



Laurelwood Alumni Newsletter – September 2010

Alumni Weekend is happening in a smaller way this October 2 at the LA campus in Gaston There will be some Laurelwood Alumni who will meet on that day and anyone is welcome to attend those activities. The 1980 class will be meeting in the Cafeteria from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm with a potluck lunch about 12:30 pm. The 1950 class will have a group there and we hope that some of the 1960, 1970, and 1990 graduates or LA attendees will join them. You are invited to attend the Laurelwood Village Church for Sabbath School at 9:30 and Church Service at 11:00. Or you can attend the Gaston SDA Church from 9:30 to noon and join the potluck in the cafeteria. Drive up the road between the Village church and the gym to the back of the girl's dorm for the Potluck. The reason for postponing the alumni program until next year is that the Alumni Association needs some more staff members and volunteers to help make calls, gather information and plan a program. We would like to start planning earlier for next year. If you would like to help or have other questions, please contact us at: 503-647-5868 (Penny) or email to: Penny-Gil@FixAuto.com or 503-585-0208 (Hal) or email to: Lemkeh@q.com

Laurelwood Academy – 2009-2010

School started on August 15 at Laurelwood Academy's campus at Jasper, Oregon with 37 students (10 from other countries). 20 students worked during the summer in the gardens and around campus. The fall harvest has provided food for campus use and to sell. Other work on campus is the plywood pudding and Light Bearers evangelism ministry which held a week of meetings this summer. A sale in the Arena last weekend brought in more than \$2,300 for mission trips which are scheduled to Malawi, Nicaragua, Camp Mivoden and Florence, OR this weekend to set up the Messiah's Tabernacle. The school earnestly believes God's blessing is upon them as they study, work, evangelize and go on mission trips. Please come visit us. There are 30 RV sites available.

LA Alumni Weekends

There were about 225 who attended Alumni Weekend last October 3, 2009. We met in the ADM Chapel for Sabbath School & Church, which was presented by Alumni from many different years. We had a great potluck in the old cafeteria and many stayed for the entire afternoon visiting with classmates and others. Some enjoyed walking the campus and checking out the dorm and different classrooms.

The Laurelwood Academy property is still for sale. This year the process started for sub-dividing the farm land which will be selling in 5-acre plots in the future. The Alumni and Mission College are glad that we can still meet on the Gaston Campus.

Mission College of Evangelism

This Fall quarter Mission College is holding classes and doing their evangelistic programs over on the Island of Guam, so the Laurelwood campus is rather quiet at this moment. Students come for training from August to December and from February to May. Pastor Torres, Mission College President is also the Guam-Micronesia Mission President. His wife has taken on a position at the Academy in Guam.

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Class of 1960 – On Jun 11 to 13, 2010 this class met for their 50-year reunion. The events were held in several venues in the Portland area. On Friday evening 38 classmates met at the Beaverton Hilton Garden where they had a light supper and enjoyed a decorated cake. We spent time remembering those classmates who had died and the good traits that made them friends. We talked about the rules that did not always make sense. We talked about funny times, embarrassing times, and somber times. We remembered teachers who were an inspiration to us. On Sabbath there were 53 of their 87 classmates who met at Laurelwood Academy Gaston campus with spouses and friends. Sabbath School and Church services were at the Laurelwood Village SDA Church. Elwood Starr taught the Sabbath School lesson and Curtis Church gave the sermon. Keith Zaugg & Caroline Salsbery organized our lunch in the old cafeteria. Afternoon included visiting, touring the campus by seeing the administration building, girls' dorm, and boys dorm. Ron Fleck gave a presentation about the medical mission activities he is sponsoring in Africa. On Sunday we boarded the Portland Spirit ship for a brunch cruise on the Willamette River through downtown Portland. It was a beautiful day and extra exciting as it was the final day for the

Portland Rose Festival with many people out and about. A couple of the class even enjoyed a bungee fling into the air. A big thank you to Sue Glantz-Murray, Sylvia DeWees-Mickelson, Yvette Darnell-Stuart and Richard Salsbery who were the main planners for this fun weekend. Pictures of the event are on Facebook at "Laurelwood Academy 1960 Alumni" *Contact person is: Richard Salsbery, 503-985-7783 Richard@Salsbery.net*

Class of 1970 – On May 15, 2010 the 40-year alumni class started gathering at the Columbia Gorge SDA Church for church service and a wonderful potluck. We were surprised when Ron Turner met us there. The ladies of the church went overboard to make sure that there was enough good food for everyone. The group migrated to the picnic area at McMenamín's where we had a wonderful afternoon of fellowship with others that arrived early for the main event. We were pleasantly surprised at the arrival of Gerry Miller and the Meske's. From the 94 classmates, about 47 arrived at the McMenamín's Edgefield in Troutdale, OR for the dinner/reunion. A number of spouses, former faculty and members from other LA classes also journeyed to enjoy a festive evening of good food, laughter, sharing and remembrances. Led by the capable leadership of Art Klym and Leslie Jones-Webster, each classmate was presented with a personalized name tag, complete with their senior year class picture. One of the highlights was a slide show / power point presentation of classmates, then and now. It provided a lot of laughs. Leslie writes "I loved reconnecting with people from my past. High school was a major part of our education and upbringing,

so spending time with this fabulous group of people from my past was very special for me. I was not alone in feeling the bond between class members that night, regardless of what our relationship at Laurelwood had been and regardless of who we are now, spiritually, economically or physically. Many folks from my class are now, once again, a wonderful part of my present." The class is looking forward to getting together again in the future. Thanks also to the army of capable volunteers that worked behind the scenes to make this a perfect evening.

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Class Reunions – The Alumni Association is pleased that classes are getting together for a special weekend or meeting. We encourage you to plan one. They are so much fun. Penny Messenger, alumni secretary can help you get started with the addresses that are on our alumni data base. Please keep us informed of address changes. We hope that if your 10-year class reunion is coming up, that you put forth a special effort to get your class together and plan to attend **next years LA Alumni Weekend October 8, 2011.**

Donations: -- The Alumni Association depends on the alumni to cover the expenses of our weekend together and to help pay for the alumni mailings. The offerings the last two years have been much less than in past years and so this mailing will almost deplete the alumni funds. Please support your alumni with a generous offering by putting your gift into the mail to our return address.

Website: -- Does your class have something to add to our web site for others to enjoy. Check us out at:

www.LaurelwoodAcademyAlumni.org

Plan for next years Alumni Weekend, October 8, 2011

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