GARDEN PARTY SET FOR AUGUST 8

SMA’s biggest social event of the year, the annual Dorthea Drake Pennington Garden Party will be held on Saturday, August 8 beginning at 5:30 pm. It will be held at the home of Leslie and Steve Robinson in West Linn. As always, guests are asked to bring a delicious dish to share while making a contribution that would be equal to what you might spend for an evening at a fine restaurant. Contributions at this party are earmarked for support of Blankets and Books for Babies, a long-time project of SMA. You should already have received a “save the date” reminder. Invitations to the event will be arriving soon. Members are urged to join with their many friends at this lovely event.

SPRING LUNCHEON USHERS IN NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS

SMA members enjoyed a lovely lunch at the Waverley Country Club at the annual meeting and spring luncheon held May 5. A new slate of officers for the 2015-16 year were elected by the membership. Pamela Berg was elected as President, Susan McAnulty as Vice President, Anne Taylor Yoo as Treasurer, Ginny Brooks as Secretary and Sarah McCarty will remain on the board as Immediate Past President.

Guests at the spring luncheon were also treated to a surprise performance by member Laurie Flint. Trained at the Peabody Conservatory, Flint’s soprano performance was a delight.
FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is an honor to introduce myself as your new SMA President. I moved to Oregon in the summer of 2004 to work as an Orthoptist at Casey Eye Institute in the Elks Children’s Eye Clinic. I retired at the end of last year and have decided to stay put in this lovely area. My first introduction to the group was at a Faculty Fall Welcome when Joan Foley was out front recruiting! It has been a great way to meet people, make new friends and join in some interesting activities, quite apart from SMA’s main function of initiating and supporting special projects around OHSU that need our help.

SMA recently contributed funds for hospitality for the statewide 3 Minute Thesis competition for students. The final event took place in the CLSB with our own Allison Fryer directing the proceedings and an OHSU student won it. We have a Task Force busy working on a renovation project for the NICU that will use some funds from the Dockery bequest.

I’m looking forward to the Garden Party this August and hope to see many of you there.

Pam Berg

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

SMA Memberships run from July 1 - June 30; if you have not yet renewed your membership for 2015-16 you are “past due”. Annual dues are $35 and include a copy of the member directory as well as support for all SMA programs and activities. The prompt return of your membership form and check to Membership Chair, Hilary Almers is appreciated.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*Interest Group contacts can be found in your Member Directory. Contact them for details on the groups’ activities, meeting locations, etc.

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2015-16 SMA Officers

President: Pamela Berg  
Vice President: Susan McAnulty  
Treasurer: Anne Taylor Yoo  
Secretary: Ginny Brooks  
Past President: Sarah McCarty

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Meet Jan Rhodes, our newest member! She joins us through Carole Starr, her friend and neighbor, and gives her support to OHSU “because of the care my son received by hospital staff and Dr. Paul Flint who gave my son a voice”. Jan has jumped right into SMA activities by heading up the Dorthea Drake Pennington Garden Party for August 2015. She is also a member of the Evening Book Group and the Movie Group, and getting to as many events as she can.

Jan's roots are grounded in Oregon. Her mother, who grew up in Lake Oswego, met Jan's Dad (from California) in Seaside. Her mom always said she married the first boy from California that asked her! They were living in Alaska when her Dad was called into the service overseas. Expecting Jan's birth, her Mom moved back to Portland to be closer to her family. Jan's grandfather was Chief of Staff at Emanuel Hospital during World War II. Jan's Mom did not like the Portland rain and when the war was over her parents moved to California and lived in San Francisco Bay area for the next 51 years.

Jan went to work for Liberty Mutual Insurance Group in San Francisco in 1965 and after a move to Phoenix, retired as a Senior Vice President for the Western Division in 2000. She moved to Portland after her husband of 43 years died unexpectedly. Her son and his family live here so Jan decided to live in Portland from May to October and return to her home in Phoenix for November to April.

While in Portland Jan enjoys being with her 6-year-old granddaughter and “watching her grow up”. Babysitting

Jodi has been a member of SMA since 2006 when she met Pam Berg at an orientation meeting. A tireless organizer, Jodi chaired the popular Valentine's Day Chocolate sale again this year and is a past president of two terms in 2010 and 2011.

Jodi was in college in St. Petersburg, Florida, hoping to be a teacher and met her husband, Dan, as an undergraduate. When he went to Nepal as a Peace Corps volunteer, Jodi was in Switzerland studying French. With backgrounds in both French and Latin Jodi taught high school in Florida. After marrying Dan, the couple moved to Mexico where she says tried to learn Spanish at the Universidad de Guadalajara.

In Mexico, she taught in the ESL program as well as teaching Latin (in Spanish) to 1st year law and linguistic students, Latin being a requirement in both programs. On the first test the students all got 100%. She said, “I realized they were cheating like mad. I talked to a colleague and returned with a posse of English teachers to act as proctors to monitor the students after that. We found out they were cheating by writing on the ceiling beams, and the classic, writing notes on their hands. It was hysterical trying to stay ahead of them.”

Dan finished medical school in Miami and after two years they moved to Seattle for his residencies where Emilia was born in 1978 and Eli in 1980. As a young mother, Jodi worked with a friend who started a parent-run newspaper centered on children’s events, which later became Seattle’s Child. Meanwhile she also began an at-home business making rain ponchos and
Jan Rhodes, continued

is a favorite activity. Jan also loves the fact that she has lots of extended family members in the area.

I asked her about her travel experiences. She said, “I’ve done a great deal of international travel, but would say Italy and France are at the top of my list”. There are no big travel plans for the immediate future.

While in Phoenix she spends time working with homeless teens, as a docent for the Phoenix Art Museum, oil painting and being part of an investment group. Now Jan is busy as well with the SMA. We welcome and look forward to having her with us during the months she spends in Portland.

Jodi Karr, continued

vests and decorating kids’ clothes with appliques. She sold her things at craft fairs and hosted home sales with another resident’s wife, Duang, who was making her own textile products. Later they partnered to open a store with handicrafts from refugee camps and the hill tribe peoples of Northern Thailand, Duang’s homeland.

The Karr family next headed for Iowa City where Dan completed a fellowship and then to Morgantown, West Virginia to begin his career. Their stay in West Virginia was cut short when Dan was offered a faculty position at Seattle Children’s Hospital and they headed back west.

From Vashon Island in 1989, their next move was to Fairbanks, Alaska. Their fondness for the Northern Lights and -50 degree temperatures lasted five years before they moved again to Great Falls, Montana. In 2007, Dan took a position at Casey Eye Clinic.

In addition to their many domestic location changes, international travel has always been a focus for Jodi and Dan. When possible, Dan continues to provide children’s eye healthcare in Nepal and Bhutan through several international organizations.

In Portland, Jodi’s future plans are focused on her family, especially since the recent arrival of their first grandchild, Saskia. Fortunately for us, she continues to be actively involved on the SMA board, lending some of her endless energy to many SMA activities.