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PAT AND JACI JOHNSON CELEBRATE 37 YEARS OF MARRIAGE

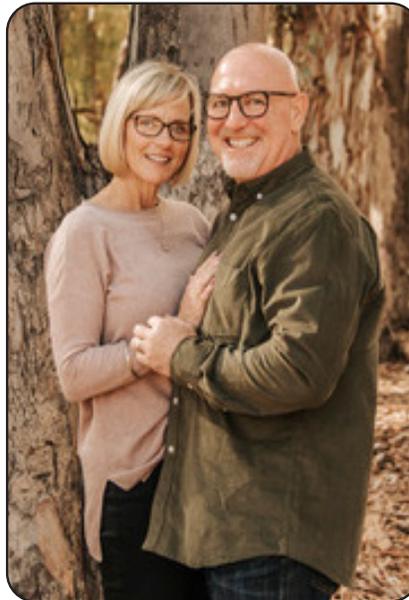
The **Crater Alumni Newsletter** is pleased to feature Pat and Jaci Johnson in this fall edition. Pat was a 1980 Crater graduate. Besides being a talented student Pat also was a gifted athlete, lettering in football and wrestling two years and track three years. In his senior year he was honored as a First Team All-League defensive back and in both his junior and senior years he was selected as a First Team All-League Wrestler. His memories of growing up in Central Point are vivid. "We lived across the street from old Central Point High School which became CPE. It was a great time in my life with my childhood friends, Mike and Steve Yarnell, Steve, Laurie and Ron Elo and Danny Ditch. We entertained ourselves by sliding down the metal fire escape at CPE, playing Little League baseball for Southern Oregon Dry Kiln and Babe Ruth baseball for Weaver Concrete. Scouts were also a big part of my younger life, and I made it all the way to receiving my Eagle Scout award."

Pat's athletic and leadership prowess started at Scenic Junior High School where he was a member of the Letterman's Club and served as President of the Scenic Student Body which led to him helping plan a 24-hour dance marathon charity fundraiser for the Muscular Dystrophy Foundation, an event that brought in an amazing \$3,000 in donations. His impressive Scenic record continued in high school and his list of Scenic and Crater teachers and administrators who left a lasting impression on him are many. "I want to give special thanks to three people who are no longer with us, Chuck Frisk, Jay McRoberts and Jim Backen and also applaud Dan Speas, Don Jaquette, Lloyd Hoffine and Don Molloy."

After graduation from Crater, Pat enrolled at Southern Oregon University, graduating from there in 1984 and soon after was hired as a math teacher at Oregon City High School. In addition to his teaching duties, he served as an assistant football and wrestling coach and in 1985 became the head wrestling coach. He was to stay at Oregon City until 1993 when he was hired as an Associate Principal at Canby High after obtaining his administrative license from Lewis and Clark College. In 1998 he was selected as principal of the innovative Ninety-One (K-8) school in the Canby School District. In 2004 he was named principal of Canby High School, a position he held until retirement in 2015 but not before he was recognized as an Oregon Outstanding School Administrator in Career and Technical Education.

Reflecting on his career, Pat's philosophy and goals are simple. "Teaching and coaching has defined who I am in all aspects of my life. It was in junior high school that I decided to become a teacher. I was inspired by great teachers and coaches. I know that, through teaching and coaching, I have influenced others in much the same way my journey was influenced and inspired."

Jaci (Hilton) Johnson was a 1981 Crater graduate and, like Pat, excelled in athletics, hers coming in volleyball, basketball and softball. She lettered three years in volleyball and basketball and was a four-year letterer in softball. She was selected to the First Team All-Conference Softball Team her senior year and was voted Senior Female Athlete of the Year in 1981.



She was even selected as the 1981 Prom Queen and this was especially meaningful for her. "I took this as a great honor because I was voted on by my peers."

Following high school, Jaci went on to become certified in cosmetology and hair design and became a nail technician all of which led to a 33-year career in the hair and nail industry. In addition, she was a fashion and personal stylist with Cabi and was a sales associate with Harley Davidson, giving her a very diversified work history.

Reflecting on her Crater years, Jaci has fond memories. "Pat and I have had a great life together and that all started at Crater High School! I remember the days of sitting together at lunch, watching each other in all our activities and working concession stands with Lloyd Hoffine, one of my favorites for sure. Funny story, Pat would never hold my hand on game day because he was such a serious and focused competitor." She goes on to reflect on more of her Crater days, "Having the privilege of competing with so many talented Crater women athletes was a blast and riding the bus to Klamath Falls always included a bag of Doritos and Mountain Dew. The best pre-game

food ever." Her Crater experience did not come without some excitement. "I remember my car catching fire in the campus parking lot with Diane Johnson in the passenger seat and, while that was pretty thrilling, it didn't compare to Prom night when I was crowned as Prom Queen with Pat by my side and then he proposed to me that same night. What a great date that was."

Pat and Jaci currently live in Riverside, CA but Pat is really not retired. He works as the Coordinator of Single-Subject Supervisors and as a Supervisor in the Teacher Education Program for the Graduate School of Education at the University of California, Riverside. He and Jaci have two grown children, Jefre and Derek and Pat relates, "You won't believe this, but Jefre and his wife, Leah, have twins, Owen and Eliza, who are 20 months old whereas Derek and his wife, Lindsay, have three children, Brock (3) and twins, Jady and Jordan, also 20 months old. Yes, this is correct. Two sets of twins born eight days apart. Jaci and I feel truly fortunate and blessed to have five grandchildren and our parents who all still reside in Central Point."

The Crater Foundation is fortunate and blessed to have such outstanding Crater graduates to honor in our newsletter.

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1952 - 59

VELMA MAYFIELD OLSEN (55) – lives in Auburn, Washington where she has been an expert control officer for Honeywell. She has two grown children and four grandchildren. Velma has traveled to Washington, D.C., Minneapolis, Minnesota and San Antonio, Texas.

MERLE NYBERG (55) – lives in Grants Pass with his wife, Helen Charlene. They have four grown children and four grandchildren. Merle retired from the U.S. Navy in 1974 and then went to work for Noritsu American Corp as Senior Technical Service Representative. His favorite hobby is reading.

JOHN SHAMA (56) – lives in Leaburg, Oregon. He and his wife, Patricia have been married for 61 years and have two daughters Kelly and Shelly. John worked for Beneficial Corporation for 28 years and upon retirement in 1988, started Banner Mortgage. He sold the company in 2019. Today fully retired, he is busy doing things that he had wanted to do for many years.

1960 - 69

JOYCE JOHNSON HORTON (63) – Did live in Gold Hill with her husband, Warren however after retirement of both they purchased a motor home, sold everything and hit the road. Since, they have done volunteer work at different Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife sites, Historical and sites in Texas and Arkansas. Their eastern travels took them to all the major Civil War battle fields. Joyce was a nurse's aide at R.V.M.C. for several years and worked as a bookkeeper/office manager at several doctor's offices. They love to camp, hunt and fish in their free time.

DOUG MCMAHAN (67) – lives in Gold Hill with his wife of 51 years, Diana. They have three grown daughters, Daffney, Amy and Amanda and six grandchildren. Doug was a surveyor for Hoffbuhr and Associates and is a preacher for Bible Baptist Church in Gold Hill. Diane is now retired after being a principal at Prospect. They enjoy hunting, fishing and camping.

MARCIA CLARK GIERLOFF (67) – lives in Jacksonville, with her husband, Ray. Both now retired, Marcia worked for cardiologists and open heart surgeons before retirement. She has three children and two step-children, all grown. They also have seven grandchildren. They have two Harley motorcycles and an RV that they use to leave the valley during the winter months. In the summer they spend much of their time living at Howard Prairie Lake.

CINDY CHARLEY SIPE (67) – lives in Portland with her husband of 48 years, Tim. They have three grown children, Justin, Charlotte and Tina. Cindy worked as a pharmacist at Emanuel Hospital for 34 years retiring in 2006. They have traveled to Washington, D.C. gone on a Caribbean cruise and had a great trip to Italy. They love to go to Black Butte near Sisters where they purchased a home. A great place to relax and enjoy the area.

1970 - 79

SANDI MENKE DILLINGER (72) – lives in Eugene, Oregon with her husband of 43 years. After graduation, Sandie attended Lane Community College and earned an associate degree in accounting. She and her husband then opened an auto repair shop in 1983 and still operate it with hopes of retirement soon. They have four children, step sons Teddy (47) and Austen (43) and their children Josh (40) and Miranda (37). In her spare time Sandi enjoys golf, traveling and spending as much time as possible with their three grandkids (ages 1, 2 and 5).

BOB DUNNE (78) – lives in Bloomfield, New Mexico where he has worked for Pizza Hut for the last 31 years. After graduating, he worked for the Red Lion Organization and studied culinary arts, ultimately earning a Certified Chef certificate. After five years with Red Lion kitchens he joined Pizza Hut and worked his way up to Director of Operations in Washington State.

STEVE SPATZ (78) – lives in Glenside, Pennsylvania where he is president of BookBaby, one of the world's largest self-publishing companies located outside of Philadelphia. His team and Steve have worked with 50,000 authors helping them distribute their books through Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Apple, Google and many others. Currently Steve is active in author groups around the world, with speaking gigs at the London Book Fair,

Dublin Writers Conference, San Francisco Writer's Conference and many others. He self-published his own book, "The End, Now What" through BookBaby in 2015 and has two more manuscripts on the way. Previously Steve worked in senior leadership roles for Fortune 500 companies including Mattel, Tyco Toys and Hasbro during his 35 year direct marketing career.

KENNY WICKS (76) – lives in Medford with his wife, the former Karen Marvin (78). Kenny has worked for Boise Cascade for many years and is now looking forward to retirement. They have one grown son, Kevin who lives in the Rogue Valley.

1980 - 89

DENISE DOLAN FLORES (85) – lives in Vancouver, Washington with her husband, Mike. They have two children, Kristen 24 and Justin 20. Denise began college and started a part-time college job that turned in to a 19 year banking career. Within those 19 years she has enjoyed five different careers but says her best career is "being a mom".

ANNE-LOUISE JACOBSSON SANDVIK (85) – lives in Eskilstuna, Sweden with her husband, Robert. They have three children, Gustav 25, Elin 22 and Tilde 18. Anne-Louise worked as a Site Manager and Resource Deployment Manager at IBM in Sweden.

LESLIE SHEPARD GAINEY (87) – lives in Eagle Point with her husband, Rick. They have two children Ryleigh, 21, who attends University of Montana and Hayden, 19, who attends Butte College where he plays football. After 12 years living in Alaska, they returned to the Rogue Valley. Leslie worked in Dialysis and as a paramedic and her husband still works on the Alaska Pipeline for Conoco-Phillips. In their free time they like to hike, golf and play board games.

1990 - 99

SHERM SWARTZ (90) – recently married, Sherm lives in Central Point with his wife, the former Michelle Watson (92). Sherm has three grown children, stepson Sean 25, son Bryon 23 and daughter Allison 19. Sherm is a Grocery & Frozen Food Buyer for Sherms Thunderbird Markets and Sherms Food 4 Less, where he has worked for 30 years. Michelle works for Lithia Motors in their corporate office. In their free time they love to camp, fish and attend sporting events. Sherm is particularly proud of being on the "chain gang" for Crater football since 1994 with his friends, Scott Coffman, Sean Jenson and Dusty Hoffman.

DAMON HOFFMAN (97) – lives in Central Point with his wife, Nikki. They have two children, Haylee 19, and Mason 14. Damon is an engineer for Jackson County Fire District 3 and Nikki works for People's Bank. In their free time they love to camp, snowmobile and hunt.

2000 - 2009

KELLY CORBETT SMITH (00) – lives in Central Point with her husband, Brian and her daughter Emma. Recently married, and moving professionally from an elementary teaching position in the Medford School District to a new job, Kelly is now the Principal of Lincoln Elementary School in Grants Pass.

TRISTAN WEBB, (02) – lives in Jacksonville with his wife, Katelyn. They have two children, Cora 2 and Fiona 2 months. Tristan is a teacher at Jewett Elementary School where he teaches a Spanish/English immersion class. Tristan joined the Peace Corps which included projects and working in Honduras. He also lived and worked in Colorado while getting his teaching degree. His wife, Katelyn is a professional judicial clerk for the Honorable Federal Judge Mark Clark. In his free time Tristan is an avid golfer, is talented with gardening and doing his own home construction/improvement projects.

DANIELLE SHULTS GOODE (05) – lives in Central Point with her husband, Brian. They have two children, Nathan, 11, and Trey, 8. Danielle is a 2nd grade teacher at Mae Richardson Elementary School in Central Point and Brian works for the Social Security Administration. In their free time they love to travel, camp, hike, play family games and enjoy music.

Teacher/Administrator *feature*

This Teacher/Administrator Feature is Bruce Fauble, a long time teacher, coach and administrator in School District #6. Bruce graduated from Southern Oregon State College with a bachelor's degree in education and began his teaching career at Scenic Junior High School. He spent the next 32 years in School District #6 teaching social studies, coaching volleyball, basketball and football at both Scenic and Hanby. He also coached softball at Crater for nine years. At Scenic he was also the advisor for the leadership class.

When he transferred to Hanby he was a social studies teacher and also taught the leadership class. He started the backpacking program at Hanby taking students down the lower Rogue trail. That program still exists today. After 25 years in the classroom, Bruce was appointed Principal at Patrick Elementary School a position he held until his retirement in 2009.

After retirement, he and his wife of 37 years Desi, have traveled to Europe, Hawaii, Mexico and the Western United States. Bruce finds time to play golf three days a week with many other retired District 6 teachers and administrators. He especially enjoys their annual golf



trips to Sunriver.

Bruce and Desi have two grown daughters, Kayla and Lindsey. They are blessed with seven wonderful grand-children and are grateful that they are able to be involved in each of their lives.

Bruce tells us, "I was blessed to be able to spend my entire career in District 6. Every school I was at had great teachers and leadership". He goes on to say, "My fondest memories are of my experiences with kids, from coaching to backpacking to being an

elementary school principal. It was always about the kids. I also got to hire some of those kids and that was truly a highlight."

We applaud Bruce as another in a long line of outstanding retired educators from School District #6 who have made a difference in countless young people's lives.



Message from the President

What a difficult year for everyone. First the COVID 19 virus and the closing of schools. Then as the pandemic escalated the decision by the state to keep schools closed this fall and allow no large gatherings. Thus several large fund raising events were cancelled. Then came the horrible fires here in the Rogue Valley as well as other locations in Oregon, Washington and California. The tremendous devastation in Talent and Phoenix has affected all of us in one way or another.

For the Crater Foundation, this 2020 Crater High graduating class was awarded approximately \$260,000 in scholarships and Crater High graduates who have completed at least 1 year of college received \$65,500 in scholarships. We were able to do this as we had planned ahead and are financially able to make these awards.

With the anticipated loss of nearly \$200,000 from fund raising events this year this stands to be a huge financial loss for us. However, we strongly believe we will be able to withstand those short term losses but hoping not for long term. With smart handling of our finances, with what support our alumni, individual people, businesses and organizations will make when they can, we will endure these difficult times and still be able to help our young people as we have done in the past. We are strong and we will survive.

RETIRED TEACHER LEAVES SCHOLARSHIP MONEY

David Clair, retired District 6 teacher, passed away September 15, 2019. He was a typing and computer teacher at Scenic Junior High/Middle School during his 25 years in the district. With his passing, his entire estate was left to non-profit organizations, including the Crater Foundation. Mr. Clair established a scholarship in his family name, and with this substantial bequest, that scholarship will continue for many years and will assist many students with college expenses.

Mr. Clair was a Vietnam War veteran who loved teaching and young people. He showed us how much by making this extremely generous gift.

MEET OUR NEWEST *Crater Foundation Board Members*

EMMALLEE FINNEY HIGINBOTHAM - Emmallee is a 2000 Crater graduate and lives in Central Point with her husband, Byron (96) and their two sons. Emmallee is co-owner with her husband Byron of Higs Gym. She is also Clinic Director of Complete Care Health Centers located in Medford. In their free time they love to travel, hike, camp and anything outdoors.

LINDSEY FAUBLE ZAGAR - Lindsey is a 2002 Crater graduate and lives in Central Point with her husband, Scott and their two daughters ages 4 and 7. Lindsey received a Bachelor's degree in political science and German from Western Oregon University and a Master's degree in international studies from Denver University. She is the marketing manager for Del Rio Vineyards in Gold Hill.

ALICIA BETTENBURG WILSON - Alicia is a 2002 graduate from Crater High and has lived most of her life in the Rogue Valley. She received a Bachelor's degree from University of Minnesota in 2006 and a law degree from University of Oregon. She and her husband, Andrew are both attorneys in Medford. She is delighted to become a board member of the Crater Foundation as she received financial support from the Foundation as a Crater High graduate.

SCOTT TUERS - A 1989 Crater graduate, Scott lives in Central Point with his wife, Kristen. Scott graduated from Oregon State University and became a teacher and coach at Hanby Middle School. He became a volunteer fireman that ultimately led to his leaving the teaching profession and becoming a full time firefighter. He currently is a Captain with Jackson County Fire District 3, where he has been for 16 years. They have two daughters, Morgan, age 15 and Brooke, age 13.

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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.



HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

The COVID 19 virus has caused much confusion for high school athletics since this last spring resulting in the ending of all high school athletics in Oregon as of March 15, 2020. More recently, following the State regulations, the Oregon Schools Activities Association issued the following schedules for high school athletics on August 5, 2020.

"The OSAA's new calendar provides for three distinct seasons from late December to late June with limited overlap between seasons. Traditional Winter activities will take place in January and February (Season 2), followed by Fall activities in March and April (Season 3), with Spring activities occurring in May and June (Season 4). Each season will feature an equitable 7-week regular season, with adjusted contest limitations, followed by an OSAA Culminating Week."