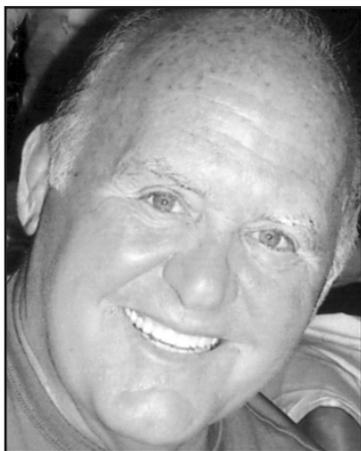


# CRATER ALUMNI NEWSLETTER



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## ALUMNI FEATURE



**The Crater Foundation Newsletter** is proud to profile another Crater graduate who has truly made a difference. 1960 graduate Charly Warren is our focus for this edition.

Charly is the son of the legendary Comet coach Leonard and Mattie Warren. Charly credits his work ethic to his parents and the expectations they had of him. Many CHS grads and athletes can thank Coach Warren – he truly left his footprint on those he touched. “Apply yourself, success will come” were words

imparted to Charly by his father. Charly grew up in the Rogue Valley picking pears, hauling hay, playing baseball and wrestling. His dad was his little league baseball coach. Charly recalls his Dad hooking chain link fencing to the bumper of his Model A and dragging the infield. After the game Charley and 6-7 of his friends piled into the car and Coach took them home – “Dad did it all”, said Charly proudly.

Charley fondly remembers his days at Crater. He recalls friends Al Lamp, (1960 State Wrestling Champion) Kenny Gebhard, Ron Hale and Jerry Korbol, among others. Charly spoke of two teachers, Jim Backen, his freshman English teacher, and Ed Kirtley, his wrestling coach his junior and senior years. Mr. Backen spoke of life being tough, Coach Kirtley told his athletes that winning is the icing on the cake; the important part was the cake which was consistently doing your best. Charly said “you take both of their teachings and apply them and you will more than often succeed”. Charly was a member of Crater’s first wrestling team in 1956. Coach Knapp “taught us out of a book”; he had not wrestled but felt the need for a wrestling program at Crater. In Crater’s first varsity match versus Eagle Point, the first grappler to step on a mat and represent the Comets was 98# freshman Charly Warren. Charly pinned his foe, and the Comet tradition of excellence on the mat began.

From Crater, Charly matriculated to the University of Oregon, graduating in 1964 with a degree in general science. Wrestling for the Ducks his senior year, Charley was a Pacific Coast Champion (now the Pac 10). He left the U of O for a teaching/coaching job at Glide High School. On the staff at Glide were basketball coach and Crater graduate Gordy Carrigan and football coach Chet Bowser, who later coached and taught at CHS and was selected the 1990 Oregon Teacher of the Year.

From Glide, Charley chose to return to college and seek an engineering degree. At Oregon State University he was an assistant wrestling coach under the legendary Dr. Dale Thomas. Charly worked with the lighter weight athletes, helping the Beavers to finish 3rd at the NCAA’s in 1967-1968.

After receiving his degree, Charly went to work for Crown Zellerbach, now Georgia Pacific. From Camas, Washington to Carthage, New York with numerous stops along the way, Charly worked his way to the position of Manufacturing Vice President. While in Carthage, Charly came across a summer employee, Marianne, a student at Clarkson College. Told that she was going to leave to return to school, Charly inquired if she could wait around to get her final check. When told to mail it, Charly volunteered to hand deliver the wages. “We believed in service”, said Charly. Charly and Marianne have now been married for 31 years, with 5 children and nine grandchildren. Tragedy struck the Warren house when their middle son passed away with a heart ailment at the age of 22, “The longest, saddest day of our lives.” With their nine grandchildren in the Portland area Charly and Marianne are well acquainted with I-5.

One story tells of Charly’s character: While in Choctaw, Alabama, one of many places he and Marianne called home, Charly became involved with the athletic department of the local public high school. The area was impoverished. The focus and finances were directed to an area private school. Georgia Pacific employed a large portion of the town. The public high school football team won the Alabama State Title, but the town paid little attention; life was tough. Charly had been told that before, he responded. With the support of Georgia Pacific, Charly purchased a lettermen’s jacket for each member of the team. Charly, **The Crater Foundation Newsletter** is proud of you!

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# WHERE *are they* NOW?

## 1952 – 1959

**BILL BOYE (54)** – lives in Gold Beach, Oregon with his wife, Carol. Bill is retired after 32 years with the City of Medford and Carol is also retired. They sold their home in '01 and went RV'ing for a few years. They decided to return to Oregon for the summer months and reside in Arizona in the winter. They purchased property in Gold Beach and built a home. Bill states he loves to spend time trying to catch the wily salmon. They have four grown children, nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

**LOUISE LULL (54)** – lives in Central Point and has now been retired for 21 years. She travels around Oregon and loves to see the Christmas Lights at Shore Acres. Her hobbies include flower arranging, writing letters, working outdoors and canning and freezing from the garden

**FLOYD SHERMAN (59)** – lives in Medford with his wife Susan. Floyd owned and operated a plumbing business before retiring in 2003. They have traveled to Arizona and California to Bluegrass music festivals and plan to travel more with their travel trailer. They now have seventeen grandchildren

## 1960 - 1969

**WANDA SMITH MORRIS (60)** – lives in Eagle Point with her husband, Dave. Wanda recently retired from Biomass One LP having worked there for more than 30 years. Dave retired from Williams Bakery after working for many years in the grocery and bread business. They have two grown children and 3 grandchildren. In their free time they love to travel, spend time with their family and friends and spend time with their grandchildren.

**MURL FLENNER (63)** – lives in Medford with his wife, Mary Jo. After serving three years in the Army Signal Corp in Europe, Murl returned home and entered SOC. He then went into business with his dad working on Volkswagens and added parts sales to the business which is now called Quality Import Parts. They have two grown children and two grandchildren. Murl states they are typical grandparents, still working and "enjoying our family and church family in the valley."

**KAREN HOLLY DARLING (63)** – lives in Ashland, Oregon. Karen retired in 2006 from a career in social work. Most of her focus was on advocacy for women and children and she spent the last ten years managing a hospital based program for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. She has traveled the world some for work and some for pleasure. She is very close to her daughter who lives in Portland and has a successful business. Karen enjoys gardening and researching sustainability, rowing, walking her dog, enjoying friends and volunteering at a local soup kitchen.

**JIM WHITE (69)** – lives in Phoenix, Arizona with his wife of nearly 40 years, Patricia. They have lived a few places via the U.S. Army like, Tennessee, Berlin, Germany and Tacoma, Washington. Jim works for the Sheriff's Department as a Detention Officer. They have one grown son, Michael.

## 1970 – 1979

**KATHY ROSS MEDINA (70)** – lives in Eagle Point with her husband of 37 years, Vince. They have three grown children and seven grandchildren. Kathy began working as a part-time substitute mail carrier for the Eagle Point Post Office in 1991 and then began working as Postmaster Relief in the Trail Post office 1999. They attend the Trail Christian Fellowship in Eagle Point and Kathy leads a Bible study for girls ages 8-15. She also leads a fellowship ministry for women that includes about 25 women. In their free time they love spending time with their kids and grandkids and do an annual fall BBQ for their friends from church.

**KAY GUNDERSON YAMADIS (75)** – lives in Virginia Beach, Virginia with her husband Nicolas. Kay went to nursing school, then returned to the valley to work a Rogue Valley Memorial Medical Center. She and Nick moved to San Diego and Kay went back to school and obtained a BA in Business Administration. After 8 years in San Diego they moved to Spain for 5 years, returned to the US, and settled in Virginia Beach. Kay is a retired Registered Nurse and now volunteers at an elementary school teaching violin to 5th graders. Kay says she "loved being a part of Crater High."

**MIKE SPATZ (75)** – lives in Portland, Oregon with his wife, Kim. They have two children, Michelle (24) and Amelia (19). Mike is a Corporate Real Estate Planner. He states "I learned to be an Architect; learned how to be a Husband; learned how to be a Dad and now am learning how to be an Empty Nester."

**COLLETTE SWEET (75)** – moved to Mattawa, Washington in 1981 and now works as an office clerk for Simplot Grower Solutions. She has two boys, the oldest lives in New York and the youngest lives near Mattawa and is a crop duster. In her spare time Collette loves to travel.

## 1980 – 1989

**KATHY DEARMOND MIER (80)** – lives in Tigard, Oregon with her husband, Gary and their three children. Kathy attended Southern Oregon University and graduated with a degree in Art Psychology. She teaches Art out of her home in Tigard.

**DUANE PFAFF (82)** – lives in Maple Grove, Minnesota with his wife Jamie. They have three children, Morgan, Molly and Davis. Duane is currently Head of Reinsurance operations for ING in Minneapolis. He enjoys golfing, softball and coaching his children's sports teams.

**SHELLY MCGEE BROWN (84)** – lives in Central Point with her husband, Kevin and their 5 children, Joshua, Jared, Jaime, April and Valen. Shelly works for the City of Central Point Parks and Recreation Department. In their free time they love camping and four wheeling with their family.

**RICK MILLER (84)** – lives in Nashville, Tennessee with his wife, Daniele. After high school Rick spent three years in the U.S. Army as a military policeman and then spent 12 years selling building

materials in Northern California and Denver, Colorado. He then went back to school and graduated as a Registered Nurse and works on a Critical Care Unit in a rural hospital. They have 4 children, Ricky, Derek, Kristian and Katherine. In his free time he tells us "I spend it with family, woodworking and trying to keep up with taking care of more land than I'll ever know what to do with."

## 1990 – 1999

**SANDY TUTTLE CHARON (90)** – lives in Bend, Oregon with her children, Gage (10) and Allie (9). Sandy started, owns and operates the Structural Engineering Company in Bend. Her hobbies include photography and running. She has run in several Pear Blossom Runs and also has competed in long endurance runs.

**JEFF HERNANDEZ (97)** – lives in Central Point with his wife Tiffany and their daughter Gracie, age 18 months. Jeff is part owner and an officer with Black Rock Coffee Company. They are busy making their coffee business successful. In addition, Jeff and Tiffany are very active in Applegate Christian Fellowship. In their free time, they love all outdoor activities, including hiking and snowmobiling.

**RANDY HERRERA (99)** – lives in Portland with his wife the former Melissa Boggs (99) and their daughter Mischa, 2 ½. Both graduated from Oregon State University; Randy with a degree in Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering and Melissa with a BS in Exercise Science. Randy is currently attending George Fox University and will graduate with an MHBA this next February. Randy works for a dental equipment manufacturing company, A-dec, Inc., as a Product Manager. Melissa works at Providence Portland Medical Center as an Exercise Specialist. In their free time they love to take Mischa to the park and the zoo. They enjoy snowboarding, spending time with friends and family and Randy still plays golf when the weather is nice. Their favorite place to vacation is Maui.

## 2000

**JOEY BERDANIER KAUFMANN (00)** – lives in Central Point with her husband, Bobby (98) and their 3-year-old son Dominic. Joey has been a hairstylist with Razors Edge in Central Point and has been the cheerleading coach for Crater High for several years. In addition to those activities she now is an aide at Jewett Elementary School. Bobby works for Helix an IT company. In their free time they love watching college and professional football and spending time with Dominic.

**EMMALEE FINNEY HIGINBOTHAM (00)** – lives in Central Point with her husband, Byron (96) and their 11-month-old son, Hudson. Emmalee works in the women's health care field in Medford. Byron is a self-employed farmer on part of the original family farm as well as managing and teaching in his own Martial Arts school. He also competes in Martial Arts events. They are busy with Hudson, the farm and their Martial Arts school, but enjoy hiking, mountain climbing and other outdoor activities in their free time.

## **FOUNDATION** A Message From **PRESIDENT** Harvey Tonn

It has now been 18 years since the Crater Foundation was established and we have provided scholarship money for nearly 2,500 Crater High graduates! We continue to be asked, "How do you do it"? There is one simple answer: our community supports our young people like no other. As we've stated before, there is no other organization of any size in Oregon that provides scholarship assistance to every graduate who applies. In addition we have now assisted more than 500 Crater graduates who have applied for financial help after successfully completing at least one year of college. You are the reason for that success.

Has everything with the administration of the Foundation gone easily and smoothly? Not exactly! As we continue to grow, we find that we need to develop numerous policies. Yearly tax preparation and regularly scheduled audits show the need to develop even more. The list seems endless; it takes numerous hours to process and develop adequate and meaningful policies.

During the last couple of years our investments took a hit, as did many other people and organizations. We hung in there and are slowly regaining funds that we lost from our investments. On a positive note, during the recession and loss of investments the Foundation has not had to use any of our invested money to meet our needs and requests. Through our fund-raising, our amazing supporters have provided the approximately \$250,000 necessary each year. That figure includes scholarship monies plus costs to operate the Foundation. Yes, we currently have the ability to generate that income on a yearly basis. We hope that we can continue to do so in the near future and additionally be able to increase those figures as the economy improves.

It's been a great ride for all of us involved with the Foundation and one that we hope will continue for many years to come.

## Auction/Dessert Night

Saturday, December 4th, 2010, will mark the sixteenth annual Crater Parent-Community Auction & Dessert.

In each of the past few years we have been fortunate to raise in excess of \$40,000.

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 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 year's auction please contact us at [craterfoundation@district6.org](mailto:craterfoundation@district6.org). (541-494-6308)

## 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 9,000 alumni. The cost for three publications each year is approximately \$5,500 and the dues received usually amounts to about \$3,000. 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.**



## Fall Athletic Results

The following is a summary of the Crater High Fall athletic season.

With the changes made by the Oregon Schools Activities Association, Crater teams compete in different leagues depending on the activity. The football team now competes in the South West Conference which is made up of North Medford, South Medford, Crater, Grants Pass, Roseburg, South Eugene, Sheldon and Thurston. As the season comes to an end Crater has a 2-7 record. They will now be playing Southridge High School of Beaverton in a play-in game for state playoffs.

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 0-17 record. They then played a state play-in game and lost to Westview High of Beaverton.

The Crater boys and girls soccer teams also are in the Southern Oregon Hybrid Conference, the same as volleyball. The boys have finished the season with a 0-12-1 record and were defeated by McNary High School in a state play-in game. The girls soccer team finished the season with a 4-9 record and defeated McMinnville High School in a state play-in game. They will now enter the 32-team bracket for the state championship and will be playing Jesuit High of Beaverton.

The Crater boys and girls cross country teams are in the South West Conference, the same as football. The boys finished the season winning the **conference championship** and will be competing for a state title. The girls finished 2nd in the conference and will also be competing in the state championship meet.



## In Memory



Over the past 10 years or so we have had numerous contacts asking us to write in the **Crater Alumni Newsletter** about the death of a spouse or relative who was a Crater High School graduate. We prefer to list these obituaries on our website rather than in the Newsletter.

For the past 8 years as we have learned about the passing of Crater graduates and former teachers, we have listed them on our website according to their graduating year and the year they passed away. To read about those former Crater Comets, go to the Crater Foundation web site at [craterfoundation.district6.org](http://craterfoundation.district6.org). Click on the link Alumni, then click on the link **In Memoriam**.

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Please make checks payable to Crater Alumni Association and include additional information about yourself

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## CRATER HIGH VARSITY WINTER SPORTS HOME SCHEDULES

### BOYS BASKETBALL

Dec. 07 Klamath Union  
Jan. 04 Grants Pass  
Jan. 11 North Medford  
Jan. 18 Eagle Point  
Jan. 25 South Medford  
Feb. 01 Roseburg  
Feb. 08 Grants Pass  
Feb. 15 North Medford

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Dec. 07 Klamath Union  
Jan. 07 South Medford  
Jan. 14 Roseburg  
Jan. 21 Grants Pass  
Jan. 28 North Medford  
Feb. 11 South Medford  
Feb. 18 Roseburg  
Feb. 22 Ashland

### WRESTLING

Jan. 13 Grants Pass  
Jan. 20 North Medford  
Jan. 21 Culver  
Jan. 22 Crater Classic

### SWIMMING

Dec. 15 North Medford  
Dec. 18 South Medford  
Jan. 02 North Medford

