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# ALUMNI AND FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

*The D-9 Foundation Serving School District #9*

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## Another successful benefit weekend

The fourth annual D-9 Foundation Dinner/Auction and fifth annual D-9 Foundation Golf Tournament held at Arthur's and the Eagle Point Golf Course were both the most successful events yet for the Foundation's fund raising efforts!

According to auction co chairs, Murrin Davis and Mel Morris, "there were over 150 items donated by our caring community to insure success for the evening." Items ranged from gift certificates for local businesses, to major resort stays, and from practical items to local art work. Two items that generated considerable interest from the 150 dinner guests, were the "paddle" items, whereby guests could donate to the Foundation's scholarship and dental programs directly. The scholarship item generated \$10,000 with the naming rights being "bid" by Pacific Diamond Jewelers, and will be awarded to ten seniors this spring as \$1,000 scholarships each! The "paddle" item, Dental Needs, generated \$2,000 and will be spent along with other budgeted monies from the Foundation to improve the dental care program initiated four years ago by the D-9 Foundation.

Olive Lansburgh, Benefit Dinner chair, reported a full dinner with 150 guests attending for the evening. "The meal of Prime Rib and Salmon was delicious, and the setting at Arthur's Pavilion was magnificent."

The Golf Tournament was the most successful one



the Foundation has sponsored. Co Chairs Bob Kleker and Joe Scheffler, spoke highly of Mike and Betty Trautman as their "mentors" in assuring success of the tournament. In fact, the tournament was full plus! Players were once again gracious in their benevolence. Many new sponsors were added this year as Debbie Brudevold chaired her committee and talked with many of our local community business owners.



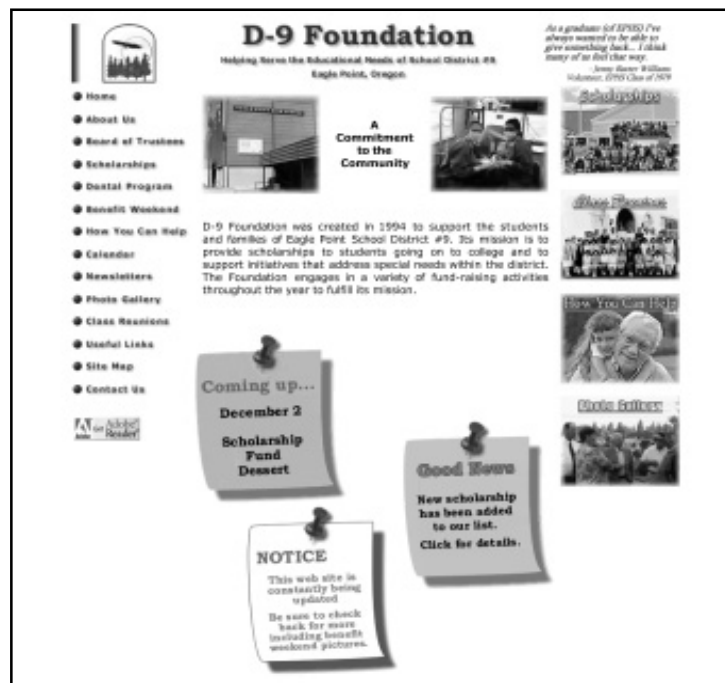
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## Improved alumni web site d9foundation.org

This summer two EPHS alumni volunteers, Jenny Baxter Williams ('79) and Diane Meierhenry Peterson, ('91) were contacted by Mike Bowles to update and improve the usefulness of the D-9 Foundation web site. They both graciously accepted and have devoted hundreds of hours producing the current web site. In today's technological and internet dependent world, a web site is a necessity to communicate with the alumni and friends of the Foundation in a timely manner.

The site is now a great source of information and should serve our community well. If you are seeking information about what the Foundation is doing, what we have done in the past or what we plan to do in the future, the information is there. It is an easily navigated site, with much color, photos, and links to other useful sites related to the foundation's goals. Take the time to visit us online!



## Message from CEO, Mike Bowles

2004 has been a great year for the D-9 Foundation! We are blessed with such a caring and benevolent community! The Trustees have directed their energies to improving the awareness and the fulfillment of our mission and have done so in a most professional manner. As you review the many new or expanded services and projects that the Foundation has undertaken this year, one takes great pride in knowing that these accomplishments have taken place with the contributions of many talented individuals of our community.

I hope that you enjoy reading about some of the projects that the Foundation is involved in. My hope is that it stirs some emotion that prompts you to contact me or another trustee to offer your time or energies giving back, to this most deserving community of School District #9.



### Featured scholarships

- D-9 Foundation Scholarships** are funded by the benefit auction and golf tournament. Acceptance to an accredited institution qualifies students for these awards.
- D-9 Community Scholarships** are funded by the holiday dessert and donations made throughout the year. They are awarded based on GPA and SAT scores.
- The President's Student Service Challenge Scholarship** is a matching fund scholarship underwritten by the D-9 Community fund.
- Four Sarah Mercer Memorial Scholarships** honor a much-loved student with diverse interests and hobbies.
- Tim Trautman Memorial Scholarships**, presented to FFA participants, recognize an active and contributing member of our community.
- The Dean Collins Memorial Scholarship** was established in 2002 in honor of Dean's unselfish contributions to his community.
- The Thomas Ussary Memorial Scholarship** recognizes a young man dedicated to industrial mechanics.
- Fire District No. 3's Volunteer Association and Local 1817** support students who plan to enroll in fire science or emergency medical training.

## Class of 2004 Scholars Poster project and Fire District No. #3

Three years ago, Murrit Davis proposed to the D-9 Foundation that it produce a "Scholars Poster" with the students who received scholarships at Eagle Point High School, posing in locations of our area. Murrit has assumed the chairmanship and reports that the project has proven to be very successful since the first group photo taken at the "Wood House" in 2002. Each poster also has a listing of the local scholarships that the students were awarded. The poster used the covered bridge as a back drop in 2003 and this year, the new Fire District 3 building in Eagle Point.

The 500 posters are given to the scholarship recipients, local businesses, and to guests at the Foundation's

benefit auction. Many are displayed throughout the district schools, and are generating much interest with the staff and students. Virginia Sloat has graciously donated her talents in producing the photograph each year for the poster.

The Foundation is committed to produce the posters as a most worthwhile project, but at the same time would like for a caring individual or business to assume the cost of production. Though the cost is very reasonable, about \$1,000 each year, it does result in one

less scholarship being offered to our students from the Foundation. Contact Murrit, (541) 826-7627 if you are interested.



### Help us help our students become *productive members of society!*

- \$25 Provides dental sealant for one child
- \$100 Provides dental exam and tooth filling for one student
- \$250 Buys a student's books for one term at RCC
- \$550 Will pay for a student's tuition for two quarters at RCC
- \$1,500 Pays a student's tuition and fees for one quarter at SOU
- \$4,000 Provides the Cost of Attendance for one year at RCC
- \$14,000 Is the estimated Cost of Attendance for one year at SOU

Consider, also, a gift in perpetuity by giving stock, other assets, or annuities to the Foundation's endowment. Charitable giving is not limited to your lifetime but can continue in a trust or will.

**Look for the envelope provided in this newsletter**

### *Save these dates:*

#### **Eagle Point Rotary Club/ D-9 Foundation**

presents

**First Annual**

#### **"Biz-Bee" Fund Raiser Spelling Bee Competition**

**for Local Business Teams**

**February 17, 2005**

#### **The first weekend after Labor Day D-9 Foundation Benefit Weekend Dinner, Auctions**

**Saturday,**

**September 10, 2005**

**Golf Tournament**

**Sunday,**

**September 11, 2005**



## Where and what are they doing now?

We will start with the two alumni who are responsible for the d9foundation.org web site in their own words:

•**Diane Meierhenry Peterson (EPHS 1991)** After graduation from EPHS in 1991, Diane continued her education at Oregon State University with help from local scholarships. This scholarship assistance lasted until she graduated from OSU in 1995 (BS. Natural Resources, cum laude). She then worked for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation

Service in various parts of Oregon helping private landowners with resource conservation on their property. In 1999, she moved to Australia and worked enough as an internet/email trainer to pay for her travels around the country. After a year and half of holiday overseas she returned to Oregon and worked for USDA and then Oregon State University Extension Service developing conservation education materials. She currently lives with her husband in West Texas and both work with the third Largest telescope in the world at McDonald Observatory. [mcdonaldobservatory.org](http://mcdonaldobservatory.org). In her spare time she does website development and computer training.

•**Jenny Baxter Williams (EPHS 1979)**, graduated from Oregon State University in 1984 with a bachelor's degree in English and History. Jenny began her career in direct mail marketing in 1985 at Bear Creek Corporation in Medford. In 1989, Jenny joined the marketing department at the The Sharper Image, located in San Francisco, and has lived in the bay area ever since. After holding various positions on the mailer and vendor sides of the catalog marketing business. Jenny has returned to Sharper Image, working part time as their direct mail marketing analyst. In explanation, Jenny says, "I crunch a lot of numbers to help mailers understand who responds to their offers, and maximize sales."

How did higher education play a role in her life? "Although my degree isn't directly related to my career, the total college experience was key to the structure of my life today. Meeting people from other backgrounds, other countries, and particularly, having the opportunity to travel at that age were as valuable to me as work in the classroom. My education was very effective in broadening horizons and expanding opportunities. I'm, so grateful to my parents and



to scholarship donors for making it possible. Hopefully, I can repay them by helping to give others the same opportunity. Supporting the D-9 Foundation is a great way to do that."

Jenny has been married since 1990 to Joe Williams, Senior VP Loss Prevention, also with Sharper Image. She is currently Treasurer of the Catalog and E-Commerce Club of Northern California, and edits oral history transcripts for the Marin County Library.

The following information was gleaned from the EPHS Class of 1984 web site.

•**Tim Doney (EPHS 1984)**, Detective Sergeant-Medford Police Department, Medford, Oregon. Married w/children, son 17 and two daughters 16 & 11. After attending SOSOC where my roommate was Tom Smith, I moved to Medford where I was hired by Medford Police. I met and married my wife, Dana. We have three children, three dogs, and very active lives! Currently, I am a Detective Sergeant with MPD and enjoy traveling. Dana and I just recently returned from Spain and are headed to Florida with our children this winter. [timd1966@charter.net](mailto:timd1966@charter.net)

•**Fran Cordeiro Settell (EPHS 1984)** Hawaii Area Business Manager. Kapolei, Hawaii. Worked and lived in Central Point after High School, married Clayton Settell in 1987 and have 2 children-daughter Kaila, 14 and son Brady, 13. Moved to Hawaii in 2000 and worked for Kiewit Pacific Construction in the main office which happens to be the same city we're living in called Kapolei! I'm also the Treasurer for

the Kapolei Warriors Football Association which is a youth football & cheerleading group for 5-14 yr. Olds. Loving it here-sun, sand, surf my friends! [settell@yahoo.com](mailto:settell@yahoo.com)



•**Debbie Deen Lewis (EPHS 1984)** Elementary Teacher. Eagle Point, Oregon. Married (Russ), with one child, 8. After high school, I attended Southern Oregon State College (now SOU) for 4 years. I graduated with a BA in Elementary Education. Then I was substitute teacher for 3 years. Then I got a break, teaching kindergarten at White City Elementary. I have been working at White City Elementary for the past 11 years. I have taught kindergarten, first grade and second grade. My current grade is first and my favorite.

## Where are they

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During my last year in college, I met my future husband, Russ Lewis. We have been married for 16 great years. We have one daughter, Jasmine, age 8. Recently, we built a home outside of Eagle Point. During the construction we lived in a travel trailer for 9 months! Camping has lost its appeal for me, that is for sure. We are now settling into our new home and getting ready for a great summer! [mdzacs@ccountry.net](mailto:mdzacs@ccountry.net)

•**Jody Henderson (EPHS 1984)** Teacher, Sisters, Oregon. Married (Sarina), three children. After working as a journeyman pipe-fitter for four solid years on the road, I met my wife Sarina, from Merced, California, who encouraged me to finally start college to pursue music as an occupation. As I slowly worked through a BA Music degree and a Teaching Certificate, we got married and started a family, living in Southern Oregon until 1996. Since then we have been in Sisters, Oregon (about 25 miles NW of Bend) where I work as a teacher and music director. Sarina and I are very proud of our great son and two daughters: Jared Scott, 12, Blake Marie, 10, and Jaym Rachel, 6. We spend most of our time involved in community and school events as a result of knowing great students and families. [hendersj@outlawnet.com](mailto:hendersj@outlawnet.com)

•**Joseph Mead (EPHS 1984)** Management-United Airlines/United Express. Medford, Oregon. Married (Sonja), two children 14 & 13. After graduating high school I moved to Southern California for a year to pursue college, but out of state tuition forced me back up to Southern Oregon State College. During college I worked in different jobs, from Juvenile Detention to Transport Officers @ Law Enforcement with E.P.P.D and Marine Deputy with Jackson County Sheriff's Department. Although I enjoyed this field, I was offered an exciting job at United Airlines where I have been since. I have a beautiful wife Sonja and two great kids, Jonathon and Hailey who are both in Jr. High and keep us very busy, with all their sports and projects. Hobbies include coaching the 8<sup>th</sup> grade wrestling team for Hendrick Jr. High and utilizing my flight benefits with my family when there's time. [meadpartyof4@charter.net](mailto:meadpartyof4@charter.net)

The following information was downloaded from the web site [Classmates.com](http://Classmates.com) for Eagle Point High School Alumni.

•**Glenda (Albert) Allen (EPHS 1964)** Hi everyone.....Life has been good. Brad Allen and I are still married (34 years). Our kids are in college (remember we were a little later having the young ones than everyone else.) Live in Medford and have a small business. Favorite sport is still baseball. Our son Brandon still plays and I still keep score. Love it. Our daughter is in Chico, CA., finishing college this year (we hope). Would love to hear from anybody out there.

•**Ana Pulido Banuelos (EPHS 1990)** Hello everyone well I've been up to a lot these past 10 years. I've been married for nearly 11 years and I have 3 children 10,8, and 3 months. I am getting a degree in gemology and am currently working at Pacific Diamond. I look forward in hearing from any of you.



The following news was received from Heidi Scheffler, reunion coordinator for the Class of 1994. The Class of 1994 reunion was held the weekend of August 27-29. The weekend events included a casual gathering at Lava Lanes to kick things off. Then, on Saturday a group went rafting down the Rogue before the formal evening at the Red Lion. Sunday, we gathered at the Elks Picnic Grounds in Eagle Point for a BBQ, potluck and games on the lawn. Throughout the course of the weekend, we had nearly 100 classmates join in some portion of the events.

We were saddened to learn that one of our classmates, Tim Reiss, died suddenly of a heart attack days before the reunion. A donation was collected from classmates and our class fund to help his expectant wife. At the Red Lion, Tim's close friend, Robert Walker, said a few words about the great guy Tim was.

Robert also won the recognition for the classmate that traveled the farthest as he flew in from Seoul, South Korea, where he is serving in the Air Force. Prizes were also given to the couple married the longest, Natalie (Sargent) and Jeff Johnson for 10 years; and the most kids was a tie between Kalle (Burns) and Jeff Lagomarsimo and Jake and Carrie Nickel each with 3 kids.

It was so much fun to get together with our classmates, many of whom we had not seen or been in touch with for nearly 10 years. The weekend was a great success with everyone looking forward to our next milestone gathering. To keep in touch with the Class of 1994, please email: [ephs1994@yahoo.com](mailto:ephs1994@yahoo.com)

## Scholarship recipients appreciative of awards

The D-9 Foundation has been giving scholarships to graduates of Eagle Point High School since 2001 and each spring, the recipients have written thank you notes to the Trustees. Following are excerpts from some of those thank you notes that give a sense of the value of the awards that are given.

In addition to the normal, "Thank You", "Appreciate", "Thankful", and the other terms that are used in thanking someone for a gift, some of the comments made by our young people, upon receiving the scholarship assistance, are insightful and support our energies in developing sources of funding for them. Here are a few select comments received by the Foundation upon awarding scholarships in the spring:

### 2001

- "This scholarship was much needed and I will use it well." **Jimi Gordon**
- "I am fortunate to receive your scholarship." **Karline Hancock**

### 2002

- "Thank you for enabling me to go to the next level of my education!" **Danielle Berchier**
- "I will use it wisely for my future education." **Molly Fait**
- "Thank you...the opportunity you've given me to go forth and be successful!" **Adam Daniels**
- "...your confidence in me..." **Joseph Brokowski**
- "Without the support of generous people like you, (many of) the students at EPHS would not be able to continue their education." **Steffani Presley**
- "I'm very proud..." **Jessica Harrell**

### 2003

- "... for taking the time to fund raise the money to help students continue their education." **Jamie Williams**
- "I feel extremely honored to be awarded this scholarship..." **Casey Hedrick**
- "...your hard work makes it possible for many who wish to go to college..." **Michele Groves**
- "It is encouraging to be honored with such a scholarship..." **Nicole Olsen**
- "College is very expensive and caring people like you are appreciated to (help us) reach goals." **Christian Mannebach**

### 2004

- "I will be first in my family to be able to attend college..., you have helped tremendously." **Jenni Burnoski**
- "without it, (scholarship) college might not have been an option for me." **Shane Kell**
- "It is so nice to know (that ) I come from a community which fully believes in its children." **Sara Vonn**
- "Because of you and many other donors, students have the opportunity to continue with their education." **Rosa Banuelos**
- "I hope that you will continue in the future (of funding scholarships)...it is such a great honor." **Stefanie Lowe**
- "College is such a big step...you have made it easier." **Jennifer Watt**
- "You're really helping all of us." **Alex Rios**
- "I have strived for this all of my life, and it was you who gave me this chance.." **Natasha Graffenberger**
- "...helps me pursue my dreams of a job in the medical field." **Stacey Shaw**

## New scholarship opportunity Eagle Point Dental Scholarship

Funded through donations and a reciprocity agreement of donated services between the Eagle Point Dental Office of Dr. Keith Ogawa and Dr. Rania Haddad and the D-9 Foundation.

**Award:** Annually the Eagle Point High School Scholarship Committee will review applicants and determine the recipients of these awards. There will be three to five awards presented and the amount of each award will be \$1,000 in 2005. The number of awards will be based upon a memo of understanding between Eagle Point Dental and the D-9 Foundation. The actual number of awards will be given to the Eagle Center Scholarship Chair in January so that students will know the exact number of scholarships that will be available.



**To Study:** An approved program of study in any of the Dental Health fields will receive top priority. If there are no students who qualify with the dental, other health studies or technologies will be considered. The award is only to be given to the above qualifying students.

**To Attend:** Any Accredited Technical School, Community College, Four Year College or University. Must have federal Title IV designation.

**Open To:** Must be a graduating senior or recipient of GED from Eagle Point High School.

**Selection Based Upon:** Merit, class room related performance, grade point average, involvement in school and volunteer activities, work experience, and financial need may be used as selection criteria by the scholarship committee. Request E.P.H.S. Scholarship packet from Eagle Center Advisors.

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Watch us grow and become a great  
source of information for the D-9  
community.

## 2004 Progress Report D-9 Foundation

•Dental Exam and Sealant Program sponsored by the Foundation was extended to all elementary students in School District #9 with partners Windermere Foundation, Community Health Center of White City, Jackson County Health Services, State of Oregon Health Services, and Oregon Institute of Technology Oral Hygiene Program.

•Foundation's dental assistance program added an "Urgent Care" portion that provides emergency dental care for elementary students who are non insured.

•Paddle item for Dental Needs generated \$2,000 at 2004 benefit auction.

•Eagle Point Dental office, Dr. Keith Ogawa and wife Dr. Rania Haddad have entered into agreement with D-9 Foundation to provide "Urgent Care" for non insured students with the provision that: their office will donate services up to annual budgeted amount for D-9 Foundation's Human Needs. In return, the Foundation will offer that amount in Eagle Point Dental Scholarships to EPHS graduates.

•First mailing of "Alumni and Friends of D-9 Foundation" to nearly 4,500 addresses was completed in the spring.

•70 Scholarships with a value of \$41,294 were awarded to Eagle Point High School graduates from the Foundation in the spring.

•Larry Stillman and David Poole Memorial Scholarship funds were added to Foundation sponsored scholarships and will be awarded starting in 2005.

•Pacific Diamond Jewelers scholarship resulted in paddle item during benefit auction and generated \$10,000 that will be awarded in 2005.

•Third Foundation sponsored, Eagle Point High School Scholars poster, "Education, Keeping our Future Secure", is printed as a group picture in front of new FD #3 Station.

•D-9 Foundation's web site is improved and information added to provide an excellent resource to distribute information and provide documentation of progress.



## BizzBee fund raising Spelling Bee

The D-9 Foundation has developed a partnership with the Cascade Rotary Club of Eagle Point and will sponsor a "BizzBee" fund raising old fashioned spelling "Bee". The fund raiser will be held, February 17<sup>th</sup>, Thursday evening from 6-9 p.m. at the Eagle Point High School cafeteria.

Businesses and organizations are being contacted to sponsor a team of three members from their ranks to participate that evening in the event. Teams will pay an entrance fee of \$300 to compete. They can also buy "passes" for spelling words that they cannot spell as their turn comes up in the evenings competition, much like "Mulligan" or "Do Overs" in golf tournaments! A modest \$5 is charged at the door for spectators who come to support their teams. Those teams with the most spectators registered for the evening will also receive a free "pass". "Challenge" bets are also taken between teams, with the losing team paying up the challenge.

According to Nancy Watkins of the Cascade Rotary Club, "This event has proven to be an evening of a lot of fun for the local community businesses when conducted in Anchorage, when I was involved up there. The fun competition also has the benefit of producing funds that will be used in the current year for support of our kids." The same "Paideia" study books and word lists are used in the National Spelling Bee conducted throughout the schools each year, and will be made available to all team members at least 3 weeks prior to the event.

The funds raised by both organizations will support scholarship programs as well as other youth programs each presently assist.



## Reunion news and contacts

Class of 1985 20th reunion will be August 6th and August 7th, 2005. Contacts: Rebecca Boles (Blust) blust@ccountry.net, Jan Mills (Morris) 541-944-9771, Stephanie McCuiston (Walls) mannanrg@ccountry.net, Angela Sargent (Wilson) 541-826-2862, Valerie Anderson valtron72000@yahoo.com, Sandra Ash (Cummings) susie22491@msn.com, Hank Rademacher hank.rademacher@countryfinancial.com.

Class of 1974 is without a coordinator and no plans have been made at this time.

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## Helping serve the needs of School District #9

The D-9 Foundation was formed as a 501 (C)(3) non profit corporation in 1994. The bylaws state "...furnishing financial and other assistance to further the education and activities of its (D-9 Schools) students at all levels, elementary, secondary, and post-secondary."

The trustees of the foundation, have addressed the purpose for which we were established, helping serve the needs of School District #9. We have accomplished much in these few years, but, there remains much to be done to achieve our goals.

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- We published the first Alumni Directory of Eagle Point High School, and will be involved in updates every five years.

- The Trustees established a benefit golf tournament dedicating the revenues to scholarships for our graduates. It has now grown to a weekend event that includes a dinner, silent bid auction, and oral auction.

- The Scholars poster has been a project that we have underwritten to give recognition to our EPHS scholarship recipients.

- The Trustees, learned that the number one reason for students' absence and difficulties in elementary school, related to dental problems. We have a dental program now in place in each of our elementary schools.

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