ANNUAL MEETING & SPRING LUNCHEON

SMA’s Spring Luncheon and Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 7 at the Town Club, 2115 SW Salmon. The event will begin at 11:30 am.

The agenda will include the President’s report on the past year and the election of officers for the coming year.

Members should have received the invitation and reply form by mail or email. The deadline for reservations is May 3. Mail your reply form and check for $30 to Pam Probst or phone or email her with your reservation and bring payment on the day of the luncheon.

FEEL GOOD PROJECT AT BICC

On March 5, Board members were invited to tour the student study areas at the BICC. The area is open to students 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The space was showing its age; many of the furnishings were worn and shabby. SMA was able to provide a donation of $10,000 that was used to purchase 28 ergonomic chairs, 6 conference tables, 6 large white boards and 5 rolling white boards. The 6 large white boards replaced smaller boards in study rooms. The rolling boards will enhance the flexibility of the space.

An article acknowledging our gift appeared in the March issue of the School of Medicine News. The article included quotes from Stephanie Kerns, Associate University Librarian and Dean Mark Richardson thanking SMA for this and past contributions benefiting the School of Medicine and it’s students. The article can be found online at www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/schools/school-of-medicine/about/school-of-medicine-news/education-news/sma-32414.cfm

FROM THE PRESIDENT
Anne Yoo

Another SMA year is coming to a close, and it’s been a good one. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Spring Luncheon/Annual Meeting on May 7th at the Town Club. I’ll be doing a recap of the year then, but our latest project is one detailed in an article in this issue: the refurbishing of some areas of the BICC Library. Just our style: economical choices of enhancements that benefit the most number of students. And you will be hearing from our Membership Chair, Hilary Almers, in the next few weeks as we begin our membership renewal drive for the 2014-15 year. Feel free to bring your renewal form and check to the luncheon and save a stamp -- see you there!
BLT ALERT

Sarah McCarthy is searching for someone to lead BLT (Bargains, Lunch and Talk) for 2014-2015. The BLT outings consist of visiting locations around the Portland Metro area that offer about an hour’s worth of shopping and a fun place for lunch. Outings are typically once a month. Responsibilities include selecting a location and making a restaurant reservation, emailing group members and tracking replies. You won’t be starting from scratch. There is a record of past outings for the past few years and most will warrant a return visit.

If you - or perhaps you and a friend - would enjoy coordinating this fun group, please contact Sarah soon.

SMA INTEREST GROUPS and COMING 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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MEMBERSHIP

Your annual membership will need to be renewed soon. Dues are $35 per year. When you receive your renewal form, please return your form and check promptly to allow for the timely printing of our member directory.

SMA newsletters are published quarterly and sent via email to our membership. In addition, we maintain a website that is updated monthly.

To access SMA’s web site, enter www.sma-ohsu.org in your web browser, then log in using the username: smamember (all lower case) and password: 1947pinecone. The web address and log-in information can also be found in your current SMA member directory to refer to at any time.
In an effort to help our members get to know each other a little better, we are offering some short profiles of SMA members. Our thanks to Pam Anderson and Joan Kruse for conducting interviews, writing the profiles and supplying photos.

Jean Morton  
member since 1967

As an athletic young woman and recent graduate of the University of Washington, Jean broke her leg in a skiing accident in 1956. While waiting in the emergency room, Jean overheard a young resident who had come in to look at her x-ray. “Oh, this is awful,” he said. And she said, “Get that orderly out of here!” The following day he returned on rounds and later they married.

Married life (to Bill Morton, MD, PhD, Public Health OHSU) for the past 58 years began in Ann Arbor, Michigan, where they began their family. In 1967, they moved to Portland where Jean became a community activist, holding school board committee positions, and was involved in the AAUW and Beyond War.

Jean had a commitment to change the increasing violence in her community, which led to Oregonians Against Gun Violence, the precursor to Ceasefire Oregon. She jumped into it full-time. “What we started doing is gun turn-ins and education. We offered gun turn-ins for Fred Meyer certificates and collected thousands of guns, which were melted down.”

Artistically, Jean became fascinated by glass art and took training, which led her to begin, “Holly House,” a Christmas bazaar selling ornaments and glass animals. The first SMA Holiday Bazaar began at OHSU in 1972 and the ornaments were a fast favorite.

In 1990, Jean became involved with the campaign to elect Nancy Ryles. Ryles later served in both the Oregon House of Representatives and Oregon Senate. After Nancy died, Friends of Ryles’ established a women’s scholarship fund at Portland State University in her honor. The fund supports women who have had their education disrupted. Jean continues to serve on the committee that screens and chooses applicants for the scholarship each year.

Jean is a former SMA Board President. She currently is championing Blankets and Books for Babies, a longtime service project organized and supported by SMA. Once entirely supported by our membership, it now includes community involvement to provide knitted blankets and baby hats, quilts and layettes and books to babies born to families in need at OHSU. A sparkling personality, Jean is someone who knows her mind and has proven leadership quality that we appreciate in the SMA.

Leslie Brown  
member since 2008

Leslie Brown was convinced to join SMA by Ellen Schwarz in 2008 for the opportunity to meet new friends and share her interest in gardening. Having worked at OHSU in the 70’s, Leslie remembers SMA’s earlier identity as the Faculty Wives’ Club and the Christmas bazaars they staged. She is happy to now be a member, enjoying the luncheons, the annual Garden Party and working at the Chocolate Sale. She is an active member of the Garden Group, helping Pam Anderson with planning and organizing the monthly events and also participates in the Movie Group when her schedule allows.

A Pacific Northwest native, Leslie was born in Seattle but has lived in Portland most of her life. She is proud to be a graduate of David Douglas High School in Southeast Portland, which was the largest high school in the state at the time. Her class still maintains close ties and get together often.

With a degree in Biology from the University of Oregon, Leslie’s work experience has taken her from research labs at the Hospital for Special Surgery in NYC, to the Portland VA, to the Department of Endocrinology at OHSU, then to the Oregon Osteoporosis Center, where she was a bone densitometry technologist. She then worked for Synarc, a world wide medical imaging company dedicated to clinical trials, and retired as Manager of Clinical Operations for their Portland office in 2007. She continues to work there on an “as needed” basis and feels privileged to play a part in the evolution of bone densitometry and related clinical trials in finding treatments to prevent osteoporosis.

Her husband Paul is a professor emeritus from the OHSU Radiology Department but continues to be called upon for consultations. They have two sons: Derek is a teaching assistant at Corbett Grade School and Ian works as a clinical imaging technician in Portland. Ian and his wife are the proud parents of a new baby boy, making Leslie and Paul even prouder grandparents.

Leslie loves to travel and recently enjoyed a ‘Rick Steves’ excursion to Italy with her husband.

Leslie embraces life with a lovely smile, a listening ear, a gentle voice and an unquenchable thirst for learning new things. Thank you, Leslie, for sharing your story with us and for being a member of the SMA.