

HORACE LEE REMEMBRANCES

- I. Community and Family were his cornerstones
 - A. He was the glue that helped bind us together
 - B. Community and family were his religion (which means, “bind together.”)
 - C. A Horace Lee mantra: “Don’t Mention It” – now we can! He did so much, most behind the scenes

- II. Community
 - A. First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Bath – “Horace’s Bank”
 - i. Residence in the early 60s four buildings away where I’d collect my coins and deposit there
 - ii. Friends and partners at FFS for the four decades that I have lived and worked here
 - iii. His legacy of friendliness, helpfulness, inquisitiveness, and gossip continues there – a real center of our community still

 - B. Sewer District
 - i. For many decades, he was one of the original three trustees who ran it, along with Henry Safford (who died earlier this year) and Jolly Arsenault
 - ii. He would remind me often how separate it really was from the Town of BBH which I represented for many years

 - C. Car inspector
 - i. He saved many of us for decades from the less vigilant cops
 - ii. He could spot an overdue inspection or license many yards away and would remind us to get the car inspected or licensed
 - iii.

D. Browns Wharf

- i. Horace frequented the Salt Shed Lounge almost every night, both while I bartended there for many years in the 1970s (many CC and soda drinks), and he got to know Charles Kurault and many other visitors and residents alike there
- ii. He would continue his frequent treks there into the late 1990s
- iii.

E. Andrews Harborside

- i. A plaque has hung on the wall there for many years, memorializing Horace's place at Craig's restaurant and eulogizing his place in the community
- ii. Much business got done and got delayed at such gathering places with Horace

F. Town scuttlebutt

- i. Schooner Fare definition:
 1. "Scuttlebutt! Ain't it a shame?
 2. Nobody knows. Nobody's to blame.
 3. The truth ain't pretty. I think you'll agree. Just
 4. Don't you tell nobody that you heard it from me."
- ii. Summer of 1978, Horace was a witness for a Portland trial lawyer for whom I was working – one telephone conference with the attorney and the attorney turned to me and marveled at how much town lore Horace knew.
- iii. Seeing Horace would inevitably turn a conversation to lighten or enlighten – either a joke or a story

G. Conservatorship and Guardianship

- i. Horace became the most frequent and most common representative of the incompetent persons and estates in our region
- ii. He was highly respected by families, lawyers, and judges for his compassion, his abilities, and his hard work in such capacities throughout the 1970s and 1980s
- iii. He also served in many similar capacities for other needy people in an informal manner, neither expecting nor getting recognition or compensation for such service to the needy people of our region

H. Griffin Law Offices

- i. Daily or weekly dealings for real estate and estate – related work from 1980 until mid 1990s – I still see his signature on various documents every week
- ii. Whenever I would be on vacation, Horace would find out about it and “check up” on my office crew with visits to the office – usually resulting in laughter and fun
- iii. Horace orchestrated an insignificant surprise birthday for me about 10 years ago, inviting to my office what seemed like half the town and one woman whom I had never met and hope to never meet again.
- iv. Photo of Horace has been hanging in my conference room for the past 10 years.

I. Rotary

- i. Almost 40 years, from July 2, 1959 when he joined with Bob Grover
- ii. 31 years as Club Treasurer
- iii. Only missed one week of attendance
- iv. Paul Harris Fellow, Rotary’s most prestigious award, in 1989
- v. Club President in 1979-80

III. Family

- A. Ann and Jean – Jean and Ann – the world revolved around them. They were the other spark that lit Horace’s fire and that kindled his spirits to the end. Their paintings and photographs hung around his office at his bank and at his home and his bedside to the end. He talked about them every chance he could. And they reciprocated to the end.
- B. Donna – Horace kept a very special relationship with his former wife right up to her death as well. They spent much time together and he relished it.
- C. In his final year, before he lost all his memory, he still loved to hear news of the community, his old friends, and his girls.

IV. Horace’s Legacy – some words of Steven Covey and George Bernard Shaw express the meaning of Horace’s legacy far better than I can:

