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ALUMNI FEATURE



Keeping our tradition of featuring Crater alumni who have gone on to make a difference in our world, this issue is pleased to present 1985 graduate, Mona (Rodgers) Sullivan. Like all of our featured alumni, Mona was an active Crater student which included being an integral part of the Crater Forensics Team, a Delegate to Oregon Girls State, playing junior varsity basketball, being active in the Drama Club and serving as the 4-H

Home Economics Club President and Junior Leader.

While at Crater, Ms. Rodgers was the VFW Voice of Democracy writing contest winner, the District Forensics winner for poetry and received the National Forensics League Degree of Distinction. Her active 4-H career led to her receiving the Margaret Gardner Award in Home Economics (the highest distinction) and multiple Grand Champion awards at the Oregon State Fair. Her 4.0 GPA made her the Valedictorian of her class, and she was selected as an Oregon Scholar.

Upon graduation from Crater, Mona attended San Diego State University (SDSU), graduating Magna Cum Laude in 1990 with a B.A. in Communication. She continued her Forensics experience by competing on the SDSU Forensics Team and volunteering as a judge at San Diego high school speech tournaments.

By graduation time, Mona had found her home in San Diego and has remained there. Two weeks after graduation from SDSU, she took a job with the Space and Naval Warfare Center Pacific, where she remains after 24 years serving as a Business Financial Manager/Resource Manager. She has served as the Business Financial Manager at all levels of the organization in non-supervisory as well as management positions. Currently she manages training and development for all business financial managers at the organization. She states that she is "very proud to work for an organization focused on developing technologies that directly support the military and helps keep our country safe." She goes on to relate, "I was lucky to find a career that I love so early on, and I have been fortunate to be recognized and rewarded throughout my career for my organizational contributions."





On the personal side, she has been married to her husband, Pat Sullivan, for fourteen years and is proud of their son, Jacob (13), and stepdaughter, Elisha (29), and stepson, Chris (24). Most of her activities outside of work are focused on the outdoors. She has backpacked many sections of the John Muir Trail, including

weeklong treks where she carried a 50-pound pack. She climbed Mt. Whitney during early spring when it was an advanced mountaineering climb in the snow. Mona and Pat have traveled extensively throughout Baja, experiencing off-roading to remote locations where they have enjoyed fishing, surfing, camping, kayaking and exploring. She shares that "We have been in dangerous situations, including a forest fire and vehicle breakdowns in the middle of the desert." Mona is pleased that they are very family oriented and that "our kids and extended family are really our best friends."

Even with this very active professional and family life, she has found time to be involved in her San Diego community, including co-coaching with husband, Pat, a First Lego League robotics team, and assisting her son with his "One Kid Can Make a Difference" recycling program which donates 100% of the proceeds to charities of his choice. With Mona's assistance he has raised and donated nearly \$2,000 over four years and has kept 3,500 pounds of recyclable materials out of San Diego landfills. As a family, they also participate in many San Diego events associated with the National Foundation for Autism Research.

In reflecting on her Crater days, she especially remembers her two closest friends, Shelly Clark and Debi (Sacchi) Bolen. She is still in close contact with Debi who lives only 75 miles north of her. Further, she says, "I have great memories of high school, because it was a time in my my life when I worked hard on my academics, but I also had a lot of fun." Her favorite teacher of all time was Don Molloy at Scenic. As she says, "He was my friend and my basketball coach, and I always appreciated that he made learning fun." She applauds the many great teachers she had at Crater and the solid education she received in the Central Point schools. Finally, she writes, "I am thankful to the people who believed in me and supported me through my high school years." We couldn't say it better. Congratulations to another great Crater graduate, Mona (Rodgers) Sullivan.

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WHERE *are they* NOW?

1952 - 1959

LEE KILBOURNE (53) – lives in Portland, Oregon with his wife, Anita. He recently retired after working 48 years with Zimmer Gusul Frasca, Architects. He has two daughters and one granddaughter, who is a math teacher at Tillamook High School. Anita, also now retired, was a Registered Nurse.

BOB KING (54) – lives in Florida with his wife of 60 years, Sylvia Blackwood (54). After Bob graduated from Oregon Technical Institute, they moved back to Central Point and lived in the same house on Scenic Avenue for 52 years. They then decided to move to warmer weather and moved to Florida. Sylvia worked as a tax consultant for many years. They have four children, 12 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren. They have been members of the Jehovah's Witness Congregation for 29 years and enjoy taking part in the ministry. They return to Oregon to see family and friends.

1960 - 1969

FREDRICKA (RICKIE) GOWEN MACK (63) – lives in McKinleyville, California with her husband, Herschel (63). They had two children, Douglas (now deceased) and Julie who is an 8th grade PE/Health teacher in Woodland, California. Herschel taught at Southern Oregon College, moved to Humboldt State University in 1970 and retired in 2006. Rickie worked as a teacher's aide and School Secretary in McKinleyville until she retired in 2006. They love to play competitive cribbage and even run several tournaments during the year.

GORDON BANRY (63) – lives in Gold Hill with his wife of 44 years, Ellen. They have four grown children and thirteen grandchildren. Gordon has been a Jackson County weigh master and more recently spent 60% of his time as the safety technician for Jackson county roads and 40% as weigh master. The safety tech is a sort of in-house OSHA person. Gordon has been part owner of a freight business in Friday Harbor, Washington, sole owner of a small logging operation, also on San Juan Island, a truck driver for a chemical company, a police officer and a log truck owner to name a few of his jobs and experiences. They live on Galls Creek in the same house he grew up in. They enjoy spending time with their grandchildren and the love the Oregon coast and go there as often as possible.

ROGER NEUFELD (64) – lives in Sublimity, Oregon with his wife, Ginna. They have two children, Scott who lives in Salem and his 10 year old daughter, Maddy, and Errin who lives in Tualatin with her husband and two children, Jacobi age 6 and Luci age 4. Ginna and Roger are both retired, she from education, she taught at Crater as well as Rogue Community College and Roger from PacifiCorp. They love to spend time with family and especially grandchildren. They also love to travel and have been to Peru, as well as Florida, and Hawaii twice this year.

LYNN REDHEAD (64) – lives in Medford and is now retired after working 33 years at Farwest Steel. His wife passed away in 2013 after 47 years of marriage. He has two children and grandchildren. Lynn enjoys spending time working in his woodshop and loves taking his quad out and riding.

1970 - 1979

ELAINE MCDOWELL BURNS (71) – lives in Eagle Point for the past sixteen years. Elaine married in 1975 to a service man and they travelled and lived in West Germany, Texas and Iowa. Divorced, Elaine moved to Salem and then returned to Medford where she worked for the state of Oregon for 23 ½ years. She married Daniel Burns in 1998 who passed away in 2012. She retired in 2012 and began a new career in acting. She has been in 3 movies and one commercial.

LAURA ENOCH KALISTA (75) – live in Bremerton, Washington with her husband De Wayne. They have three grown children and two grandchildren. Laura and De Wayne lived in Gold Hill and Central Point for 5 years then DeWayne joined the Navy and they lived in Southern California, Chicago, Illinois, Yokosuka, Japan, finally resting in Bremerton Washington. Laura taught piano, Bible Studies, earned her AA in Music and was a stay at home mom. Currently she is a High School Library Clerk.

MIKE EVERSON (75) – lives in Eagle Point, Oregon with his wife, Lauri. Mike is a Mortgage Broker and a preacher. He is also a cancer survivor. They have two grown children.

DAVE GLOVER (76) – lives in Tonopah, Nevada where he works with Radar Electronics at the Nevada Test Site. He has three grown children, Jessica, Rachel and Kristi.

MONICA MEYER REY (76) – lives in Gold Hill with her husband, Markus. They spend most of their time farming and Markus as a contractor /farmer. They love to travel and enjoy a busy life surrounded by family and friends.

1980 - 1989

DAN MILLER ROSSETA (83) – lives in Medford with his wife, Melanie. Dan graduated from Oregon State University with a degree in electrical and computer engineering. He worked for Boeing Company and then as a math and science teacher at Eagle Point High School and Cascade Christian High School. He also was a computer systems consultant for Bitech and a software engineer for WinCare. They have three grown children.

JEFF RUSSELL (84) – lives in Lewistown, Montana with his wife, Chris and their three children. Jeff graduated from Azusa Pacific in 1988 with a degree in Outdoor Recreation. He worked as a recreation director at a Christian Youth Camp in Bass, California then later received a degree in education from San Francisco State. He became a third grade teacher at Donner Elementary School in Elk Grove, California. They then moved to Lewistown, Montana where he is a sixth grade teacher. Chris is a physical therapist.

SERENA GOMEZ HEWITT (88) – lives in Salem, Oregon with her husband, Richard and their two children ages 11 and 9. Serena graduated from Brown University in New York City with a degree in history from University of Michigan in 1995 and from Lewis & Clark law school in 2002. She worked in Detroit Public Library as an Archivist, New York botanical Garden-Archivist, Multnomah County Library and currently for the Oregon Department of Justice, Assistant Attorney General, Attorney in Charge.

BRICK CONWAY (88) – lives in San Francisco, California with his wife, Meg and their two children. Brick graduated from Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut in 1993 with a Bachelor's Degree of Arts in Latin American Studies. He was a bilingual middle school teacher in New Jersey and a professional magician while living in Granada, Spain. Brick became an Account Executive in 1999 for Seidel O'Neil & Supervisor for Hub Strategy. In 2003 he became co-founder and Account Director of Iron Creative in downtown San Francisco and currently owns Small Business Branding & Marketing Consultant Strategy, Planning and Implementation.

1990 - 1999

KARYN THOMAS CHRISTEN (90) – lives in Grass Valley, California with her husband, Eric and their three children. Karen is flying the RQ-4 Global Hawk at Beale AFB and is commanding the 940th Operations Support Squadron for the United States Air Force. She will be transitioning to flying the KC-135 Stratotanker sometime in 2015. She enjoys the traveling associated with her job and recently her family was able to join her visiting Pompeii, the numerous Roman and Greek ruins and hiking Mt Etna, the active volcano on the island of Sicily. In her free time they enjoy watching the kids snowboard, playing baseball, tennis and swimming and improving their 40 acre property.

JENNIFER BIXBY SULPIZIO (90) – lives in Norco, California with her husband of 14 years. They have two boys ages 10 and 5.

TIM KEIL (94) – lives in Phoenix, Arizona with his wife, Sarah. Tim received a Bachelor's degree in architecture from University of Oregon. He worked from 1999 to 2006 for LPA Sacramento as the Studio Designer. He then moved to Phoenix where he currently works for the architecture firm Studio Ma as an Associate Partner. He and his wife have two children ages 9 and 5.

MEAGAN IVERSON (96) – lives in Sunriver, Oregon and returns frequently to work in Ashland's professional theater scene as music director, conductor and audition coach. After graduating from Crater she worked a few years at the Mail Tribune, then attended Southern Oregon University and earned a degree in classical piano performance/music theory. A few years after that she returned to earn a major in technical theater. Meagan works for Guitar Center corporate based out of Los Angeles as Enterprise Taxonomy Manager. She loves jamming with the Bend Ukulele Group whenever in town, and has great interest in the farming, producing, tasting and sharing of local wine industries.

2000 - 2004

CAMEO BURNETT SABEY (02) – lives in Auburn, Alabama with her husband, Allen. Cameo graduated from Brigham Young University in 2006 with a major in History. She began teaching at Orem Junior High School teaching 7th and 8th grade History. Currently she is a homemaker and they have three children ages 3, 2 and two months.

DANIEL GUGLIOTTA (02) – lives in Medford with his wife, Naomi. Daniel graduated from George Fox College in 2004 where he also played basketball. In 2005 he became a youth minister at Table Rock Fellowship in Medford. He then became a police officer with the City of Medford in 2011 and is currently in that position. They have one child and another due anytime.

ELIZABETH SCHULMAN NADOLNY (03) – lives in Eugene, Oregon with her husband, Benjamin. Recently married, Elizabeth is a 2009 graduate of the University of Oregon with a master's in English and a bachelor's in Judaic studies. She works as a seventh grade teacher at Hamlin Middle School in Springfield, Oregon. Benjamin works as the head chef at King Estate Winery outside Eugene.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

The Crater Foundation has entered into several partnerships with community businesses. Our communities of Central Point, Gold Hill and Sams Valley have long been major supporters of the Crater Foundation but businesses have not had the opportunity to partner with the Foundation. Recently, after a series of discussions, the Foundation formed a partnership with Bobbi's Pizza in Central Point. They have committed to a percentage of sales for certain items that are sold to be used for scholarships. Following that initial partnership, Quizno's of Central Point followed with a commitment to also partner with the Foundation by donating a percentage of sales for certain items to the Crater Foundation scholarship program. Hawaiian Hut of Central Point, owned by a Crater graduate, has also joined as a partner with the Foundation by committing to a scholarship to the Crater Foundation. What a great opportunity for our community businesses and the Crater Foundation to form a partnership that benefits kids graduating from Crater High School. Will your business be next?

Once again it is the time of year that we write and mail our fall Newsletter. It now has been 22 years since the inception of the Crater Foundation and this is our 57th edition of the Alumni Newsletter. Many things have occurred in the past 22 years, too many to mention. However I'm going to attempt to highlight some of the more significant events and/or accomplishments during that time.

Of course the entire technological world has changed all of us and has had significant effects on the Crater Foundation in our ways of communication, marketing what we do and our ways of interacting with the entire world. Our web site is read by people, many alumni, all over the world. Who could have imagined 22 years ago that we would be able to communicate all over the world when we didn't even know what a web site was? The ability for people to donate to their favorite charity or cause through the use of technology has changed how the Foundation operates and has forced us to move into the 21st century along with the rest of the world.

The accomplishment of the Crater Foundation is overwhelming even to those of us that work with it on a daily basis. We now have awarded scholarship assistance to more than 3350 Crater High graduates, amounting to more than 3.1 million dollars. We have given in excess of 120 thousand dollars to our schools over the years to be used for human resources for needy students and for rewards to all students. We have provided more than 50 thousand dollars to our schools for special projects that could not be provided for through school district general fund budgets. We have partnered with the Central Point Rotary club and have given well over 50 thousand dollars in school supplies to District 6 kids. We have written and mailed 57 editions of the Alumni Newsletter to over 9000 alumni and have either featured or written about 1068 Crater High alumni. All of this in 22 years.

What's next, you may ask? We believe we have established something that will continue to function and last for many years to come. We have worked extremely hard to assure that this is only the beginning and the Crater Foundation will only become bigger and better every year. We really are all about helping our young people in whom we believe so strongly. Our statement says "helping make dreams a reality" and that is what we are all about.

To all of you who read this Newsletter and who support the Crater Foundation, "THANK YOU" so much for your continued support and your belief in young people.

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Fall Athletic Results

5A-3 Midwestern League



Once again, the Oregon Schools Athletic Association has reclassified schools for high school athletic competition. Crater is now in the Midwestern League, which is made up of Ashland, Churchill, Crater, Eagle Point, Marist, North Eugene and Springfield.

The football team competes in this conference with the exception of North Eugene as they have chosen to play an independent schedule. As the regular season came to an end Crater had a 3-6 record finishing 5th in the conference and failed to qualify for a state playoff berth for the first time in 9 years.

The Crater volleyball team playing all Midwestern opponents, finished the season as Midwestern Conference champions. This is the first Crater High volleyball conference championship since 1985 as they finished the regular season with a 18 -3 record. They defeated Wilsonville in a state playoff game and will be playing in the 8 team state tournament on November 7 & 8 in Portland.

The Crater boys and girls soccer teams are also playing all opponents in the Midwestern League. The boys finished the season with a 2-11 record and failed to make the state playoffs. The girls soccer team finished the season with a 4-8-1 record, qualified for the state playoffs and defeated Lebanon to advance to the final 16 state playoff bracket.

The Crater boys and girls cross country teams are also in the Midwestern League. The boys finished the season placing 1st in the conference and qualified the team for the state meet while the Comet girls finished 2nd in the conference and also qualified the team for the state meet. The boys team finished 2nd at the state meet and the girls team finished 10th.

IMPORTANCE OF E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Email addresses and Facebook addresses have become increasingly important in this ever changing world of electronic communication. Many people, as we all know, communicate exclusively through the use of technology. That creates difficulties for organizations such as the Crater Foundation whose purpose is to keep Crater Alumni and other interested parties informed about Crater High School, its graduates and its future graduates. Our Alumni Newsletter reaches nearly 9000 alumni. However, we're concerned about more recent graduates that do not communicate through mailing. We've been unable to acquire mailing addresses from graduating classes since 2000.

With that being said, we are making a strong push to acquire as many email/facebook addresses as possible. We presently have about 1800 e-mails that are current, but leaving 7000 that we do not have. We are appealing to all Alumni to send us their e-mail addresses so that we can ultimately move toward the 21st century. We have no plans to stop printing and mailing Newsletters as we've done for the past 20 years. However we would like to begin sending Newsletters as well as other pertinent information by the use of e-mails. The benefits are a reduction in our printing and mailing costs and will allow us to do a better job of keeping Alumni up to date and better informed.

Thanks in advance for sending us your current e-mail to craterfoundation@district6.org. Please include your name and graduating year. You can be assured that all e-mail addresses as well as mailing addresses are confidential to us and will never be shared with other people or organizations.

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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. 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 9000 alumni. The cost for three publications each year is approximately \$5500 and the dues received usually amounts to about \$3000. 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 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 WINTER SPORTS
 HOME SCHEDULES**

VARSITY HOME SCHEDULES

BOYS BASKETBALL

December 11	Crater Invitational
December 12	Crater Invitational
December 13	Crater Invitational
December 16	North Medford
January 9	Marist
January 13	Ashland
January 16	Churchill
January 30	North Eugene
February 17	Eagle Point
February 20	Springfield

GIRLS BASKETBALL

December 4	Mazama
December 11	Crater Invitational
December 12	Crater Invitational
December 13	Crater Invitational
January 3	North Eugene
January 13	Ashland
January 23	Springfield
February 6	Marist
February 12	Churchill
February 17	Eagle Point
February 24	Henley

WRESTLING

December 18	North Valley
January 14	Ashland
January 29	Henley
January 31	Crater Classic
February 5	Eagle Point

SWIMMING

December 13	N.Med/St. Mary's (YMCA)
January 17	S. Med/CC (YMCA)

