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## Fall Board Meeting

Due to continuing Covid-19 concerns, we are not planning further events until the Oregon governor eases up restrictions. Therefore, the Board will meet via Zoom this quarter on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. If you would like to join in, contact Barb VanWoerkom on or before October 13<sup>th</sup> at [bjvanwoerkom@aol.com](mailto:bjvanwoerkom@aol.com) for instructions. Approximately two weeks after the meeting, the minutes will also be available for all to view on EDSO's website: [www.EDSO.info/newsletter.htm](http://www.EDSO.info/newsletter.htm)

We hope that we can meet in person soon!

### ***EDSO Member Profile – Don McHarness***

Board member, Don McHarness, joined EDSO in 2011 shortly after he and his wife, Lynn, moved to Oregon. Since then he has held various positions within the organization, including President for 2 years and site selection chair for 3 years, in addition to planning the Beach Party 4 years and Holiday Party 3 years. Don likes participation in sports – you name it. He has always been an organizer / contributor to the organizations that he joins.

Born in Oregon, Don graduated from Tigard High School - his 60-year reunion this summer was cancelled because of the Coronavirus. In high school Don played baseball (outfield) and church basketball. He went directly to PSU and transferred to OSU where he graduated with a BS in Civil Engineering. While at OSU, he coordinated the dorm intramural sports activities. After graduation, he was involved in the startup of Project 50 which was associated with the YMCA and a singles group which had various activities, i.e., a sailing event in Puget Sound.

After OSU, Don worked for the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. As part of his job, he sampled rivers and monitored wastewater treatment plants throughout Oregon – which is why he is so familiar with obscure parts of the state. He moved to the Bay Area to attend Stanford University and graduated with a Masters in Environmental Engineering. During this time, he and several co-workers participated in the first ever Earth Day in 1970. It involved a commode! Ask him about this. After graduating, he stayed in the Bay area working for a consulting engineering company. It was in the Bay area that Don became active with the Sierra Club as the bicycle coordinator. During this same time, he took a 2-month bicycle trip throughout Europe. So, it should not surprise us that he still bikes 3 times/week.

It was in his transfer to the Detroit area where he met Lynn – in a laundry room! As most men, he did not have enough change to completely dry his clothes. Lynn had an extra dime (yes, it was 10 cents for a dry cycle at that time) to lend him. And as Lynn says, it was fate ... It was also in the Detroit area where he was picked up for speeding at 3 am on his way home from a work assignment, hand cuffed, and brought to the precinct. He had a California driver's license and was driving a Boston car in Detroit. The police thought he was a car smuggler.

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In 1984, he and Lynn had the opportunity to work in Cairo, Egypt. They were there for 1 ½ years as expatriates and then returned later for a 5-year assignment. While there, they had an opportunity to do extensive travel in the region – cruise the Nile, visits to Jordan, Israel, Greece, Kenya, and USSR (at the time of the breakup), to name a few trips. In Egypt, Don was active in the Hash House Harriers which is an international social club of runners and beer drinkers.

When they returned to the states, they moved first to Grosse Pointe Park and then north of Detroit area to a small lake where Don honed his water skills – swimming, kayaking, etc. Once they both retired, Don and Lynn moved back to his state; first to Lake Oswego (8 years) where he was a member of the LO Transportation Advisory Board (6 years) and now to the Willamette View Retirement Community where they are nicely settled in. Don continues his trend of participating by taking on the position of manager of the furniture store, gathering refundable containers from bins on campus for drop-off, and the resident emergency preparedness program, all at Willamette View.

Thanks, Don, for your contributions to EDSO!

