



# Crater Alumni Newsletter

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## ALUMNI FEATURE



The Crater Foundation Newsletter is once again proud to present a graduate of Crater High School who is making a difference in the world. It is our pleasure to pen this article and update the many friends of 1975 graduate, Terry Palmer.

When talking with Terry he tells us, "I am always impressed with the accomplishments of CHS alumni when I hear from them or read the Crater Newsletters. It is amazing to see and hear about others from CHS. Fortunately, our teachers saw through our faults and didn't give up on us, seeing just a glimmer of

potential and hoping we'd wake up and use it someday."

His family moved to Central Point in 1973 from The Dalles, Oregon so that his dad, Kenneth, could work on the construction of Lost Creek Dam. His brothers Mike (74) and Brian (78) and Terry moved to a different school every two or three years as projects ended and a new one began.

Terry tells us his years at Crater would best be described as "fun". He also quickly discovered that Crater kids were a lot of fun. "CHS kids actually would dance at a school dance and they really needed everyone to go out for sports – so there was no shortage of activities to participate in." While in high school, Terry was on the track team in 1973, played varsity basketball in 1974 and was also a member of the math club in 1974. Scott Dumas (75) and Michael Spatz (75) signed him up for the math club as a prank --- "it turned out to be fun because we played ping pong and pool at the tournaments. I was not a great student – I'd earn an A in math and squeak out a C in health. In hindsight, I was a strange blend of jock, hippie, and nerd. I had little focus." However, Terry was awarded "draftsman of the year" at Crater which was awarded to the person with the highest scores in mechanical drafting class.

His summers were spent tubing or fishing on the Rogue or Applegate River almost every day and working as a bus boy at the Holiday Inn at night.

"No doubt my dad influenced me a lot – he would occasionally take me to Lost Creek Dam and I was fascinated with the construction. Huge earth movers, concrete, and steel...wow!" "After high school, my good friend Randy Schuster (75) and I moved to Arizona to go to a drafting technical school at night and I worked for Maricopa County on road construction during the day (define hot). Terry tells us, "that experience inspired me to go to college and get my civil engineering degree with an emphasis in structural engineering – so those math and physics classes at CHS opened a huge door of opportunity." He received a Bachelor of Science in Civil engineering in 1980 from South Dakota School of Mines and Technology.

His employment ranged from Medford Steel in 1977 to Chalker Engineers in 1981 to Berger Abam Engineers in 1984 and in 1987 began work for Magnusson Klemencic Associates in Seattle, where he has been for the past 27 years.

Terry's career has allowed him to travel many parts of the world, working on projects in Singapore, Brunei, China, Australia, the Maldives Islands, as well as many locations in the USA. He has designed structures for the Sultan of Brunei, Paul Allen, and Howard Shultz. In addition, he has collaborated on award winning designs with some of the most talented architects in the USA such as Art Gensler, Curt Fentress, and Leonard Parker.

Terry has received many awards for his work with Magnusson Klemencic Associates including;  
ACEC National Honor Award – San Jose International Airport Terminal B and Concourse B  
ACEC National Honor Award – Minneapolis Convention Center  
ACEC Grand Conceptor Award – Experience Music Project, Seattle Washington  
ACC / AAE Airport Planning Design and Construction Symposium Chairman – 2012  
TSA Airport Security Planning and Design Guidelines Co-Author, 2011.

Currently, he is working on the design of Terminal 3 at San Francisco International Airport and the expansion of the North Satellite at Sea-Tac International Airport.

Terry states, "I can only attribute any success I've had (combined with a few good lessons in humility) to God and a strong sense of responsibility that came with being married at age 19 and having our first child while I was a freshman in college. I now had a purpose and a focus in my life." He and his wife, Sharon have been married 38 years. They have four children, Jenny, Brett, Scott, Eric, and six grandkids ranging from 1 to 10 years old. Terry and Sharon are members of the Church of Christ and have been foster parents for several children over the years. They also contribute to Child Haven and support needy people and preachers in the Philippines.

Terry tells us "I'll never forget, my first design was a ticket booth at the entrance to the CHS football stadium. Thank you for giving me some tools and a chance – Go Crater!"

Terry, the Crater Foundation Newsletter is proud of your many accomplishments, you are yet another Comet success story.

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# WHERE *are they* NOW?

## 1952 – 1959

**MELVA CHEW PHILLIPS (54)** – lives in Alva, Oklahoma with her husband, Eckley. They have four children and five grandchildren. After retiring from Alfalfa County Bank in Cherokee, Oklahoma they moved to Alva. In her free time, Melva does yard work, plays with her grandkids and she and Eckley do some traveling.

**BELVA CHEW CARTER (54)** – lives in Bemidji, Minnesota with her husband, Guy. They have two children and four grandchildren. Both retired, they have been to Colorado, Oklahoma, California, North Dakota, South Dakota, Ohio, West Virginia, Canada and various places in Minnesota. Their hobbies and interests are grandchildren, gardening and birds.

**DEE LOWRY ROTH (55)** – lives in Lakewood, Washington with her husband, Gary. They have four children, eleven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. They have lived in Panama, CZ. San Francisco, Fort Hood, TX; Fort Benning, GA; Mineral Wells, TX; Fort Riley, KS; Fort Richardson, AK; Fort Sill, OK; Fort Ord CA; Fort Lewis, WA; and now Lakewood. They have been to all 50 states as well as Mexico, Denmark, Germany, Italy, France, Austria, Switzerland, Canada and Guatemala. Now retired, they are busy with church activities and Dee with Eastern Star.

## 1960 – 1969

**JOHN CASTER (60)** – lives in McMinnville, Oregon with his wife the former Marilyn Hixson (60). Upon retirement they spend time traveling and visiting grandchildren. Marilyn is the President of the McMinnville garden club and enjoys gardening decorating. They are now in the process of building a new house and plan to live out retirement in McMinnville. For several years they have worked at Royal Family Kids camp for abused children. In 2012 John volunteered for an archaeology dig in Israel, a fantastic experience and the fulfillment of a long-time dream. Their next travel itinerary will include a history tour in Tennessee, Kentucky and Ohio as well as more time exploring Oregon east of the cascades.

**DAVE WILCOX (64)** – lives in Poulsbo, Washington with his wife and their Newfoundland dog. After 40 years in social service, teaching and counseling, David has retired. He retired from a busy private practice in Anchorage, Alaska then moved to Poulsbo where they built a new home. They enjoy a busy life of country living and being with family.

**LAWRENCE MEYER (65)** – has lived in Klamath Falls, Oregon for the past 24 years, with his wife, Sharon. They have a grown son and daughter and one grandson. Sharon is retired after 21 years at a secretarial position at Ponderosa Junior High. Larry is still employed at a local Carrier Dealer as a transport refrigeration technician and is not planning to retire soon. Both are active in a local church and both enjoy outdoor activities.

**REGGIE AYERS (67)** – lives in Medford with his wife of more than forty years, Ree. They have a grown daughter and two grandkids. Ree works for Oregon Department of Labor and Reggie is a home inspector where he's been for the past 25 years. In their free time Reggie enjoys dwarf car racing with his grandson and Ree enjoys gardening and grandkids. He states "preparing for hard times ahead and thankful for the great times at Crater High when life was simple and people were genuine."

**LYNN LEWELLYN THORN (69)** – lived in Grants Pass, Oregon for twenty years with her husband, Charlie. Lynn received a Bachelor of Science degree in business management in 2007 and worked for Asante Health Systems. They decided to head south and moved to the San Diego area. She started a new journey to become a Holistic Health Practitioner, has finished her education and is now practicing.

**RHONDA WALKER FLORANCE (69)** – lives in Rio Vista, California with her husband of over 35 years, Herb. They both work in insurance, Herb is a commercial broker working from home and Rhonda is a company underwriter in Stockton. They have three grown children who are all college graduates and live in the San Diego area. In their free time they love to golf, go to movies, church activities, wine tasting, sight-seeing and having friends over.

## 1970 – 1979

**TERESA GADDIS LUNDISER (75)** – lives in Portland, Oregon with her husband, Geary. They have two children, Christopher and Stephanie. Teresa worked as a photographer in Los Angeles but missed her family and moved back to Oregon. She attended George Fox College then moved to Portland. Her first job was in Real Estate at a bank and eventually she worked up to Executive Assistant of the Retail Division. She currently works for a Real Estate Investor/Builder.

**CHERYL GLAWE TAYLOR (75)** – lives in Centreville, Maryland with her husband, Butch. They have three grown children and one grandchild. Cheryl served 6 years in the USMC working in the communications field. She was stationed in South Carolina, California, Iwakuni, Japan and Baltimore, Maryland. She

currently helps administrate a Martial Arts School and administrate their family business. She loves interior decorating and landscaping and is a Harley Davidson riding enthusiast.

**KATHY RUTTER WILLIAMS (76)** – lives in Medford, Oregon with her husband Keith. They have five grown children Chris, Marc, Adrianna, Cassandra and Peter and two grandchildren. Kathy teaches Social Studies and Language Arts in the Phoenix-Talent School District. She also teaches Early-Morning Seminary every morning for her church. She and her husband Keith, a physician, have been married more than 30 years. They have traveled to the Cook Islands, China, France, Italy and have taken some of her students to Russia, England and Mesoamerican.

**DOUG ELDER (76)** – lives Grants Pass, Oregon with his wife, Fe. They have two children, Aiko and Timothy. Doug is in support services in Manufacturing and Fe is a nurse.

**MONICA MEYER RAY (76)** – lives in Gold Hill with her husband, Markus. Markus is a contractor and farmer and Monica assists with the farming. They tell us life is surrounded by family and friends. They love to travel and look forward to doing more of that in the future.

## 1980 – 1989

**BETH REED GARDNER (81)** – lives in Alpharetta, a suburb of Atlanta, Georgia. She has one daughter who is a freshman at the University of Georgia and is majoring in marine biology with a minor in marine veterinary. Beth has been working at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, supporting the National Center of Environmental Health with contracts and grants. In her free time she enjoys bicycling, walking, exploring the East Coast and watching football.

**JENNIFER BOARDMAN (84)** – lives in Central Point with the younger of her two daughters when she is home from college. Her oldest, Alli just graduated from OSU Cascades in Business Administration and lives in Redmond. After graduation, Jennifer attended OIT and SOU, took some time off to raise her kids and graduated in 2002 with a degree in Community Development. She has lived in Arizona and Washington but has returned to her home and currently works for the City of Central Point as manager of Parks and Recreation. She loves interacting with a variety of folks and showing people a friendly home-town atmosphere that makes Central Point special.

**PATTY CUPERNALL REED (84)** – lives in Central Point with her husband of 29 years, Jeff. They have 3 grown children, Breyanna, Thomas and Tanner all Crater High graduates, and a six week old grandchild. They own a property management company which Patty manages. Jeff works for the Grange Co-op as Feed Production & Logistics Manager. In their free time they enjoy family time, hiking, hunting, camping and spending time with their labs. Patty enjoys working in high school youth ministries and is Co-Director of The Loft (teen outreach ministry for high school girls).

## 1990 – 1999

**KRISTIE RIGGS BAKER (95)** – lives in Central Point with her four daughters, Mackenzie, Nicole, Kellee and Mya. They all attend Central Point schools and are very active in sports. Kristie works as a lead dispatcher for the Oregon Department of Forestry, where she's been since 2007. In her free time she spends time with family and friends, watches her kids play sports, barbecue, camp, dance and attend concerts. She also loves to raft, go to movies, cook and bake. She hopes to take her kids to Hawaii in the next year.

**DEVEN ANDERSON (96)** – lives in Central Point with his wife, the former Jennifer Coffman (96) and their 1 ½ year old son, Nolan. Deven is a Program manager at Erickson Air-Crane and Jennifer is a 3rd grade teacher at Central Point Elementary School. They recently purchased property and are having fun remodeling their home and planning their mini-farm.

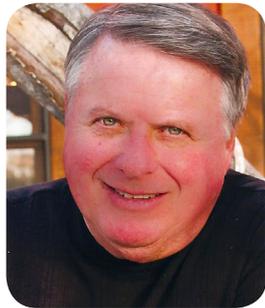
## Crater Foundation Month

This past year our goal was awareness, as we believed our community including many parents was not aware of the Crater Foundation and what we do. We picked the month of May as Crater Foundation month and received proclamations from the cities of Gold Hill and Central Point as well as the School District #6 Board of Directors, in support. We printed and posted 100 lawn signs throughout the community and hung 12 banners at our schools as well as other strategic locations around our communities. We attended school events at Crater and Scenic where we were given the opportunity to talk about the Foundation and what it does for District 6 students. We ended the Foundation month by inviting nearly 200 people to a 20th year Celebration of the Foundation at Del Rio Vineyards on May 19th. We ended our awareness project for the year by having a Crater Foundation float in the Central Point 4th of July parade. This year we are once again proclaiming May as Crater Foundation Month throughout our communities with activities still to be decided.

If you wish to be involved or would like more information please call us at 541-494-6308 or email us at [craterfoundation@district6.org](mailto:craterfoundation@district6.org).

Ever since the beginning of the Crater Foundation some 20 years ago, Crater graduates have been featured in the Alumni Newsletter that publishes three times a year. As this tradition continues, after numerous requests, we begin a new feature recognizing teachers who have retired from School District #6.

## Retired Teacher Feature



**Don Molloy**

Once again the Crater Foundation and the Alumni Newsletter is honoring a former teacher from School District #6 that has made a difference in many young people's lives.

The latest honoree is **Don Molloy**, a 1967 graduate of Crater High School. During his Crater High days, Don was an all-conference football player and a district champion shot putter. After graduation, Don attended Linfield College for a year before transferring to Southern Oregon College, now known as Southern Oregon University. While at SOC he was a member of the football team as well as the track team. Graduating with a Bachelor of Science in education, Don took his first teaching job at Prospect and then three years later became a health teacher and coach at Scenic Junior High school. He remained in that position until his retirement in 2003. During those years Don coached football, basketball and track and was the head girls basketball coach at Crater from 1984 - 1993.

Presently Don lives in Redding, California with his wife Laura. They have a combined family of eight children and eleven grandchildren. They are involved in their church and community activities in Redding. Don stays very actively involved with the lives of his three children and eight grandchildren who all live in the Central Point area. For the past five years Don has been working part-time as a children's behavior therapist for Remi Vista, Inc. of Mt Shasta, California. This job requires one-on-one work with children with behavioral needs. As Don states "this can be a very challenging job but with great personal rewards."

When asked about his years working in School District #6, Don stated "being a '67 graduate of Crater High School and teaching in the District for 30 years, I realize how very special our district is. As a teacher I watched Scenic transform from a popular Junior High to a model Middle School. I had the privilege to work with a great staff with excellent administrators. It has also been enjoyable to watch young lives transform into today's community leaders. Thanks to Facebook I can feel a part of many of their lives which is very rewarding. In addition the development of the Crater Foundation has been a very valuable part of our school community. I appreciate the support it gives to our students and to the community as a whole". Don tells us he wants to send a "shout out to my former classmates, students and staff members of our school community. The School District will always hold a special place in my heart. GO COMETS!"

## Winter Sports Summary



Crater continues to compete in the 6A classification that includes of North Medford, South Medford, Crater, Grants Pass and Roseburg. In wrestling and swimming the conference also includes South Eugene, Sheldon and Thurston.

**The Crater Comets wrestling team** placed third in the Southern Oregon Hybrid Conference qualifying 7 wrestlers for the state tourney. At the State Tournament the Comets finished 16th in the 6A division. They had 2 state placers including a 3rd and 4th place finishers.

**The Comets girls basketball team** finished 3rd in the Southern Oregon Hybrid Conference and earned a state play-off game with Forest Grove. They defeated Forest Grove and now move on to play Oregon City. However their season came to an end when they were defeated by Oregon City 66 - 27. The Lady Comets finished the season with a 17 - 9 record.

**The Comets boys' basketball team** finished 4th in the Southern Oregon Hybrid Conference standings and earned a state play-in game with Aloha of Beaverton. Unfortunately the Comets season ended with 56 - 54 loss. They finished the season with a 7 - 16 record.

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**The Crater hockey team** fell short of the District playoffs and therefore did not qualify for the state meet.

## Scholarship Dessert/Auction

The 19th annual Crater Foundation Dessert/Auction was held Saturday, December 7, 2013. Snow and ice did not deter more than 400 people from attending this spectacular event! People competed for many silent auction items and there was spirited bidding for more than 40 oral auction items.

A new paddle-raising effort was launched for scholarship contributions to those students who have or have had family members in the military. It was an awesome sight to look out over the crowd and see nearly every yellow paddle number held up to donate \$25 or more!

In addition, people raised paddles to contribute to scholarships for Crater graduates who have completed at least 1 year of college. More than \$50,000 was raised at this year's gala event to benefit Crater High School graduates! Thank You!

As always, every penny helps enable dreams to become reality. If you are financially vested in this great effort, you know the satisfaction which comes from being a "difference maker". If you would like further information on how you can help, please contact us at [craterfoundation@district6.org](mailto:craterfoundation@district6.org) or phone 541-494-6308. Next year's auction will be held Saturday, December 1, 2014.

## FIFTEEN DOLLAR CLUB

As President of the Crater Foundation, I would like to remind you of the "Fifteen Dollar Club" that was created this past fall. Here is how it works and the rationale behind it: We mail the Crater Alumni Newsletter to nearly 9,000 Crater graduates. If a third of you receiving this newsletter donate \$15 or more to the Foundation, we can almost meet a Foundation goal of raising an additional \$50,000 this year! This money would be dedicated to Crater graduates who have finished at least one year of college. While many of you contributed this past fall, there are literally thousands of graduates who have not. We know this is a long term project but one that we feel is important enough that we should keep reminding you.

The easiest way to make your donation is to go to the Crater Foundation website at [www.craterfoundation.district6.org](http://www.craterfoundation.district6.org). On the home page click on donate. You will be given a choice of the amount you wish to donate using your VISA card in the standard way. Please donate an amount comfortable for you but we are not averse to donations over \$15!

If you would like to donate on a monthly basis as a growing number of graduates and District #6 current and retired staff do, click on "Find Out More Ways You Can Help". Download the form, fill it out and mail it to the Crater Foundation, P.O. Box 5172, Central Point, OR 97502. Of course there is always the tried and true method of simply mailing a check to the above address. Please remember that all the donations are secure and 100% tax deductible.

Let me remind you that "YOU", a Crater High School graduate, can make a difference in the life of another Crater graduate. Please join our club.

**CRATER ALUMNI REGISTRATION**

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 YEAR

**Yearly \$10 alumni dues enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Contributions** \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please return to: Willeen Bittle, Crater Alumni Coordinator  
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**Class Reunions**

**1954 July 19th & 20th**  
 Contact: Doreen Bradshaw at 541-664-5567 or  
 Mary Dew at 541-951-2291.

**1973, 1974, 1975, 1976 Aug. 15th & 16th, 2014 for combined classes**  
 Contact: Debbie Saxbury 541-664-3433  
debbie.saxbury@yahoo.com

**1994 July 11th - 13th**  
 Contact: Melissa Bernstein Fricke – 818-203-3942  
 email – Melissa\_023@hotmail.com  
 Facebook “Crater High School Class of 1994 Rules”

**2004**  
 Contact: Matt Hilliker -- 541-778-4998

**FOUNDATION WEB SITE  
 NEW ADDITIONS**

We wish to encourage all alumni as well as all other interested people to visit the Crater Foundation Web site at [www.craterfoundation.district6.org](http://www.craterfoundation.district6.org). We have begun including Retired Teacher Features as well as posting all of our Newsletters since 1992.

We have now have added two new ways to make donations to the Foundation. If you wish to make a donation easily and quickly with a credit card, simply go to the home page of our Web Site and click on “donate”. If you wish to make a monthly donation, click on “Find Out More Ways To Help”, fill out the form, print and mail it to the Crater Foundation, P.O. Box 5172, Central Point, OR 97502. Each of these ways of donating is through a secure site handled by Washington Federal Bank.

Remember, we are a 501©3 entity, so all donations are tax deductible.

**CRATER HIGH SPRING SPORTS  
 HOME SCHEDULES**

**BASEBALL**

March 17	Crater Jamboree
March 24	South Salem
March 25	West Salem
March 26	Westview
March 27	North Salem
April 26	North Medford
May 3	South Medford
May 10	Grants Pass
May 13	Roseburg

**SOFTBALL**

April 3	Eagle Point
April 26	Roseburg
April 29	North Medford
May 2	Grants Pass
May 6	South Medford

**BOYS GOLF**

April 1	@Eagle Point GC
April 21	@ Centennial GC
May 5	@Rogue Valley CC

**TRACK**

April 2	Ashland
April 19	Crater Classic
May 7	South Medford
April 24	Grants Pass

**GIRLS GOLF**

March 17	@Centennial GC
March 18	@Eagle Point GC
April 1	@Rogue Valley CC
April 28	@Rogue Valley CC

