Thank You Parade Committee

Where to begin telling the story about a dedicated group of people, who (for the benefit of North Portland) have spent endless hours and the last year planning for this special 50th annual St. Johns Parade. Just try and imagine the work and pressure the all-volunteer Parade Committee have felt as the days ticked down to Saturday noon on May 12, 2012. Every little detail (and there are many) needed to be attended to. Did they sleep at night? No! We’re they excited? YES! Do they expect Kudos? Perhaps. Did they have any idea of appearance? Barb Legge, Lila Estes, Florence Ivie, Betty Drenkhen, Bud Suckow, Brain Giblin, Betty Smith, Gary Boehm, Trudy Bushard, Rachel Banks, Starr Lara, Ann Wolf.

Additionally, the “rod call” of dig-inites has faded, memories lost, and identities misplaced. So, with some understanding that omissions will be made, our all-volunteer Parade Committee, PO Box 83162, Portland, Oregon 97283...
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Leading off the Parade again this year will be Station 22 firefighters who will be carrying the original pulpit from St. Johns. Close behind will be Grand Marshal Jake Benshoof, who was one of the original organists of the church back in 1962. And, following close behind Jake will be the two Citizens of the Year, Review Historical Writ- er and North Portland author, Jim Speirs and popular Peninsula Station owner, Kenn Gritzmacher.

The Parade Committee designat- ed Gold, Silver and Bronze donations with Gold sponsors riding in con- verts. Be sure and wave to them in support of their generous dona- tions.

Available for sale this year are T- Shirts and Parade Pins. T-Shirts are available in five different colors at the Man’s Shop for $15 each or two for $25; and the beautiful collectible Parade Pins (designed by Gary Boe- hme) are available for $4 each at: Portland Rose, Anna Bannana’s, Patties Home Plate, Man’s Shop, Peninsula Sta- tion, Portland Way Tavern, Proper Eats, & U.S. Bank. A limited num- ber of hoodies are also available for sale at the Man’s Shop. Sinnott said all items are selling fast!

She also pointed out there will be many people in the parade (including also sitting along the street as spectators) who are third and fourth generations of St. Johns. “Many families have their favorite viewing spots where they meet each year,” she said.

There are groups that sit by Bax- ter’s, a group by the Man’s Shop, and at the St. Johns Christian Church.”

Sinnott said she heard there are four or five groups that meet this year to sit together and another one from Sitton who are going to try and be in the parade. She emphasized that her mom marched in the parade with her and her sister and their Camp Fire group from Sitton, when they were young. “I have her two year her daughter volunteered as a “runner.”

“There are more examples of this in the great community of the parish that my daughter is added. The Review would like to highlight some of these dedicated groups and parade parade stories. Please call the office (503-283-5086) or email reviewnewspaper@comcast.net.

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Gritzmacher - Citizen of the Year

Lora Schachtli, who nominat- ed Kenn for Citizen of the Year, said “Kenn is a warm, funny, and supportive man and I always enjoy his witty and welcoming de- mainer. His place is inviting and everyone is his friend.”

When told he was nominated Citizen of the Year Kenn said he was “flattered and the nomination ‘hit him totally sideways.’”

Kenn lives in SE Portland with his wife Barb and they have three children, two Labrador Retrievers and a cat. He chuckles and says he and Barb are often referred to as “Ken and Barbi”.

Kenn grew up in Menlo Park in Northeast Portland and graduated from Marshall High School in 1971. He attended the University of Oregon to study Sociology and History. While in college he met Barb and they dated but it wasn’t until many years later that he pur- sued the relationship and it blossomed into a marriage that still brings him great joy. He worked for ten years before he decided that he wanted to do something different.

In 1989 Kenn decided to start a business in St Johns and decided he wanted to open a business ser- vice center. He talked to the busi- ness owners in the area and de- cided a law practice was a need for this kind of business in St. Johns. Pen- insula Station opened in May 1989. Fifteen years ago Kenn hired his employee, Sherri, who has remained with him ever since.

Kenn donates paper and other supplies to a lo of schools in Southeast and North Portland in- cluding James John and Sitton schools. He has coached kids in basketball and soccer but in 2009 he decided he needed to take a break and catch up with work. He

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By Gayla Patton
St. Johns Review

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Welcome to the 50th Annual ST JOHNS PARADE

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The popular “Bizarre” is returning on Parade day for its 6th year. The street festival will run from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Included in this year’s event will be a stellar lineup of bands, doers of local artists and craft makers, and locally-brewed beer in a beer garden.

It has been named “Bizarre” for the quirky and crafty people who “keep Portland weird and St. Johns Bizarre.” Over 70 local artists and craft vendors will highlight the juried market selling incredible handmade items such as jewelry, clothing, painted prints, photography, and much more. There will be music on the Plaza Stage which is in the center of the Bizarre. The lineup includes: The Coen Tucker Band, AU, Old Light, Grandparents and the Dusty Main.

Several St. Johns venues will also feature music throughout the afternoon and evening, including Anna Bannana’s Cafe, Plew’s Brews, Proper Eats Vegan Cafe, Slim’s Cocktail Bar, and an outdoor stage at the Fixin’ To later in the evening.

For children, morning will kick off with the fantastic Mo Phillips and a showcase by the Rock and Roll Camp for Girls and the Kid’s Creation Station will give children a chance to get crafty while mom and dad enjoy other activities. Occidental Brewing will be sponsoring “Ye Olde Der Bier Garten,” and will feature their brews alongside Ninkasi, Lompoc, and Lanwaell breweries. Philadelphia and Leavitt Avenues will be closed from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Lombard will be closed between Leavitt and Baltimore starting at 2:00 p.m. (immediately following the parade) until 8:00 p.m.

Second protest held at future 7-Eleven site

Occup St Johns held another protest of the 7-Eleven store at 8157 N Lombard on Saturday April 28. About 35 people walked in front of the locked property holding signs and waving at passing traffic. The 7-Eleven Corporation plans to build 14 more stores in other neighborhoods. Their plan is to maintain the abandoned building with a fence surrounding it and build the 7-Eleven store on the remaining property, which follows zoning obligations.
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Our group (The St. Johns Development Corp.) would not take no for an answer and we would not compromise on any point. If we had to, we’d ‘go down swingin’.

We were going to have a parade... period! If there were only two cars in it, then so be it... but we’d have a parade, no matter what.”

“You guys had a lot of guts,” I said.

“Well,” I said, “the community desperately wants and needs the police station reopened, how would you go about it?”

“That would be hard,” he said. “But about it?”

“Any other thoughts,” I asked.

“I don’t know how we can do. We need to say it and believe it. It’s our North Portland station, and just look at what it’s brought us.”

With that, I concluded my interview with Jake.

To say Jake is a treasure is inadequate at best. Jake Benshoof made St. Johns better. He represents the spirit and determination that resemble an incarnate of James John himself. He’s a throwback to a time that can only be wistfully remembered. However, it’s Jake Benshoof types that can lead St. Johns to a brighter future.

That’s the paradox of our neighborhood. We need to promote self-reliance. In a word... we need PRIDE...”
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Long time reader
Dear Editor,
Enclosed is our three-year renewal for the St. John’s Review.
We got our first copy in a Wel- come Wagon gift basket in 1969 when we moved into our very first home here in North Portland. I won- der if the Welcome Wagon ladies with their welcoming baskets are even still around. Perhaps it’s a topic our residential historian, Jim Spiers, can check into next!
We enjoy every one and each. Thank you for keeping the paper alive.
Jana and Vince Ripley

Jantzen Beach Carousel Concerns
Dear Editor,
I just heard about your April 13, 2012 article about the carousel. Do you have a source that actually com- mitted to returning the carousel to the island? Everything I’ve seen so far is just rumors. I believe that the de- veloper does not actually have a plan for the carousel - it’s not even on the plans on their web site.
If you know of a plan, I’d really like to know. I’d feel a lot better about the property owner at that time.
In the meantime, there is a Face- book group Friends of Portland’s Wooden Carousels that you may want to join. Thanks, Heather

Robert Raymond Reischman
Bob died peacefully at the home of his daughter, Nancy, in Scap- poose on April 29, 2012. He was born in Portland Or- egon on November 9, 1925 to Charles R. and Gertrude (Schul- hous) Reischman.
Bob attended Assumption Grade School and graduat- ed from Columbia Preparatory School in 1942. He and his brother Bill danced “The Reinhold Reischman” with his wife Nate’s “Stars of To- morrow”.
Bob served in the Navy during World War II and was honorably discharged on May 14, 1946. He attended Vantage Extension Cen- ter in Portland State University.
Bob married Bonnie Wayt on December 27, 1947 and they raised two children together.
He was employed as a Portland firefighter for over 25 years. Most of his service occurred at Engine House 3 in downtown Portland. His last years of duty were as a dispatcher in the alarm office. He retired on July 1980.
Bob was an avid golfer and loved fishing on the Willamette River. Football was his main passion. He officiated at the high school and college levels and
coached CYO football for many years at Holy Cross Catholic School. He was a very important part of Dave’s biggest fans.
Bob and Bonnie looked forward to their annual trips to Kauai until she passed away in April 2012. Bob continued to visit the island all year.
Bob was a member of Holy Cross Cath- olic Church for over 50 years. He was pre- ceded in death by his wife, Bonnie, and two sons Rick and Bobby. He is survived by his son Randy (Debi) Reischman, daughters Nancy Toussaint, Su- san (Don) Rodich, and Melissa Reischman (John Kowac), seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.
Mass of Christian burial is at 10:00 a.m., Friday, May 18, 2012 at Holy Cross Catholic Church, 5227 N. Yeon Avenue. There will be a reception follow- ing the service at the school hall.
Private internment.
In lieu of memorial contributions may be made to Holy Cross Catholic School c/o Bette Keating, 5202 N. Bavダウン St. Portland, OR 97203.

Ted Perez
Ted Perez, 75, died April 29, 2012 at his home in the presence of his wife and three children. He was born in Deer- field, Kansas, on April 4, 1937 to Rita and John Perez and was raised in Hutchinson, Kansas, along with his eight sib- lings.
Ted attended Humboldt High School and gradu- ated in 1955. He married Frances Miranda in 1960 in Coffeyville Kansas, and they started their young family in 1961. He worked for the Coca-Cola Company and was transferred to Portland to work at their new automated lime plant. He worked for Ash Grove for 20 years.
While working for Ash Grove, Ted was also a casual Longshore- man for ILWU Local no. 8 for 12 years before becoming a full-time registered Longshoreman. He was

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2012 St Johns Parade Entrants

Watch for your favorite parade participant at the following list. Unfortunately, it’s not possible to list in order of appearance because that’s not decided until Parade Day. Also, some last minute entrants may not be on this list.

Categories Include: DIGNITARIES; BANDS; BIKE GROUP; BUSINESS; FIRE DEPARTMENT; FLOATS; GOVERNMENT; GROUPS; HORSES; PEOPLE; POLITICAL; PARADE SPONSORS; AND VEHICLES

Dignitaries:
Grand Marshall: Jake Benshoof (Original 1962 Parade Organizer)
Citizens of the Year: Jim Spain & Kern Girtzmaier
High School Scholars: Jovany Romero-Carrazco (Rosewood) and Christine Trinh (DeLaSalle)

City Commissioner: Amanda Fritz
City Commissioner: Dan Saltzman
Mayor Sam Adams
Multnomah County Chair: Jeff Cogen
Multnomah County Commissioner: Lovetta Smith

Congressman Earl Blumenauer
State Representative Tia Kolek
Senator Chip Shields
Fire Chief John Krum
Multnomah County Sheriff Staton & Chief Gates

Rose Festival Princesses

Bands:
Conestoga Middle School
Highland Park Middle School
Chief Joseph Marching Band
Chief Umtuch Middle School Band
Rosewater High School Band
Gordon Russell MS Thunderbird Marching Band
Meadow Park MS Band

Unknown Band
Assembler Eagles Drill & Drum
North Thurston High School Marching Band
Dakotas Middle School Marching Band
Floyd Light Middle School Band
Wildford MS Marching Band Thunderbirds

Bike Group:
The Bengerites
Businesses:
Harvest Homes Retirement Home
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Leisure Public House
Farrell & Associates
Bluebird Taxi
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Ronald McDonald - St Johns
One with Heart Talent Center
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Flotsam:
War Lew - 1931 St Johns Bridge Parade
Oregon Ducks Daughters

Government:
Metro
Multnomah County Sheriff
Bureau of Environmental Services
Water Bureau of Parks & Recreation

Groups:
DOA Cub Scout Pack 52 & Troop 120
PDX Danes
Royal Rosarians
Rosewater High School Cheer Squad
Portland Saints Pop Warner
Princes of Portugal
Willamette Little League
Northwest Cutters
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City Rose Steampunks
Cub Scout Pack 417
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Clackamas County Fair & Rodeo
Pacific Wild Horse Club

Columbia Fair & Rodeo Court
Columbia Fair & Rodeo Poozer Sweepers
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People:
Balf Datton Danielson
Miss Oregon US International 2012
Peyton Ryker Oehly
Paul Bishop
Tribe Ann Christian

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Multnomah County Democrats
Scott Fernandez for Mayor
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Two student scholars selected to be in the parade

Each year the Parade Committee selects two exceptional students to be in the parade from local high schools and honors them with a scholarship to help with upcoming college costs. This year they selected Christine Trinh from De La Salle North Catholic, who has a cumulative GPA of 4.0, and Jovany Romero-Carrazco from Rosewood who has a cumulative GPA of 3.14.

Christine participated in many activities at De La Salle and won the De Llosa Award. She is an active volunteer at the Multnomah County Sheriff’s Boys & Girls Club and volunteers at the Oregon State Capitol. She has participated in the National Model Congress where she won numerous awards. During these experiences she developed her leadership skills and communications abilities.

Jovany was also a student leader at the Writing Center and helped us improve our writing skills. He is currently studying finance at the University of Portland and has a passion for helping others. He is a very talented writer and has been published in several journals.

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