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The Official Newsletter of the Benson Polytechnic High School Alumni Association (BPHSAA), February 2023 Edition



100th Tech Show on April 20th and 21st

After a three-year delay due to the COVID pandemic, Benson Tech's 100th Tech Show will be held from 6:00-9:00 p.m. on the evenings of April 20 - 21 at Benson Tech's interim home on the former Marshall High School campus at 3905 SE 91st Avenue.

Since the first Tech Show was held in 1919 to showcase to the Portland public what students were learning at the recently opened “polytechnic high school” —in and of itself a new form of public high school education — there have only been two interruptions: World War II and the COVID pandemic. The first year's success and popularity among students, teachers and the public led to the continuation of the event. Ever since many future Benson Tech students have attended with their parents while in grade school and became captivated by the prospect of learning hands-on technical skills while completing the standard high school requirements.

While the former Marshall campus does not have the quality of shops and designed technical work-

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Benson Tech Modernization Status Update for February 2023



Above: The seismic upgrades of shotcrete shear walls, around the inside perimeter, are in progress in Foundry Building D. (Photos courtesy of Gerry Ochs.)

By Gerry Ochs (Class of 1977)

Progress continues with modernization of the original Benson Tech school buildings, the main administration Building E, the auditorium, the two gymnasiums (G1 and G2), and Foundry Building D, as well as construction of the new campus buildings.

The structural metal framing for new shop wings H and C is near completion. Building H steel framing is at approximately 95%. The mechanical, electrical and plumbing (MEP) has started in Building H with layout and “rough in” of the systems. Building H has interior steel framing and the roof barrier system ongoing. Building C has progressed much further, with extensive progress on the interior steel framing, MEP and interior painting. The drywall work in Building C is well underway and follows behind the MEP installations.

The foundation section of new Building B is done and the steel framing for the upper sections is underway since my last visit and approximately 50% complete. The interior seismic improvements to the underpinning foundations of Foundry Building D are near completion, with shotcrete shear walls

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BPHSAA director and officer terms extended

At the November 14, 2022 BPHSAA Annual Meeting, the alumni in attendance discussed the difficulties in having events and meetings due to the pandemic over the past two years, as well as not having additional alumni becoming familiar with the BPHSAA's internal operation. Accordingly, the attending alumni voted to suspend Article IV, Sections 4 and 7 for one year. In other words, eliminating the normal term limitations to allow existing board members to continue serving. Furthermore, they also voted to elect Thomas Smith, who had attended three monthly director meetings, to fill the vacant director position #15 for the usual three years.

At its December 12, 2022 meeting, and consistent with the decisions of the Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors voted to elect Bob Trimble, to position #12 and Rachael L. K. Kuryunny, to position #13 — each for another new three-year term. The Board also voted to extend the terms of current officers — Rob Johns (chair), Rachael Kuryunny (vice chair), Bob Trimble (treasurer), and Max Baker (secretary) — for an additional year.

The current BPHSAA Board of Directors includes:

- Jeff Strachan (Class of 1977)
- Josh Piper (Class of 1995)
- Dale Bajema (Class of 1954)

- Rob Johns (Class of 1977)
- Bob Walker (Class of 1977)
- David Hutchins (Class of 1978)
- Roger Edwards (Class of 1963)
- Mike Landstrom (Class of 1977)
- Gerry Ochs (Class of 1977)
- Maj Britt Baker (Class of 1990)
- Bob Trimble (Class of 1977)
- Rachael L.K. Kuryunny (Class of 1997)
- Thomas Smith (Class of 1993)

Two of the 15 director positions are open as of February 2023.

Note: The BPHSAA and the Board always welcomes Benson Tech alumni to attend the monthly Board of Directors meeting to learn more about the functioning and activities of the BPHSAA. The meetings are usually held at Benson Tech on the second Monday of the month – see our website for updates. Interested alumni may join one of the Board's several committees or indicate an interest in becoming a director. Any vacant director position, per the BPHSAA Bylaws, can be filled by the Board between annual meetings of the BPHSAA.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the following individuals for their 2022 contributions to the Benson Polytechnic High School Alumni Scholarship Fund:

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- Thomas Smith
- Deanna Trail
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A special thanks goes to the two anonymous alumni who pledged to match \$2,000 of the funds donated during our end-of-year scholarship drive.

For more information, or to make a 501(c)(3) tax-deductible donation to the Scholarship Fund, please visit <https://bensontechalumni.org/sections/scholarship/>.

Update on 2022 graduation rates

The August 2022 issue of the Alumni Text reported 225 Benson Tech seniors graduated on June 8, 2022 out of a freshman class of 231. During the summer, five additional members of the class completed their requirements and graduated. With the additional graduates, Benson Tech's 2022 graduating rate will be among the upper percentiles in Oregon – where only 80.6% of high school seniors graduated in 2020-21 (or 84% among Portland Public Schools' (PPS') high schools).

Note: While graduation rates and achievement scores fell across the U.S. during the COVID pandemic and virtual learning, Benson Tech's remained high or higher. The close attention that Benson Tech's teachers and counselors give to students' rates of progress year after year is probably a significant factor.

Fall and winter sports highlights

Though no team titles were won during the fall, the teams showed progress. The freshman turnout for fall sports was up. Based on that, additional teams are planned for Fall 2023. Benson Tech swimming and dance returned this winter after multi-year absences and wrestling has shown growth. As of now, both the boys and girls basketball teams are “ranked” among the state's standing. The girl's bowling team has already been picked to compete in the state tournament.

KBPS celebrates 100th year

KBPS will be observing a celebration of its 100th year of broadcasting on Saturday, March 18, 2023. According to Benson lore, several Benson students, who were interested in radio technology, bought a federal license that was on sale. They gave the license to Benson Tech, where it became part of the Radio Program. For a long time, it was the only high school operated station in the United States. Portland Public Schools (PPS) eventually secured the license and has allowed Benson to use it. For anyone who has been directly involved with KBPS and Benson Tech's radio program and is interested in the observance, email Radio Instructor Jacob Patterson at jacpat-terson@pps.net for more information.

Applications to attend Benson Tech are up

More than 330 Portland students have applied in late 2022 to attend Benson Tech this coming fall — a number up from last year. With 300 openings allowed by PPS, it is expected that all of those who applied and attended forecasting for fall classes will be admitted. The expected larger influx of freshmen will boost Benson Tech's slightly sagging enrollment. This year's enrollment is about 830 students because of the difficulty in getting to the school's interim relocation at the Marshall Campus (during the modernization project). This number is down

from the upper 900s from before the move. It is still anticipated that once back to the 12th Avenue location in Fall 2024, enrollment will gradually grow to the designed capacity of 1,700 students that the modernized campus is being built for.

Tech's manufacturing program and cycling

Since Dan Harrison, a long-time bike builder, took over Benson Tech's existing manufacturing program three years ago, the senior project has been building a steel bike frame. Dan has said: “.... the bike is my medium of choice for learning welding, structural engineering, and all the individual skills ...” The connection between Benson Tech's programs and bike-friendly Portland is so obvious, a story recently showed up in Cycling Weekly. Read more at <https://www.cyclingweekly.com/news/high-school-bike-school-meet-the-school-where-bike-fabrication-is-part-of-the-curriculum>.

Benson Tech football is coming back

After a five-to-six-year pause, football is coming back to Benson Tech in Fall 2024 in concert with moving into the modernized campus. Athletic Director Mat Clark and Principal Curtis Wilson are working to hire a coach to develop a group of interested football players while Benson Tech is still at Marshall High School. That group, in effect, would become the core of a team ready to participate in the Portland Interscholastic League (PIL) in the 2024 Fall football schedule. More details are expected later this spring.

“Techmen” and “Techsters” have become obsolete

A committee of students and members of the Benson Tech Community is being formed to adopt a new Benson Tech nickname and mascot that will equally apply to both the boys and girls teams. There is absolutely no plan to change the school's name or its blue and orange colors.

The committee, chaired by Principal Curtis Wilson, will make a recommendation, after obtaining input from all this spring, to the PPS in June and then the State of Oregon, which has final authority over such matters.

TYP's summer camp to return for second year

Following the last June's success, plans are being made to expand Benson's Tech Youth Project (TYP). The two-week camp on the Marshall Campus fields will offer the participants some exposure to a variety of athletic activities. While Benson Tech's TYP is open to students from all parts of Portland, the hope is that those participating will gain a greater awareness of Benson Tech's growing athletic programs and an interest in participating. More information at bensonathletics.net.



Benson Tech Modernization Status Update, continued from front cover

supporting from the foundation to the roof to begin next month. The seismic roof improvements to the foundry roof are ongoing and incorporate a steel framework that ties the shear walls into the roof and includes new mass plywood secured with hurricane straps. The original Foundry Building windows are currently in restoration with some windows completed and installed.

The modernized Benson Tech will be heated and cooled using a hydronic piping system throughout the campus. (See photos on Page 5.) The hydronic heat transfer system will heat and cool the chilled beams or heat transfer units installed throughout the buildings. A hydronic piping system is regarded as efficient, inexpensive to operate and a safe means of heating and/or cooling a large campus or series of buildings. The hydronic units use the residual heat within the system to optimize efficiency; the main cost of operating the system is electrical power for pumping the liquid. Hydronic systems are quiet, clean and safe.

The heart of the system comprises heating and cooling units that employ insulated piping to circulate the

appropriate hot or chilled liquid throughout the buildings. Each system has its own dispersion and return lines supplying the appropriate liquid for transfer of heating or cooling. The heating liquid is water and the chilling liquid is glycol. The heating or cooling of a particular location is accomplished through a chilled beam unit. The chilled beam is a modern take on a radiator system; however they are installed in the ceiling, see photo included. The boiler and chilling equipment will be located at ground level in the NW corner of Building H and a cooling tower for the system will be located on the roof of future Building F. Building F will be located completely across the courtyard between Building C and H, just behind Main Building E.

Restoration and performance testing of the original school windows on the west face of the Main Building E is complete. The windows on the east side of the building, which faced into the atrium, were made of metal and are being replaced with new fiberglass windows.

Seismic upgrades and refurbishing of the roofs over the old gym (Building G1) and G2 and the roof of Foundry



Photo 1 (on Page 4): View NW of steel framing progress on Building B, which ties into the northeast section of the original school building and the back of the auditorium. Building B will house the new library up top and the band room will be in the basement. **Photo 2:** New science lab located on the first floor of Building C along the north side of the building at Irving Street. The blue piping is chemical-resistant pipe. **Photo 3:** The construction of interior offices located on the second floor of the original school building, near the hall's north entrance into the auditorium. **Photo 4:** Hydronic piping system for delivery and return of hot and chilled lines that will route throughout the modernized campus and provide cooling and heating of the school. **Photo 5:** Main piping for the hydronic piping system is stubbed up inside Building H for connection to the future hydronic heat transfer unit that will be installed in the NW corner of the building. (Photos courtesy of Gerry Ochs.)

Building D are in progress. The foundry roof and the east and west ends of G1 are tented for demo, abatement and installation of new roofs. The G1 gym roof center section is complete.

Upgrades to all electrical, plumbing, fire protection and HVAC systems continues in Main Building E and the auditorium.

Progress continues on the excavation of the footings for new Building F, located east of the main school building. Building F will form the west perimeter of the future courtyard.

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Benson Tech and the use of natural gas

In a September 7, 2022 Oregonian op/ed, former Portland Public School (PPS) Board member, Mike Rosen, publicly raised a question asking why PPS was modernizing Benson Tech with natural gas rather than all-electric systems following the district's 2022 adoption of a new policy that all PPS facilities would have a net zero carbon footprint by 2040.

Mike had been a member of the PPS Board from 2015 to 2019. The policy that he referred to was actually adopted in March 2022 after final approval of the remodel design was approved by the Board (on which Rosen was serving at the time). By March 2022, permits had been approved and substantial construction of the school had occurred. That approved design did incorporate a number of energy efficiency features that will contribute to the PPS' wide net zero carbon equation though it did not change Benson Tech's primary source of heating and cooling energy (in the short run). In short, Mike Rosen used this situation to create an environmentally charged policy challenge. PPS is already planning future construction projects to meet the stated policy goals, for instance, the Jefferson High School rebuild will be planned all electric.

Following a School Board discussion of the issue in November 2022, the district explained that to stop the ongoing construction — to design and install an all-electric heating/cooling system — would delay occupancy of a modernized Benson Tech beyond the planned September 2024 start of school up to two years and could increase costs by \$6 to \$8 million over budget.

The Benson Tech modernization addresses each of these investment areas: energy efficiency, renewable energy, building electrification. When completed, the new campus will be one of the district's highest-performing (energy-efficient) buildings and help PPS meet the district's greenhouse gas reduction targets. Examples of PPS energy modernizations planned into the updated and new building include:

- **Energy-efficient HVAC system:** High-efficiency condensing boilers (for heating) and water cooled chillers (for air conditioning), and energy/heat recovery on the ventilation system.

- **Robust building envelope:** Wall/roof insulation and double-pane windows.
- **Advanced energy metering:** This will monitor and manage energy use more closely.
- **Ceiling fans:** Strategic use of high-volume, low-velocity fans to supplement thermal comfort and to reduce energy load from the HVAC system.
- **Renewable energy** - The new Benson Tech campus includes a large solar array sized at approximately 300 kW of electricity.

For more information, PPS supplied a five-page statement that is accessible via the BPHSAA website at www.bensontechalumni.org/Benson-Sustainability-Actions-Nov2022.

The BPHSAA has placed getting the school updated/renovated and funded over two school bonds a priority to continue its proud tradition for the 21st century. We are well aware of evolving climate change issues, and believe PPS is as well. The timing here of what the Board decided in March 2022 is simply too late to be reasonably incorporated into the school at this stage of the modernization project.

Note: A number of BPHSAA members were substantively involved in the Master Planning Committee (MPC), the Design Advisory Committee (DAG) and other public hearing efforts that led up to a final modernization design of Benson Tech and the Board's approval. The DAG group has been invited once a quarter to walk the construction site. BPHSAA's Gerry Ochs, Construction Management Consultant, also has participated in routine walks of the site.

Furthermore, while the decision is ultimately that of the PPS, the BPHSAA recognizes that there are always compromises between desires and available funds in doing anything, as well as the fact that technology (and the cost of employing it) evolves and that policies may reasonably change even after well-thought-out decisions are made.



Above: Buckman was there first. The centrally located, shallow sloped, cleared field southeast of the 12th Avenue viaduct, and immediately north of Cyrus Buckman's land grant was an attractive site for Simon Benson's high school. (Detail from Panel 9 of Lars C. Heinrichsen's 1903 "Portland Panorama" photo series. Photo courtesy of the Oregon Historical Society.)

Buckman and Benson ... together forever

Simon Benson may never have met Cyrus Buckman, as their lives really didn't mesh. It was the placement of land in their adopted city that led to their association. The nearby property acquired by Ben Holladay while building a rail line in Sullivan's Gulch also had a role in the common interests of these Portland pioneers.

Cyrus was born in 1834, in Ohio, the first of Abraham and Lydia Buckman's four sons and two daughters. Simon was a Norwegian born in 1851. By that time the Buckman family was living in Indiana. Cyrus married Jane Gaskill in 1866 and they moved to Portland the following year, the first of his family to come west. Simon was nearly 16 in 1867 when the Berger Iversen family arrived in America and changed their name to Benson. In a note of commonality, Cyrus spent some time of his early Portland years clearing the forest from his 160 acre land

grant. Once his farm was established, he became active in commercial and civic affairs. He died a wealthy man at the age of 60, after a lengthy illness, in 1894. It was likely 1880 when Simon came to the Northwest with his wife and first son.

Cyrus' wife died in 1918 and their children took on the responsibility of their holdings. By 1906 the Buckman estate appeared in Portland maps as the Lydia Buckman Addition, located between NE 12th and Glisan, and 18th and Davis, with a bit more property along the southeast edge. The Buckman homestead was at the corner of 18th and Couch. In the attached photo, the area can be seen just to the right of the 12th Avenue viaduct. The cleared land's gentle slope down to the river needed just a little grading before becoming the future site of a school and a park.

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Update from the Benson Tech Boosters

For the 2022-3 school year, the Boosters have expanded their support to all Benson Tech student organization – not only to athletes.

Concession Coordinator Jeff Strachan (Class of 1977) has kept concession sales strong through fall/winter sports. The prom committee has made a huge commitment to staff concessions this winter to earn money for the senior prom. (Concession funds are distributed proportionally based on volunteer hours.)

The Boosters have celebrated Tech teachers by providing baked goods at teacher conferences. We have also partnered with the BPHSAA “to show some love” to our graduating senior athletes with personalized banners.

We are looking for someone to replace Elizabeth as president and Lisa as treasurer. Kelly is currently our secretary.

Look for our table at Tech Show on April 20-21. And, if you have any questions, please reach out to us through our website Bensontechboosters.org. Go Tech!

–Benson Tech Boosters

100th Tech Show, continued from front cover

space that existed at Benson Tech’s 12th Avenue campus, the school’s temporary home has been creatively used and repurposed to support Benson Tech’s unique career technical education (CTE) focus.

In addition to connecting with former classmates and teachers, this April’s Tech Show will provide an opportunity to walk through Benson Tech’s interim classrooms, labs and shops, including an annex built explicitly for the automotive and construction programs. This year also marks the 100th anniversary of KBPS 1450 AM, Benson Tech’s own radio station. KBPS’ interim studio will have some special exhibits celebrating its growth and evolution over that period.

For all those unfamiliar with Marshall, good signage is being planned and maps of the three-story school and the annex will be available. As at previous Tech Shows, there will be food and drink, Benson Tech gear, etc., for sale with the proceeds helping to support various student body activities and initiatives.

The BPHSAA will be welcoming returning alumni in the cafeteria, with refreshments and a somewhat quiet place to socialize with other proud Benson Tech graduates.

Buckman and Benson ... continued from previous page

About this time on the west side of the Willamette, the growing area of downtown Portland had created a demand for journeymen to build and maintain an increasingly complex infrastructure. To meet this need, the Portland School District #1 gambled to set up the Portland School of Trades in 1908. The offer of tuition-free, focused and practical instruction attracted students from all over Portland and quickly created problems of overcrowding. Night classes and summer sessions helped and the girls’ classes were moved to a different building in 1912, but by 1915, District officials were searching for a better location to accommodate the response for this school. Because students anywhere within District boundaries were eligible, the decision was made to site the new school in a central spot on the east side. On July 1st, the Anglo-Pacific Realty Company notified the District that their offer of \$120,000 for six blocks in the Holladay Addition, covering 7.72 acres between NE 12th Avenue and Irving Street to NE 15th and Glisan had been accepted. Negotiations for this purchase were concluded on July 24th, and seven days later Simon Benson made his offer of \$100,000 in matching funds to build the school.

Just a few years later, when springtime came after the “war to end war” had ended, the thoughts of Portland lads turned to baseball. And they complained about the shortage of ball fields where they could play. The Portland Park Bureau passed a bond measure to address this concern and in 1920 they spent \$385,162 to add 219 acres to their existing holdings. Buckman Field was among these acquisitions. Its location adjacent to the new Benson Polytechnic High School was noted as a positive feature for this purchase. The 11.48 acre parcel stretched from 12th and Glisan to 16th and Davis, and cost \$102,600. The sale concluded on March 26th and the Bureau planned to grade the field for a baseball diamond before the coming season. A cinder track was added later and the facilities proved to be so popular that in 1926, a small stucco English-style cottage was built there to provide rest rooms and a confectionery. While this cottage did not work out as well as other improvements the Park Bureau made at Buckman Field, the cottage has demonstrated to nearly every Benson Tech graduate of the importance of location, location, location for property development. The Benson Tech alumni certainly all have other memories of Buckman Field as well.

“Benson Stories”

By Jacob Patterson, KBPS Radio Instructor

Some in the Benson Polytechnic High School community have launched a new project to help preserve the history of the school through the power of storytelling. As the new Benson Tech campus is being built, we are losing some of the physical history that made Benson Tech what it was. We know the Benson Tech community cares deeply about the school, the experiences, and the history we all lived in those hallways. That's why we are conducting interviews and showcasing “Benson Stories,” to save the school's history that we can.

KBPS and the Communications Design Academy are starting to compile an archive of interviews with Benson Tech alumni, former and current teachers, and anyone who has a personal connection to Benson Tech, or a “Benson Story” they want to share. This project is being incorporated into the classroom curriculum, with current students being guided on writing the questions, conducting the interviews, and publishing the content. KBPS is publishing the interviews on its website, and hope to showcase the interviews during the 100th Tech Show coming up on April 20 and April 21. (2023 is also the 100th anniversary of KBPS!)

If you have a Benson Story to add to our archive, please reach out to KBPS Instructor Jacob Patterson via email [jacpat-](mailto:jacpat-terson@pps.net)

terson@pps.net or via phone 503-916-5101. Interviews will be recorded, not broadcasted live. We will record them virtually via Zoom or Google Meet, or in person at the former Marshall High School Campus.

You can also record your Benson Stories via telephone by calling our recording line at 503-916-5101. If you choose to record via phone, please clearly state and spell your full name and tell us:

- Your connection to Benson Tech.
- Your favorite Benson Story/most memorable story.
- Describe what you remember about the space. / Did you have a favorite area you liked most?
- If you are a former student - what was your major and how has your Benson Tech education helped you in life?
- Please leave contact information if you'd like to be interviewed further by students.

Thank you so much for helping keep the history of Benson Tech alive! We hope to see you at the 100th Tech Show and 100th Anniversary celebration of AM 1450 KBPS at the Marshall Campus on April 20 and 21 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm.

BPHSAA TRiViA QUIZ

The four years it takes to become a Benson Tech alumnus is not a long time, but there is a good chance that an incoming freshman will see two or more principals before graduation. What do you know about your high school's principals?

- **Question 1:** How many principals have enjoyed the plum assignment at Benson Tech?
- **Question 2:** Who was the longest-serving principal?
- **Question 3:** Which principal went on to become an education consultant to Presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson?
- **Question 4:** There are many Benson Tech graduates who came back to the school as teachers. Did any of our principals also earn a Benson Tech diploma?
- **Question 5:** Where does Principal Curtis Wilson rank for length of service?

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- **Answer 1:** There have been 15 principals. Their pictures and terms appeared in the Centennial newsletter of June 2017.
 - **Answer 2:** Charles Cleveland was Benson's first principal and he handed diplomas to every class from 1918 to 1946. He was also principal for the last five years of the Portland School of Trades. The January 2021 newsletter highlights some of his achievements.
 - **Answer 3:** Leon Minear, who served from 1953 to 1960.
 - **Answer 4:** Paul Benninghoff, Benson Polytechnic High School Class of 1957, was principal for school years 1985-1986.
 - **Answer 5:** Curtis Wilson has held the office for nine years so far, which makes him the principal with the third-longest term, behind Harold Andersen, who served from 1967 to 1978. In 2018, he was voted “Principal of the Year” by Oregon School Administrators and Oregon Secondary School Administrators.



REUNION INFORMATION

CLASS OF 1964 - 60th Reunion

We are in the early planning stages, and have not yet selected a venue or a date for 2024. We have formed a small planning committee consisting of Ron Hoff, Dan Burgess, Gil Lissy, Richard Probasco, and Phil Bisner, and welcome your ideas and input.

We're also trying to update our mailing list so please pass on any contact info you have for our classmates.

CONTACT:

Please send suggestions and contact information to:

- Ron Hoff — qballhoff@gmail.com (503) 789-1662
- Dan Burgess — dburgess38@att.net (503) 930-9899

CLASS OF 1971 - 50th + 2 Reunion

There is currently no event being planned for the Class of 1971's reunion.

Updates about formal reunion plans and informal gatherings are posted on the Benson Tech '71 Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Benson.Tech71/>

CLASS OF 1973 - 50th Reunion

WHEN: Saturday, August 19, and Sunday, August 20, 2023

WHAT: Saturday evening adults-only dinner, and dancing, 6:00 – 11:00 p.m.

WHERE: Sah Hah Lee Golf Course (17104 SE 130th Avenue, Clackamas, OR 97015)

WHAT: Sunday afternoon all-ages picnic, 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

WHERE: Blue Lake Park (1224 NE Blue Lake Road, Fairview, OR 97024)

CONTACT: Questions? Reach out to Jeff Dixon via email at jeffdixson@comcast.net

CLASS OF 1983 - 40th Reunion

WHEN: Saturday, September 23, 2023

WHAT: Friday evening adults-only gathering, 6:00 p.m.

WHERE: The Village Ballroom (704 NE Dekum, Portland, OR 97211)

CONTACT: Join the Class of 1983 Facebook group for updates and details: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/bensonclas-sof83>.

If you have questions or if you'd like to help with the event, email Bensontech83@gmail.com

Is your class planning a (rescheduled or otherwise) reunion in 2023 or 2024?

If you and your classmates are actively planning a reunion, or are simply interested in beginning the process, please let the BPHSAA know. Send your updates to info@bensontechalumni.com, and don't forget to include:

- **When** (dates and times)
- **What** (the nature of the events—adults only or families welcome, catered or potluck or byo food & drink, etc.)
- **Where**
- **Cost and how to purchase tickets**
- **Event website or Facebook page** (if applicable)
- **Contact information** for the organizer(s)

We can help you to spread the word through our alumni emails and social media accounts, and will even post announcements on our webpage (www.BensonTechAlumni.org) and in our seasonal newsletters!



Above: A Class of 1992 30th reunion event from August 2022. (Photo courtesy of Brandie Sims.)