

The RAPS Book Group, having read two substantial non-fiction books in the spring, has selected fiction for our summer reading. In July we will dip for the first time into science fiction with *The Martian* by Andy Weir, the tale of a member of a space exploration accidentally left behind on Mars. We will meet at the home of Nancy Chapman, 4214 NE Hazelfern Place, Portland, OR 97213; call Nancy at 503-234-0162 or e-mail her at chapmannj@comcast.net to RSVP and get directions.

And in August we will leave the distant past and the distant future and return to something closer to our own time with Annie Barrows' *The Truth According to Us*, a story of an inquisitive young girl in a small town in West Virginia in the late 1930s. (Of course, one has to be a RAPS member to feel that the 1930s are close to our time.) We will meet at the home of Felicia Wirtz, 16344 NW Avamere Ct., Portland, OR 97229. Contact Felicia at 503-628-2252 or feliciawirtz@gmail.com to let her know whether you can be there, and for directions.

Our selection for September is *Astoria: John Jacob Astor and Thomas Jefferson's Lost Pacific Empire: A Story of Wealth, Ambition, and Survival* by Peter Stark. This is the story of the 1810 Astor Expedition, a three-year journey which opened the Pacific Northwest to exploration and settlement.

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 in the afternoon on the first Tuesday of each month. We begin play at 12:15 pm. We try to finish up by 4 pm. We meet in Smith Center, usually on the second floor, but sometimes on the third floor.

Please mark your calendars for the following upcoming months; bridge dates and times:

- Tuesday, July 5, 2016; 12:15 in SMSU 294
- Tuesday, August 2, 2016; 12:15 in SMSU 294
- Tuesday, September 6, 2016; 12:15 in SMSU 294

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

The RAPS bridge group members are very 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 has scheduled monthly hikes through the summer. In order to save space in the summer RAPS Sheet, the hikes' details can be viewed on the hikers' page of the RAPS webpage. The link is as follows: <http://www.pdx.edu/raps/RAPS-Hikers>.

- The June 14th hike was on the Wilson River in the Tillamook Forest.
- The July 12th hike is up Table Rock.
- The August 9th hike is to the Bull of the Woods Lookout Tower (short route).
- The September 13th hike is to Elk Meadows near Mt. Hood Meadows.

If you are interested in any of these hikes, contact Larry Sawyer at [503-771-1616](tel:503-771-1616) or larry_sawyer@comcast.net.

--Larry Sawyer

In Memoriam: Marjorie Ann Enneking, 1941 – 2016

Professor Marjorie Ann Enneking was born in Junction City, Oregon on June 21, 1941 and died March 13, 2016 in Portland. She grew up on a farm in the Willamette Valley. She earned her B. A. at Willamette University and Ph.D. in Mathematics at Washington State University. For 35 years she was a member of the department of Mathematics at Portland State University. Her



entire career at PSU was dedicated to the education of mathematics teachers, particularly pre-service and in-service middle school and secondary school teachers. She helped launch the Master of Science in Teaching (MST) program for teachers in secondary schools and the Graduate Certificate Program for teachers in middle schools. For several decades, she was the Director of the MST program. She was Co-Principal Investigator for a National Science Foundation grant to research alternative approaches to teaching secondary school mathematics, and she helped obtain additional NSF grants for summer institutes in mathematics for teachers in secondary schools in Oregon and all the adjacent states. Professor Enneking was awarded the George Hoffmann award for faculty excellence.

Professor Enneking is survived by her children, Nancy Enneking and Brian Enneking, her grandchildren, Liam and Rowan Enneking, her siblings, Ron Mikkelsen, Larry Mikkelsen, and Nancy Hawkins; and many nieces and nephews. RAPS extends sincere condolences to members of Professor Enneking's family.

--John R. Cooper, Professor Emeritus of English

In Memoriam: Joy Spalding, 1926 - 2016

Margaret Joy Spalding was born in Princeton, Massachusetts on August 14, 1926 and died in Portland on April 8. She married Kenneth Rabin from whom she was later divorced. As the wife of a foreign service officer, she lived in Australia, the Philippines, Belgium and West Africa. She was a member of Physicians for Social Responsibility, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, and the Gray Panthers. She attended Reed College and was graduated from American University. She earned a master's and Ph.D. in Social Work at Bryn Mawr College. She taught social work at the University of Virginia and, from 1981 to 1983, she was a full-time, fixed-term member of the School of Social Work at Portland State University. She was a member of RAPS. She is survived by her daughters, Margaret Ellen Rabin, Katherine Cramer and Debby Rabin; seven beloved grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. A memorial service has been held. RAPS extends sincere sympathy to members of Joy Spalding's family

--John R. Cooper, Professor Emeritus of English

In Memoriam: Frank Wesley, 1918 – 2016

Frank Wesley, Professor Emeritus of Psychology, was born Franz Wolfsohn in Breslau, Germany, in 1918 and grew up on his father's farm. At 20 years of age, he was imprisoned in Buchenwald, a victim of Nazi anti-Semitism. In Buchenwald, prisoners were worked literally to death. Wesley was forced to carry rocks, an exhausting labor that was made worse by a starvation diet. He was released after



servicing a three-year sentence with orders to leave Germany in three days. He was, however, so underweight as a result of his suffering that he was denied an American visa. He escaped to Belgium and eventually made it to the United States. He came to Portland to work in the shipyards. He became a citizen and, in 1944, joined the US Army, serving in the 21st Division in Europe. He was actually assigned to help liberate the same Buchenwald in which he had been prisoner. In his office at Portland State, he kept a photo of himself with his close Army companions thumb-tacked immediately above his typewriter.

Professor Wesley earned his bachelor's degree at Reed College and advanced degrees at Washington State. He joined the Department of Psychology at Portland State University. His Monday evening class in the psychology of learning was a standing Monday night draw for many years, attended widely by formally enrolled students and typically by a few informal auditors as well. He was the first faculty member of the PSU department to be named a fellow of the American Psychological Association.

He was an active scholar, publishing several scholarly books covering everything from child-rearing psychology to the history of anti-Semitism. His most recent work, *Naked Psychology: Stories Behind the Mind Game*, was more personal, as it describes his education and teaching career.

A celebration of Frank's life was held Wednesday, June 15 (his birthday), at a block party in the 1300 block of SE 37th Avenue in the Hawthorne district of southeast Portland. Professor Wesley is survived by his former wife, Mary Rose of Portland, his children, Claire Wesley (Fran Murphy), Walter Wesley and Elaine Wolf Lopez, six grandchildren and new great-granddaughter. In his honor, donations may be made to his favorite radio station, KMHD or Oregon Public Broadcasting.

RAPS extends sincere condolences to members of Professor Wesley's family.

--John R. Cooper, Professor Emeritus of English

May 11 RAPS Scholarship Wine Tour Photos



Sokol Blosser Winery tasting session led by Scott Burns (standing far right), Dayton OR.



Perfect day for tasting vintage wines at Anne Amie Vineyards in Carlton, OR.

--Photos by Larry Sawyer