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Alumni Weekend
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That time will soon be here again—the time to greet old and new friends at our annual Alumni Weekend. We need YOU there to make it bigger and better than ever.

All alumni/attendees, teachers (past and present) and friends of PAA and PUA are invited to attend. We will have tours of your alma mater, great speakers, honor class reunions, music, basketball and updates on what is happening for our future campus.

We are honoring the classes ending in “9” this year. The honor classes are 1939, 1949, 1959, 1969, 1979, 1989, and 1999.

But even if you aren’t an honor class this year, plan to attend. You will know someone here who knows someone else here, who knows someone else and...well, you get the picture.

Plan on attending Friday night vespers because **Jim Robertson** will be our keynote speaker. You will especially want to be here to tell Mr. Jim Robertson goodbye. Mr. Robertson is retiring after this year. So if you had him as a teacher, co-worker or friend, come hear what he has to say, wish blessings on him and say goodbye.

Plan to attend Alumni Weekend on April 17 & 18, 2009 at PAA.

Connecting with old faces...

A note from Alumni President, Joe House

Since the last time I wrote for AlumNotes, I've managed to become immersed in Facebook. It began (along with a dip in the MySpace pool) as a way to keep friends up on the progress of a long term project of mine - building a guitar from scratch. I soon started to notice friends of mine pop up on the side as people I might know. Then I joined a couple of PAA alumni groups and started accumulating more and more friends. Pretty soon we had a group for the class of '81. Does this constitute a deep relationship with these former classmates? Not really. And it's not a substitute for keeping in touch with close friends. But I was surprised to find out that a friend from a year ahead of me is in a somewhat famous marching band from Portland. I also watched in sadness as the class of '78 lost a class member to cancer while good friends were there to comfort her. Other friends have posted pictures of their families which is always interesting. There have been many times that I instantly recognize the parents in the childrens' face. I've seen many people on Facebook that long faded from memory. Friends who have moved away now pop up on my home page when they post something new. You'll also be surprised at how friends of yours know other friends of yours. A church member happened to find me through a friend from Far Eastern Academy and I've never left the North American Continent.

Facebook can be a great place to connect with old friends and keep up with them. One of the repeating themes I keep seeing posted is "This is a great way to connect with old friends". I have to agree. It's been fun. There are dangers there, too. Be careful what you put on Facebook. It can be like frying a piece of electronics - once the smoke goes out, it's hard to get it back in. Likewise, once something is in cyberspace, it can be hard to get it out. Also, a lot of time can be wasted on silly games on (don't ask...).

If you want to check it out, go to Facebook.com and sign up - it's free. (I don't get paid for this). Look for PAA Alumni groups and join them. Before long, you'll have friend requests rolling in. Feel free to look me up. Try to keep everything balanced and have fun out there.



Alumni Profile...

Mathew Greenlaw, Class of 2005

Shortly after his graduation from PAA in 2005, Matthew enlisted in the U.S. Army. In September, 2008, Matthew was deployed to the Middle East where he remains on active duty. After sharing quarters with up to 60 soldiers, Matthew is thankful now to have his own room and office "with a refrigerator"! He works twelve hour shifts, seven days a week. He says he does get very tired and that he misses his friends and family.

Please show your PAA pride and support Matthew and all those proudly and courageously serving our country with your prayers and letters. They love getting pictures! You can e-mail Matthew at theonewhoknowsallbutdoesnothing@hotmail.com or you can mail him at:

If you know of any current PAA alumni serving our country, please let us know. Send name/address/photo with a brief description of their service to hwoodworth@paasda.org.

Matthew Greelaw,
Unit 931003 -
TFTPT, APO AE



Alumni Profile..

**Megan McCombs
Hays
Class of 1999**

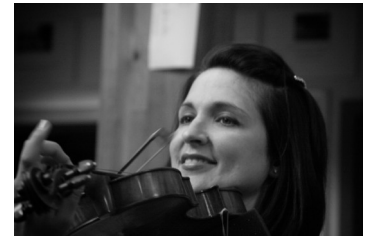
After graduating from PAA in '99, I went to PUC for a year but soon switched to La Sierra University where my then boyfriend/now husband was finishing his masters in education. In 2002, Brian Hays and I got married in Boring, Oregon. I graduated from La Sierra University in 2003 with a degree in Communication and a masters in scouting for the best hole-in-the-wall taco joint that Riverside had to offer. Fall of 2003, I had the opportunity to intern for California Senator Dianne Feinstein in Washington D.C., which further solidified my decision to pursue a career in law. The following fall, I was accepted to Gonzaga School of Law and Brian took a job as principal of an elementary school in Spokane. We moved from the sunny warmth of So Cal to the dreary chill of Spokane, Washington. After graduating from law school, I was hired on as an associate at Dellwo, Roberts and Scanlon, a law firm in Spokane. This past spring we welcomed our first child, Jackson James Hays. He is the light of our lives. We are currently enjoying the chill and worst winter Spokane has ever had, but are blessed beyond belief.

Want to support our PAA Alumni in active duty?

You may obtain an APO box for shipping to anyone on active duty from the PAA Development Office and pack it with as much as you can! The postage is only \$14.00. Postage for the first ten boxes sent to active duty PAA Alumni will be provided. Get your friends together and challenge another group to stuff and send a box. You'll make their day! Soldiers routinely request the following:

Letters - Photos (please be appropriate) - Socks
T-Shirts - Magazines - Health Snacks (store bought) Hand & Foot warmers - Treats (gum, mints, licorice, candy) - Personal items (chapstick, etc.)

**Rachel
Cafferky Ludt
Class of 1994**



**Alumni & Guest
Performer at Alumni Weekend Concert**

Portland music teacher Rachel Ludt has a vision for the way music education will look in the next decade. Pick up your instrument, get out there and share! Public and private school offerings of music are diminishing, and the disparity between the haves and have-nots is widening in this arena.

Rachel has built an innovative music education program that reaches into Portland area schools, bringing the joy of classical music to children who otherwise would not have access to this art form. My Smilin' Violin is a school-outreach program offering everything from assembly performances to full, weekly strings programming where a trained Suzuki violin teacher comes out to the school and teaches children. Over 600 children in the Portland area have been introduced to the violin, viola, cello and string bass because of the My Smilin' Violin program happening in their schools. My Smilin' Violin is the out-reach arm of Portland Music Academy, a non-profit music school, dedicated to "a clear path to a musical life." PMA has the distinct honor of having 11 of the best Suzuki violin, viola, and cello faculty in the city. Rachel's Honors Touring group has performed for the Oregon Symphony's prelude series, Ainsworth Tour of Homes, Shriner's hospital, and many other venues.

Rachel is the program director for Portland Music Academy and has been the strings faculty at the Catlin Gabel School for six years. Rachel was a founding member of the Portland Adventist Academy Strings. She is proudly the 3rd of 4 generations of musical Seventh Day Adventists and now she is raising the next generation! She is a graduate of PAA's class of 1994 and of Portland State University. Rachel currently lives in SW Portland with her husband Geoffrey and their precious children, Jane, Penny, Franklin and a fourth beautiful little one due in October of 2009.

Alumni Weekend Schedule

Friday, April 17

6:00 p.m. The weekend begins with a PAA homecoming open house. Classrooms will be open and you will be guided by our own PAA students. If you haven't visited PAA for a while take the opportunity to visit our classrooms, meet our students and teachers, and re-visit old memories.

7:00 p.m. Join PAA for a vesper's program with keynote speaker, **Jim Robertson**, PAA's Religion Department Chairman. Mr. Robertson is retiring this year so come and hear what he has to say!

Sabbath, April 18

9:30 a.m. The PAA gym will be open starting at 9:30 am. Start the day with a chance to visit before church.

10:30 a.m. Church service starts. Enjoy a full program with music and speaking selections from PAA's alumni.

12:00 p.m. Following the morning service, the junior class is offering a lasagna dinner as a fundraiser. The prices are \$5.00/adults and \$3.00/children. You may pay ahead of time by calling

PAA or sending a check (please put in memo- *Alumni lunch*). Donations will also be accepted at the door. This is another chance to meet with other alumni and enjoy a meal together.

1:30 p.m. All alumni are invited to attend the annual alumni meeting. This is a short meeting to elect a president and to discuss any alumni business.

3:00 p.m. Join the PAA choir, orchestra and special guest alumnists, Charlene Chi and Rachel Ludt for a concert at the Sunnyside SDA Church. Sunnyside is just down the street from PAA on Market. The address is 10501 SE Market Street, Portland.

5:30 p.m. Honor classes will be provided classrooms at PAA for your reunions. Please see the list at the registration table on Alumni Weekend.

8:30 p.m. The senior class at PAA is hosting an Alumni Basketball game. The teams will be seniors vs. PAA Alumni. The guys will be playing the first half and the ladies playing the second half. Fans will be able to buy points to add to the score of the team of their choice! At half time, seniors will hold a short auction to benefit their class.

Sunday, April 19

10:00 a.m. You are invited to join PAA's Committee of 100. This is an open invitation.

The Committee of 100 is...

A body of due paying individuals that comes together to hear teachers' requests from Portland Adventist Academy. The total of all dues (\$500.00 per person) is the amount used to determine how many requests are granted. Each Committee member votes on the order of importance of the requests.

Challenge your honor class to participate in this event. You will have a say in exactly where you want your dollars to be spent.

This event will be held in the library at PAA at 10:00 a.m. A light breakfast will be served.

Plan now for
Alumni Weekend
April 9-11, 2010

Portland Adventist
Academy's
100 Year Celebration



Alumni Profile... Charlene Chi

**Class of 1992
Guest Performer
at the
Alumni Weekend
Concert**

Charlene L. Chi, mezzo-soprano, PAA class of 1992, will be one of our featured artists at our alumni weekend concert. Charlene received her first vocal training at PAA under the direction of Miss Linda Neel. Her talent was further developed

under the tutelage of Dr. Harold Lickey. She is currently pursuing her Doctorate degree at the University of Southern California, in Vocal Performance.

In February 2006, Charlene was invited to perform in Opera Santa Barbara's Puccini Festival, where she sang the role of Suor Infermiera in Puccini's *Suor Angelica*. She has provided solo recitals in Denver, Canada and Germany as well as the Pacific Northwest. She currently enjoys teaching as a graduate assistant of voice at USC's Thornton School of Music and is also an associate professor of Vocal Arts at Hope International University in Fullerton, California.



Teacher Profile... Jim Robertson Keynote Speaker Alumni Weekend Friday Night Vesper's

Prior to coming to PAA, Jim was the associate director in the Oregon Conference Youth Department. Before that he served as assistant pastor at Stone Tower and East Salem churches and as pastor for the Brookings/Gold Beach district.

Jim started teaching at PAA in the fall of 1975, coming straight from running Big Lake Youth Camp. He has been teaching here since then. That is 34 years if you are counting. "Time sure flies when you're having fun!", Jim says.

Jim reminisces, "PAA has been a terrific place to spend a career teaching. The school has always had a strong scholastic tradition. There has been a great sense of collegiality and innovation among the staff over the years and the curriculum offerings have provided enriched experiences for the students that are unusual for a school of our

size. I have found the most satisfaction in being able to share a picture of God that is grace-centered and encouraging students' spiritual journeys. I have also been enriched by spending time with students outside the classroom in activities like intramural sports, coaching, Bible conferences, music tours, class trips, and running the clock and scoreboard for Cougar basketball games. Being a part of the Portland area Adventist community for so many years has enabled me to teach children of former students, baptize students and in later years perform wedding ceremonies for former students. Working a task too difficult for me to do by myself has been very good for my own spiritual journey. It is very satisfying to feel that I was able to add a few bricks to the foundation of so many capable people serving the local and world-wide community".

In retirement Jim is planning to follow interests that full time teaching has limited. There are books to read, poems to write, places to travel, streams to fish, wind to use sailing and windsurfing, kayaks to paddle, pictures to paint, music to make - and also the "honey-do" list that Vivian will continue to generate. Jim doesn't don't think he will get bored!

Jim leaves us with this, "I'll miss working with my colleagues, and of course even more, miss "the kids." Having a part in seeing them mature and develop into friends and even colleagues has been great. I leave with no regrets."



Principal's Message Gale Crosby

Greetings Alumni,

God is so good to us here at PAA that our blessings just don't quit. Let me tell you about just a few blessings that God has given to the PAA family.

We have the greatest students in the world. I truly believe this. Two of our upper class students, Sara and Lena, came to me this summer and said, "Mr. Crosby, we have a request. Could we be in charge of the mission trip to New Orleans to help rebuild for the Katrina effort". It is students like these that have a heart for meeting the needs of others that help us know that we are meeting our goal of teaching our students in a Christ-Centered, Character-Driven model. Speaking of mission trips, this is the third year that we have taken a team to New Orleans. Trips are also

going out to Ethiopia to build an adult education center, Thailand to build a church and to Portland to get involved in community service projects. All of these mission trips have, at their heart, the chance to share the love of Jesus with the world.

We just received our standardized test scores and our students scored off the charts. Our freshman class scored in the top 20 % of the nation (amazing!). We thank our elementary schools, TVJA, PAES, Rivergate, HVJA and Scappoose for sending us such quality students. Our Sophomore class scored in the top 12% of the nation (really amazing!), our Junior class scored in the top 9% of the nation (these are truly high scores), and our Seniors tested over 112 points above the national average on their SAT scores. We can be very proud of our students.

The donations keep coming in for our new school building. This past week, another friend of PAA gave an amazing gift of \$250,000 which brings our total to 1.2 million raised so far. This total has come in within the last year. We feel God leading in this process and are excited to share more details with you at Alumni Weekend. We are finalizing our selection for an architectural firm to take our new school plans from the concept phase to the final design phase.

We are blessed with such a great staff here at PAA. Our beloved Pastor Jim Robertson, our

Religion Department Chairman, is retiring after 34 years of educational excellence here at PAA. His ministry here at PAA will be the longest of any teacher in the history of PAA. He has some great plans for ministry, travel and adventure for his retirement years. Mr. Patchin, our History Department Chairman, is changing hats and has joined the Vancouver Fire Department so he will be missed here at PAA. Shelly Fry will be taking Marc's place.

Enrollment continues to be strong at PAA. We currently have 238 students with a budget for 225 students. So we are strong with our number of students. Our finances also are strong. God has blessed our finances and we currently have reserves that will help us as we face the future.

Our goal at PAA is to bring each student into a loving relationship with Jesus and for each student to spend eternity in a perfect world with a loving God. We will soon see this goal realized as Jesus will come again and take us home with Him. We so look forward to that day. Please keep the staff and students of PAA in your prayers. It is only as we work together as a PAA family can we realize these goals.

Blessings to All!

Gale Crosby
Principal
Portland Adventist Academy

"Journey to Excellence"

Update

Portland Adventist Academy's Building Campaign

"Journey to Excellence"

What exactly does this mean?

We hope that most of you are aware of the fact that the PAA Board and Constituents have voted to build a new school on the current property. "Journey to Excellence" is the slogan name for the capitol campaign at PAA. The purpose of the capitol campaign is to raise money for building a new school at the current site.

How much is this all going to cost?

The entire project is projected to cost \$13 million dollars. The project is expected to receive half of the capital for the project from commercial development. Commercial development will be developed on the north side of our campus. The other half of the project will be funded through the "Journey to Excellence" campaign.

Where is PAA in its journey?

The "Journey to Excellence" campaign is underway. To date, we have received \$1.2 million dollars in cash and commitments. We have also received a very generous contractor's donation to build our new school at cost. PAA is reviewing offers from developers for the commercial development of the northern six acres of our campus.

PAA is currently developing its master plan for the entire property. With the completion of the property surveys, we are now initiating the architectural schematic design phase of our school. We are beginning the steps of the pre-application and permit stages with the City of Portland.

How can YOU help?

PAA needs its alumni, constituents and friends to spread our story, pray for us and decide what each of you individually can contribute. Please contact Tamberly Couch at the Development Department at 503.255.8372 (PAA) or 503-816-0844 (cell) with any questions. You can also give an online contribution at paasda.org We are looking forward to you being on campus soon to see some of our new developments.



Cougar Basketball Update

The PAA Cougars have had an awesome year. Both teams made it into state playoffs.

The girls team finished with a record of 19 wins and 7 losses. They made it to the 1st round of the state playoffs, the "Sweet Sixteen". They gave it a great effort, but lost in the 1st round. We are really proud of our girls making it to the top sixteen teams in the 3A division of the state.

The boys team, with a record of 20-7 made it into the next round of state playoffs, the "Elite Eight". They were in the top eight teams of the state in the 3A division. The Cougars traveled to Salem on March 4 to play in the State Championship games at Willamette University. PAA finished the tournament with a 5th place finish and sportsmanship award. Go Cougars!

Portland Adventist Academy Teacher Wish List

The teachers at Portland Adventist Academy are always wanting to better the school environment and make our academic, spiritual and athletic programs as strong as possible for our students. The Committee of 100 has been formed to help fund teacher's requests for items that fall outside of our budget. If you can show up for the April 19 meeting at PAA at 10:00 am (see PAA Weekend Schedule) that would be one way to help. If you can fund any items you see but can't make it to the meeting, please call the PAA Development Department at 503.255.8372 or donate online at paasda.org

Smart Board for the English Dept.	\$2000.00
Video/Computer for Chaplains Dept.	\$4650.00
Portable Aluminum Soccer Goals	\$1849.00
Taskforce Worker for 2009/2010 year	\$4000.00
Sound Mixer for Chapel/Recording	\$2599.00

Missing Alumni Honor Classes

If you graduated in a year ending with a "9", you are a member of an honor class! The following is a list of the members for whom we have no contact information. If you recognize names and have any information about missing class members, please call Heidi Woodworth at PAA at 503.255.8372 ext. 230. You can also e-mail at hwoodworth@paasda.org. Thanks for helping us out with this!

1999

Nicole Catt
Andrew Cheek
Michael Figueras
Aric Goe
Alisa Hubbard
Atsuhiko Iriono
Tannielle Johnson
Kara Kimberling
Jonathan Kort
Todd Ludden
Vicki Martinez
Ivonne Mondaca
Stephanie Moses
Andy Nelson
Alexander Noh
Levi Nugent
Andrew Ordleheide
Tennille Tippet
Julie Underwood
Dorian Wade
Ciara Welter
Daigo Yamaoko
Karen Simpson

1989

Micki Anderson
Rhonda Sleeth Bonnie
Shelly Nicholson Brooks
Caryn Davidson
Forrest Davis
Aaron Eisele
Constance Fry
Babett Harp
Jeremy Hudson

1989 – cont.

Jeremy Hudson
Jason Johnson-Hass
Greg Kammer
Jed Lee
Doug Loveridge
Todd Maddox
Rebecca Myers
Twyla Schneider
Ickonna Wallace
Sharon Williams
Jason Wright
Maria Young
Darren Bauer

1979

Yvette Aalvik
Nick Blehm
Ted Blehm
Dan Carr
Anna Compton
Terri Fillman
Keri Fulton
Tom Grasty
Brian Holden
Greg Hughes
Denise Hutton
Kirk Junk
Darla Knapp
Clark Lampson
Richard Murphy
Cyndie Nussbaum
Brad Parmenter
Della Rieley

1979 – cont.

Tim Schnell
Kathleen Shankel
Linda Springer
Dan Stromme
Gorden Thompson
Stephen Tucker
Janie White
Terri White
Mark Wiprud
Max Wood
Yvette Aalvik

1969

Dan Agnetta
Sue Balsiger
George Booth
Greg Cason
Richard Curry
Linda Damrill
Connie Davis
Deanna Davis
Kathy Dodson
Linda Willey Engeberg
Edward Harris
Stephen Huey
Lloyd Jewell
Mary Karlen
Gary Kramer
Debbie Balsiger Laue
Doug Montgomery
David Nelson
Carol Blake Rasmussen
Jeanie Roberts
Karl Sandberg

1969 – cont.

Harry Scott
Scott Shipman
Scott Sichley
Mike Todd
Wendy Walker
Clarence Williams

1959

Eugene Bunds
Janis Firzgerald Davis
Roy Hodgkin
Joe Homann
Jim Johnson
Joann Kosta
David Ladd
Gloria McCaffey
Judy McClain
Pat Miller
Laberta Redick
Reatha Renfroe
Marilyn Rexinger
Joann Lange Richmond
Roger Spaulding
Herb Stratton
Sandra Wiebe
Steve Winter

1949

Joyce Hardt Bredemeier
Eulamay Lindquist Gabbert
Juanita Jones
Hope Schrammeck
Beverly Nehl Stellflug
Helen Trusell

Plan to be at Alumni Weekend by Megan McCombs Hays, Class of 1999 President

Class of '99, 10 years have past and I can't believe it! Our reunion is coming up the 18th of April and Tim Adams has been diligently working on getting you to come; so I thought I would hop on that band-wagon as well. I believe all of us are at least in contact with one or two people from our class, but it is so easy to lose contact as we all didn't go to the same college or settle

in the same area. I personally am looking forward to reconnecting with our class just to see where the past 10 years have taken us. So I hear we have at least two DJs, four doctors, several entrepreneurs, at least one advertising genius, some nurses and teachers, a video game developer and even an engineer turned pastry chef. There has to be some good stories there. Whatever you are doing, I am sure it has been a journey to get to where you are now. And if you aren't planning on coming, well... Eric Wilson and I have a pact that we will personally hunt you down and drag you to this reunion. So COME! It will be good times.

Alumni Profile... Maxine Thomkins Vixie, Class of 1939 1st graduating class of PUA

Maxine Thompkins was in the very first graduating class of Portland Union Academy (PUA). There were fifteen students in her class. Up until that time, students in the Adventist system went to Laurelwood and Columbia for junior and senior years. But in 1939, Portland Union Academy decided to open the doors for a new step in the school's history.

Maxine started Portland Union Academy in the first grade. So you can imagine by the time she entered high school, she had a strong group of friends. She said that PUA was the place that cemented her strong friendships. Maxine says, "We were family. We felt like brothers, sisters and cousins." She still keeps in touch with two of her classmates. Dr. Woodrow Campbell was in Portland not too long ago and stopped by PAA with Maxine to reminisce about their classmates while looking at their class picture that is hanging on the wall. Another one is Marjorie Sammons Baker. Marjorie was a fast friend of Maxine's. They were in a girl's sextet together their senior year.

Music was a big part of Maxine's life. She learned the piano, her brother Mel Thompkins, (class of 1940) played the trombone and her other brother, Richard Thompkins (class of 1953) played the violin. She said her parents put out a lot of money towards music lessons. This later paid off when Maxine retired from working at King County Medical in the insurance department. She gave piano lessons for the next four years!

Maxine went to Walla Walla College straight out of PUA and met Luverne Vixie. She married Luverne in 1941 in Portland, Oregon. When Luverne was drafted into the Navy during WW2, Maxine and their two boys, Dennis and Arlen, went to stay with her parents in a house that was built for Maxine and her family.



The house was on three acres on family property near 122nd and Glisan in Portland. This was considered out in the country! After her husband got out of the Navy, they moved to Seattle where they had their third child, Muriel. Maxine and her husband stayed in Seattle for 45 years before moving back to the Portland area.

Maxine has had a full and interesting life. She has always thirsted for learning. She has taken college courses on and off her whole life. She got her driver's license when she was 48. She sews. She has nine grandchildren whom are all boys! She did get some girls out of her nine great-grandchildren.

Maxine has been to Portland Adventist Academy quite a few times in the last year. She is also featured in our new Journey to Excellence building campaign video. Maxine is impressed with how our school is running and is glad to see that PAA is forward thinking about their future.

Maxine is an early example of how Portland Adventist Academy produced students of quality. But she is not the only one. PAA has produced over 3000 graduates who have gone out and conquered the world. God willing, we will be here until He comes again to keep on building excellent students who are Christ Center, Character Driven.



Arlene Chambers-Chinn 1949

Come and meet the Class of 1949

“Goldie” Oldies!

By Arlene Chambers-Chinn

We arrived at Portland Union Academy located at 47th and Couch on a beautiful sunny September day all excited to learn. Some of us came here as early as 1937.

We were young and excited! We could run and play, we had 20/20 vision, we could see and hear everything! We were here to start a long journey of learning. It was here that we would mold our lives, learn more about God, learn to drive a car, find our mates and learn the disciplines of life.

During our years at Portland Union Academy, we experienced the death of a president, an earthquake and the Vanport flood of 1948. Remember the walks to the soda fountain on 47th & Stark, the basketball games and Chuck Dempsey? He was a star! Remember Bob Thomas singing “Old Man River” in the chapel where he rattled the windows?

Then it was our year for graduation...1949. Our Aim: “The Heights Above”. Our Motto: “Climb Though the Rock Be Rugged”. Our class was the 1st to have merited a citizenship award. Two of our classmates, Gary Strauss and Arlene Chambers stood proud as they received their pins.

After graduation, we were ready to face life and college. We became doctors, educators, nurses, business owners, ministers, mothers, fathers, grandparents and yes, great-grandparents.

Then came the time in life which is called “Retirement”. The time in life when you don’t have to work anymore and you can just enjoy the fruit of all those years of hard labor. These years are called “The Golden Years”.

Come to Alumni to meet us and mingle through the crowd looking for your classmates. You can reminisce, eat good food and enjoy the programs planned for you.

A Note from... Tracy Winter Harder Class of 1979

Each class from PAA has its own flavor and personality. One distinction that the Class of 1979 has as its trademark is the fact that they were friends on so many levels with the faculty, other classes, and the community in general. Our classmates

were very engaged in programs, activities, and sports in the greater Portland area. We loved being together; it did not really matter what the event so long as we were together. Many stay in touch even as some have moved out of the area.

On Alumni weekend, we are eager to reunite with friends, faculty, and family. Throughout the weekend, we hope to get together in several venues.

Whether we attended for one year or all the years, our friendships are deep and lasting. We look forward to the Class Roll Call during the Sabbath service when we can stand up together. We hope that all the honor classes will call each other and encourage their classmates to come and enjoy the memories, music, and pictures from the honor classes. Let's reunite our friendships and make our school family stronger!

PAA Events

April 19, 2009 PAA at 10:00 a.m. Committee of 100

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This event is a great investment for those of you who want your money to go directly to teacher's and student's immediate needs. These items are requests from teachers that greatly enhance the learning for PAA students, but are items that are too much for the current budget. A light brunch is served at this event.

Challenge your honor class to participate in this event. You will have a say in exactly where you want your dollars to be spent.

May 2009 Community Service Fundraiser for Chaplain's Department

PAA is starting an all day community service fundraiser to benefit the chaplain's department. PAA is committed to give our students the best spiritual program possible. Extra money will allow us to invite more outside speakers and use resources that really speak to the students.

August 23, 2009 10th Annual PAA Cougars Golf Tournament

This event is held at Stone Creek Golf Course in Oregon City, OR. This tournament benefits the Athletic Program. The budget for the athletic department is heavily dependent on the success of funds raised from this tournament. The ways you can contribute are to get a team together, sponsor holes, or be a Cougar sponsor.

November 7 or 8, 2009 Portland Adventist Student Scholarship Auction PAASS

The PAASS Auction is an annual function held specifically to benefit our student scholarship fund right here at PAA. Plan now to make this part of your fall plans. Dinner, silent auction and the live auction make up the evening's events. The ways you can contribute are to buy individual tickets or buy a whole table (8) for you and your friends/business etc., to sit at. If you or your business has the capacity to match our funds raised at this event, we want to talk to you! We are looking for a matching donor to make this event even more successful.

You can also donate items to the auction. Suggested items: Vacation homes, adventures (waterskiing, bungi jumping, skydiving etc.), ticket to different events, nice antique items, and services (salons, massages, labor, consultations, builders etc.). This is a fun event complete with a dessert dash. If you don't know what that is, you will have to come to find out!

"Journey to Excellence" PAA Building Campaign

PAA is currently in a campaign to raise money for a new school on our current property. The article on page seven of this Alumnotes explains in a little more detail what is happening. If you would like to donate to our new school, please contact Tamberly Couch in the PAA Development Department or donate online at paasda.org.

April 9-11, 2010 Alumni Weekend PAA 100 Year Celebration

PAA has many events throughout the year that we would like to invite you to participate in. Please look on our website for more details. The web site is paasda.org. You may also call the Development Dept. at 503.255.8372 ext 230.

PAA Turns 100

Portland Adventist Academy is turning 100 years old. Originally known as Portland Junior Academy, the school moved in 1926 to a new building between East 47th and 50th on Couch Street. In 1938, it was renamed to Portland Union Academy. PUA graduated its first senior class in 1939, making that first class an honor year of 70 years! The senior academy made a move to its current address in 1962. PUA turned into PAA – Portland Adventist Academy in 1974 and is currently known by this name.

Come celebrate 100 years at PAA
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