

RAISING THE BAR BEYOND 200 SEPTEMBER 14 2019





In 2020, Syracuse University marks 150 years as an institution of higher learning. On Sep. 14, the **Stumptown Orange** also marked a significant milestone. Its annual **Do You BLEED Orange/What Color Do You Bleed** blood drive collected its 200th unit of blood over the past eight years.

Ken Kane '75 began the drive back in 2012 when he reached out to other area alumni clubs and the Red Cross Cascades Region to join forces in a community service project tied to college football. So, perhaps it was fitting that Ken's blood donation, which began Saturday's drive, was the 200th. "It's a nice number which reflects a lot of work, collaboration, commitment and generosity over the past eight years," he said. "And, without the ongoing support of Old Market Pub, our hosts for the past three drives, we'd still be looking up at 200." As it turned out, the cumulative total by the end of the day reached 225.

The local Auburn and North Carolina alumni clubs have long supported the drive, and this year was no different. Other donors were alumni of Oregon, Oregon State, Portland State, the University of Portland, Michigan State, Oberlin, Pittsburg State in Kansas and even St. Mary's Academy in downtown Portland.

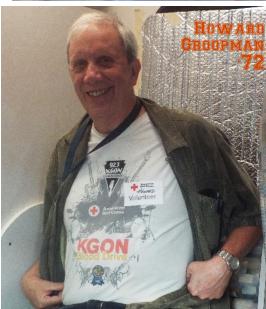












The donors ranged in age from 17 to 80 and represented several first-time donors, regulars ... and even a 133-timer! Two pairs of mothers and daughters also made the day a family affair. Another mother, SU mom **Christina Hardy**, volunteered at the sign-in table while keeping an eye on her cell phone for updates from her freshman son, Colin, who was at the Carrier Dome awaiting the kick-off of the Syracuse-Clemson game. Two more Stumptown volunteers worked the canteen inside the Bloodmobile, **Howard Groopman '72** and **Ron Mittelstaedt '63**.

As the blood drive wound down, the action on Ernie Davis Field ramped up ... unfortunately, mostly in Clemson's favor. But 11 Stumptowners gathered to watch the 41 - 6 blowout, hoping for better outcomes as the season progresses. Thanks to everyone who came out, especially to those sporting bandages on their arms!



