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ALUMNI FEATURE



The Crater Foundation Newsletter is honored to feature another successful Comet, 1984 graduate Mike Meunier. Mike is the son of Laval and Sandy Meunier. Mike has 3 siblings: Matt (Class of '87) is an academic advisor at Crater; Susie (Class of '89); and Mitch (Class of '91) is a teacher – coach at Grants Pass High School. Athletics

are a big part of the Meunier family and it is noteworthy that you will not get an argument from the boys when you proclaim Susie “the best athlete in the family”

Following his graduation from Crater Mike attended Southern Oregon State College, majoring in Education. Graduating in 1989, Mike began his career at Shady Cove Elementary School. After 2 years at Shady Cove, Mike joined the School District # 6 family as a reading, math and science teacher at Scenic Middle School. In addition Mike coached multiple sports with his principle responsibility as the Head Softball Coach at Crater until 2001. A highlight of Mike’s coaching was being named the Oregonian State Softball coach of the year in 1993.

After fourteen “great” years at Scenic, in 2005 Mike transferred to Crater in the role of an Assistant Principal. Mike was the Principal of BIS (Crater Small Schools) from 2008 – 2010. Currently Mike is in the District Office as the Director of Human Resources for the Central Point School District.

Mike first attended school in the Medford School District, moving to Central Point one week prior to his 7th grade year at Scenic. The sting of leaving behind good friends was cushioned by new friends, in particular Damon Wirth and Doug Gardner who to this day remain good friends.

“Scenic was a great school because of students, coaches and teachers. The Guided Elective Program allowed students some choice in their schedule and their classes, which gave us some buy-in and made going to class interesting. I always

remember the Lettermen’s Club meetings with Mr. McRoberts. Many of my close friends in high school, Damien Hendricks, David Titchenal, and Mike Frink, were from Gold Hill and Sam’s Valley, whom I met my freshman year at Scenic.”

Mike fondly recalled his days at Crater as a student. “I was more interested at having a good time than applying myself in class. I was lucky to have a handful of teachers who didn’t afford me the luxury of having so much fun that I didn’t learn something along the way. One of those positive influences was Mike’s homeroom teacher, Don Jaquette. “I was his TA and he later became my Athletic Director when I was the Softball Coach. He was and remains a good friend”

Mike and his buddies spent their free time doing things – epic games of street football, homerun derby, basketball on an 8’ hoop at the old Sam’s Valley Playground. “We would pool our gas money and drive out to Sam’s Valley and have three-on-three tournaments.”

Mike and his wife Anna (Class of '83), a teacher at Jacksonville Elementary, are the proud parents of Megan (class of '06), a recent graduate of O. I. T.; Mckayla (junior at CHS); and Max (freshman at CHS). **The Crater Foundation Newsletter** is proud to acknowledge Anna as being named the Oregon Council of Social Studies Teacher of the Year for 2011.

Mike, we are proud of you and wish the best for you and your “wonderful” family.

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WHERE *are they* NOW?

1952 - 1959

MARILY HARTLEY MCDOWELL (54) – lives in Central Point and has retired after 31 years at Bear Creek Corporation and 25 years at Tolo Tavern. She has visited Nevada, Arizona, California, Washington and the Oregon Coast. Her hobbies include fishing, camping, hiking and shuffleboard and she wants to continue traveling.

NELDA ROBBINS (59) – lives in Central Point with her significant other, Mike. She has four grown children: Bret, Becky, and Brenda. Nelda has 12 grandchildren and 7 step-grandchildren. She and Mike love to travel in their free time.

CAROLYN KYLE KONOPASEK (59) – lives in Clarksville, Tennessee with her husband, Don. Carolyn continues to write and has published in short story fiction and novels. Don is a master wood turner/wood sculptor. They opened a studio/gallery several years ago. They have three grown children.

1960 – 1969

GREG LATHROP (67) – lives in Medford with his wife Judy. They have four grown children: Jeff, Shalynn, Angela and Jonathan. Greg is a tax accountant operating his own business. He is an avid golfer in his free time.

JIM BREEDLOVE (67) – lives in Medford with his wife, Monica. Jim retired from the U.S. Navy in 1990 after more than 20 years. After his retirement, he worked as a copier repairman for 7 years then began work as Head Custodian at McLoughlin Middle School in Medford. He retired again in 2008. Jim and Monica had two children: Jon who was killed by a drunk driver in 1997, and Megan. The family loves the Oregon coast, loves to salmon fish in the Rogue River, and they love to travel.

ALLEN NELSON (69) – lives in Medford with his wife, Jan. Allen started “The Pool Man” service business in Medford. They have raised three daughters and now have six grandsons. Jan worked for the Medford School District over 20 years. They now love to ride their Harley and spend time with the grandkids.

DANA HULIN CORY (69) – lives in Central Point with her husband, Terry. Between the two they have four children and two grandchildren. In 2006 Dana and Terry left Winchester Bay in their 40-foot sailboat that they built. They traveled down the Pacific Coast planning on arriving in Cabo San Lucas by Christmas. Due to weather and such they finally arrived for New Year’s. They then lived in Mazatlan and sailed the Sea of Cortez for the next year. In 2008 they returned to Winchester Bay after 5,000 miles traveled and 57 stop-overs. Dana has gone back to work part time as a hairdresser and states “life is good”!

1970 – 1979

SUE BONNEY FOLKERTS (75) – lives in Snohomish, Washington with her husband, Mark. They have one daughter, Lauren. After attending University of Oregon, Sue worked in Portland, and in 1982 married Mark and moved to Seattle. Sue works as a Software Engineer.

DAN GIBSON (76) – lives in Central Point with his wife, Debra. They have two grown children, Robert and Holly. Dan works at Food 4 Less, where he’s been for well over 30 years in shipping/receiving, and Debra is an Office manager at Ruch Dental. Dan states they love bowling, golfing, fishing, hunting and camping. They plan to spoil their grand children and to take special vacations to some exotic places.

BRIAN CAPP (76) – lives in Prineville, Oregon with his wife, Kris. They have two children, Bradley and Kacie. Brian has worked for Les Schwab Tire Centers for more than 25 years and is their Vice President of Marketing. Kris works in retail.

CONNIE MOCKRY (77) – lives in Medford with her husband, Thomas. They have six children and five grand children. Connie is a special needs monitor for First Student Transportation Services.

1980 – 1989

DEBBIE HODSON GILLILAND (82) – lives in Klamath Falls with her husband, Mason. They have three children Amy, Matthew and Travis. Debbie did childcare in her home for 10 years and then became a computer graphic designer. Mason is a union electrician and avid hunter.

CHRIS GOODRICH JONES (82) – lives in Portland with her husband and son, Robby. They spend time doing some buying, fixing up and selling homes.

TAMMY SMITH KREUTZER (85) – lives in Medford with husband, Daryl. They have four boys: Bryce, Blake, Keith and Cody. Tammy works at Neilson Research Corporation as the Quality Control Officer.

JAMIS BICKEL (89) – lives in Lakewood, California, where he’s been for the past 8 years. After graduating from Western Oregon State University, Jamis worked at Rogue Valley Medical Center as an Orderly/Anesthesia Technician in surgery. He then moved to Southern California and worked at the UCLA Surgery Center as an Anesthesia Technician. He moved to Japan and found work as an English teacher and worked at three junior high schools for 2 years and then returned to the U.S. and began work as a special education substitute educator. He also began working for Transportation Security Administration (TSA). He then became a Federal Law Enforcement officer in 2007 and still substitutes at local school districts. Jamis has a significant other who also works in law enforcement and they have one daughter.

1990 – 1999

ANDREW SCOTT (92) – lives in Medford with his wife, Sarah. Married this past July, Andrew studied at RCC in construction industry management and now works as a 3-D scanner and modeler for Epic Scan, Ltd. in Medford. Sarah works as an office manager at Paden Eye Care in Medford

SUMMER HARDEY WHITLATCH (96) – lives in Central Point with her husband, Bill. Married this past September, Summer was a traffic engineer at Hardey Engineering & Associates and is now affiliated with a local property management company. She also continues her engineering career as co-owner of Hardey Traffic Engineering Group. Bill attended Oregon State University served in the U.S. Army and has owned B&B Landscaping and Construction since 1995.

SHAUNA RICE SCHOBBER (98) – lives in Klamath Falls with her husband, David, and their two daughters. Shauna is the author of the “Waypoint Book Series” which are action/adventure, juvenile fiction novels, set in the U.S.

SARRA KLASSEN TRAN (99) - lives in Central Point with her husband, Nathan. Married this past summer, Sarra works in home health care and is a stay-at-home mom. Nathan attended RCC and is a cowboy and astronaut contracted through NASA.

2000 – 2001

MICHAEL DAVIS (01) – lives in Central Point with his wife, Colette. Married this past June, Michael is a supervisor at Peak Oilfield Service Company in Prudhoe Bay, Alaska. Colette received a degree in health and family science from Oregon State University and is a third year nursing student at Oregon Health and Science University.

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F FOUNDATION *A Message From* **PRESIDENT** *Harvey Tomn*

As the life of the Crater Foundation nears 20 years, I find myself reflecting back on how we got started and what the Foundation has become since its inception.

We had absolutely no idea that a \$4,000.00 donation would become such a significant beginning of what has become an organization as big as life. I admit we did have a vision of what might be, but we surpassed that initial vision over 10 years ago. What developed from our Board of Directors after about 6 years of operation was the establishment of long range goals that included "***all*** graduating seniors from Crater High will receive financial assistance from the Crater Foundation by merely requesting it through a scholarship application". This was to become effective with the graduating class of 2000. From that moment on, our vision and goals became long range. We began meeting that goal in 2000 and have done so each year since.

Our next significant goal was to begin awarding scholarship assistance to Crater graduates who had completed at least 1 year of college. We began awarding those scholarships in 2006, and have also continued to do so each year.

We have now awarded over 2,600 scholarships since the year 2000, with a total of more than 2.5 million dollars. What this demonstrates to all of us involved is with some goals and visions, anything is possible. You just have to commit, work at it, and believe in it, and in our community good things happen.

Former Crater Graduate & Family Recognized

Late this summer a family from Medford was selected to receive a complete home makeover from the television show "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" broadcast over ABC Television. This program has aired for the past few years over ABC.

Selected was the C.J & Lindsay McPhail family, who have 3 young children, of which two are autistic. Lindsay McPhail is the former Lindsay Greb, a 1998 graduate of Crater High School. C.J., who was a youth pastor at a local church, and Lindsay, have devoted much of the past 12 years organizing "Sparrow clubs" at schools throughout Oregon. Sparrow clubs are organizations that help children with medical issues by pairing them with schools that "adopt" them. These clubs assist the Sparrow and their families monetarily, with donated time and personal support for years. Many times schools have assemblies and activities devoted to their Sparrow.

The Extreme Makeover brought the entire Rogue Valley together and in 1 week, the old house was demolished and a new home was erected, complete with landscaping and furnishings. This project went on 24 hours a day for 1 week in order to meet the deadlines of the filming crew and the producers of the television show.

When all was completed the very deserving McPhail family had a new home completed by a very generous Rogue Valley community.

The airing of this Extreme Makeover: Home Edition took place on October 28 on ABC Television.

Fall Athletic Results

With the changes made by the Oregon Schools Activities Association in 2009-2010, Crater teams now compete in different leagues, depending on the activity. The football team competes in the Southwest Conference, which is made up of North Medford, South Medford, Crater, Grants Pass, Roseburg, South Eugene, Sheldon, and Thurston. As the regular season came to an end, Crater had a 5-4 record. They defeated Beaverton in a state play-in game 27-7, but the season ended with a 45-22 loss at Oregon City in the second round of state playoff games.

The Crater volleyball team is in the Southern Oregon Hybrid Conference that is comprised of Crater, Grants Pass, North Medford, Roseburg, and South Medford. At the conclusion of the season, the volleyball team finished with a 0-15 record. They then played a state play-n game, and lost to McNary High School.

The Crater boys and girls soccer teams are also in the Southern Oregon Hybrid Conference, the same as volleyball. The boys finished the season with a 0-13 record and were defeated by Tualatin in a state play-in game. The girls' soccer team finished the season with a 2-10-1 record. They then played a state play-in game and lost to St. Mary's of Portland.

The Crater boys and girls cross country teams are in the Southwest Conference, the same as football. The boys finished the season placing second in the conference and then competed for the 6th state title in a row. At the state meet, the boy Comets finished 4rd in the state to end their dominance of state championships at 5 in a row. The Comet girls finished 2nd in the conference, and with a great team effort, finished 2nd at the state meet. They were last state champions in 2007.



Auction/Dessert Night

Saturday, December 3rd, 2011, will mark the seventeenth annual Crater Parent-Community Auction & Dessert. In each of the past few years we have raised in excess of \$40,000.00. The current economic situation could make that amount difficult to duplicate. Unfortunately, the cost of higher education is not declining. It is with confidence in the School District #6 family that we seek to raise \$45,000.00 this year. All monies generated by the auction will be sent with our graduates to America's colleges, universities, community colleges, and trade schools.

A great way you can make a difference is to provide an auction item for the festivities. Another way is to attend and buy! If you can donate the use of a vacation home, handmade items, art, business services, a gift certificate, dinners, cash, etc. you will be a difference maker.

If you would like to attend or make a donation to this years' auction please contact us at craterfoundation@district6.org or call our office at (541-494-6308)



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Reminder!! Alumni Dues

Yes it's the time of year that we annually remind everyone to send in their Crater Alumni dues of \$10.00. Remember, the revenue raised from these dues is used to help defray the costs of the Alumni Newsletter. We now are mailing this Newsletter to nearly 9,000 alumni. The cost for three publications each year is approximately \$5,500.00 and the dues received usually amounts to about \$3,000.00. At this time the Crater Foundation picks up the remainder of the expense; however, we're not sure how long we can continue to do so. Our goal is for the dues to pay 100% of the publication and mailing costs. As the mailing list increases so does the expense. Your continued help in meeting these publication and distribution costs is needed. Any additional amount over the \$10.00 annual dues will be greatly appreciated.

When paying dues, simply fill out the form on the back page of the newsletter, include your e-mail address, and send it in with a check for your dues.

Also, please send information about yourself (if you haven't already done so); where you live, what work you do and something about your spouse and children. We like to share this information with all Crater alums.

CRATER HIGH VARSITY WINTER SPORTS HOME SCHEDULES

BOYS BASKETBALL

Dec	06	Brookings
Jan	06	South Medford
Jan	13	Roseburg
Jan	20	Grants Pass
Jan	27	North Medford
Feb	10	South Medford
Feb	17	Roseburg
Feb	18	Ashland

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Dec	06	Brookings
Jan	03	Grants Pass
Jan	10	North Medford
Jan	17	Eagle Point
Jan	24	South Medford
Jan	31	Roseburg
Feb	07	Grants Pass
Feb	14	North Medford

WRESTLING

Dec	14	Henley
Jan	04	Roseburg
Jan	25	South Medford
Feb	02	Eagle Point

SWIMMING

Jan	15	RV Invitational
Jan	21	Ash/Roseburg

