

Hot Springs High School

Newsletter

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In Memory

Billy Gene Wilson, Class of '58

Our condolences go out to Susan Goltz in the loss of her mother, Margaret Connelly in the loss of her daughter, Alice Keith in the loss of her sister-in-law, and to all others who have experienced the loss of a loved one in the last two months.

Dates to Remember:

August 6, 2005, at noon: Ladies "Out to Lunch Bunch" at Doe's Famous Eat Place, 4904-B Central

Ellen Hickey Walker on behalf of the Hot Springs Jazz Society asked me to include an invitation (for any of you that would like to) to attend a fundraiser and celebration of the work the HS Jazz Society is doing in Hot Springs. On Saturday, August 27, from 2 – 4p.m. at St. Luke's Parish Hall they will be having the HSJS Champagne Royale Tea. You may sponsor a table for 8 for you business or family for \$280 (you may decorate your table yourself) or you may buy a seat for \$35. As this is a fundraiser I am assuming this would be tax deductible. Call Ellen at 501-538-4103 asap for details. Space is limited to 25 tables. Also, the HS Jazz Fest will be Sept. 9th and 10th.

September 23, 2005: Friday night social for Class of '60 Reunion. Other classes invited. \$5.00 at the door. Let Don Short know if you plan to come in order for us to have an approximate number.

September 24, 2005: Saturday morning memorial service, lunch, evening social for class of 1960. If you need more info email Don Short.

Class of 1960: Please fill out the following form and send it back to me (acollier@cablelynx.com) asap. If you don't have enough room just make more lines. If there is something else you want to tell us about your life during the last 45 years go ahead and include it. We may come up with a booklet for everyone by reunion time.

Trojan News!!!

This is for fun and maybe a door prize.

Please complete the questionnaire and return to acollier@cablelynx.com

· List your current employment or retirement status.

· What are you most proud of in your life?

· How far did you travel to get to the reunion? From where?

· How long have you been married?

· How many children/grandchildren do you have?

· How many times have you moved since high school?

· What is the most adventurous thing you have done since high school?

· On average how many times do you go out during a week? About what time do you usually get in?

NAME _____ SPOUSE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ AND/OR CELL _____

WORK PHONE AND ADDRESS _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

RELATIVE NAME AND PHONE _____

News

Class of 1952

From Bill Clatk

Barbara Weldon Sexton (class of 1952) is in the hospital in HotSprings with liver problems.

IF you want up to date information contact Mary Murders at marybet52@yahoo.com she and her girl friends talk with Barbara's family nearly daily

Also in the class of 1952 we had William Woodcock who comes from a large family of circus folks. He is sharing a lot of his life with those who have an interest. He was doing it through email but had a problem with AOL so he now has a web site. Try it out. It has lots of circus inside.

bucklesw.blogspot.com/ don,t miss this one

thanks

bill clatk 1952

Class of 1956

There is a committee making plans for the 50th reunion of the class of 1956. If you would like to help or need info email Beth Hardison at beth.king@verizon.net

Class of 1958

From Lean Nobben

Since today is my BIG birthday I thought I would share a few things with all of you. I am again living alone but not liking it any more than I did 4 years ago, I had to ask him to leave. I really miss the 7 year old but he does visit and has spent the night with me a couple of times. I didn't want to celebrate tonight but some of my friends would not hear of it. I am really uncomfortable with going out with couples and me by myself. but they insisted.

I am still working for Dr. Wayne Neaville, plan to stay as long as he does. I think I have been with him 21 years now. I will get my first social security check in Feb. I waited so I can work and not be penalized. I

just had a cataract removed. I can see for the first time in my life. It was the easiest thing that you can have done. No pain and everything to gain. plan to do other eye in 2 months.

any of you get a chance to call or visit. I have loads of free time now. my cell number is 620-3450 and am listed in the book. live at 2007 Malvern, red brick behind rock wall across from golf course at Hot Springs Country Club, Arlington course 1st hole. I hope to attend the Friday night session of the class of 60 reunion. Looking forward to seeing you. Leah

From George Lasky

Wife (Charlotte) and I are headed to Copenhagen on August 17th to escape the Texas heat and then go on a cruise which will get us to Berlin, St Petersburg, Stockholm, Helsinki, Estonia and a few other places.

Son, Andrew, now 24, has given up sailing the high seas for Royal Caribbean and is now back in Austin. I wish he would find a girl friend, but alas, none.

Also a job would be good.

Had lunch with Ben Botnick '58 fourth week in July. First time in a year and a half since I have seen him. He looks good, still a bean pole. I wish..... He is retired of sorts. That is he works, when someone hires him on a per job basis. His wife Dorothy, works for SMU. His email address is

dandbotnick@yahoo.com

Still acting like I am a CPA, but nothing too exciting about that. Thinking about the future?

George Lasky

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From Pat Berryhill

Some of our local classmates had a get-together at Ryan's Steak House to honor Milton "Lee" Thompson who was in town for a week. "Lee" lives in AZ.

Classmate Kelsey Lacey Smith's daughter Twyla Smith Bartel has just been hired at UAMS as an Osteopathic Doctor.

Cecil Weatherred's mother Nina Hedgcocke, aged 93, passed away in July. At the funeral I found out that one of Cecil's sisters is married to a descendent of a Berryhill and he grew up in the same area as my father.....small world after all!

Barbara Lynchard, Pat Berryhill, LaVerne Burton, Harriet Smith

Gene & Mryna Givens McCormack

Gene and Wilma (Williams—class of '59) Weston

Judy (Holden) and Ken Castleberry

Mary Ellen Benson, Milton “ Lee “ Thompson, Keith Wood

Class of 1959

From Leon Hobgood

Too D##n hot to think that hard...who can get out to do anything to write about... anybody need a well used educator, partner, companion, friend, mate, reliable old man..I am available..tehe..this is not a paid commercial and the publishers of this letter are not responsible for its content... Hope all have a nice summer...Leon

From Nancy Harris

A Class of 59 group got together at the Elks Club for dinner on Friday, July 22. We always enjoy our get-togethers and have started planning for a Christmas party. If anyone would like to join us on August 19 give me a call and I'll let you know where we are meeting.

Nancy Harris
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Class of 1960

From Margaret Ruiz

Hello, Class of '60.

We are doing well. Home for about a month now and caught up on the mail (two boxes, excluding junk mail). Paid all the bills we had forgotten..

Next trip will take us to Oregon and Washington. Maybe , we will even get to Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco.

We had a wonderful time while in the South. Think we followed the Crayfish all along the coast. Got a few extra pounds for that trip. Attended Crayfish Festival in Pensacola, Florida and some wonderful toe-tapping music.

We did stop in Hot Springs and stayed at RV Park. On we went to Eurkea Springs, it was as lovely as everyone had said. Lived most of my younger adult life in Hot Springs and never made it up to northern Arkansas. If you have never been, please go!!!

We are going back in a couple of years to re-visit Christ of Ozarks and this time we will see the Passion Play.

Be Thankful, those of you who still live in Arkansas. You will never know how good it felt to come home again.

As Always,
Margaret Ruiz -class of 1960 - Ephrom

From Steve Drazszak

Our 2nd son, Michael is finally getting married, Saturday, August 6, in Winter Park, Colorado.

He is also beginning his final year of culinary school at the Art Institute of Denver, and by this time next year will be Chef Michael.

Hi to everyone at the 45th reunion. Beth & I will come to the 50th.

Steve Drazszak

From Terrell Bledsoe

Hi from Breckenridge, CO ya'll. We have to get a fire going in the morning, but in the afternoon it gets up to 65 or 70. How's your weather? I've been working on a lot we're trying to sell (problem is the county rules and regs, buyers are as plentiful as bedbugs in a \$6.95/night motel). We'll be traveling soon. We were raised Baptist so we're headed for Texas for a couple of weeks in August (it's too nice here, we have to suffer a little). Then Sandi is going to Jerusalem while I'm in Iraq. I'm more worried about her than me. Well, if Adonai will protect her, He won't have far to travel. Went to a neighborhood party last night, it seemed to be

for dogs and kids, EVERYONE up here has at least two little kids and two big dogs. Some visitors left early because they didn't bring heavy coats. We walked a German and Peru visitor home because no one told them that while the lions might sleep at night in Africa, the bears sure don't here. They're not dangerous (black bears), but neither are they cuddly. We love life here, the wildflowers are rampant and the cool weather makes for great outdoor activities. Sorry we'll miss the reunion. Later, Terrell and Sandi Bledsoe

From Betty Carol Morgan

well I am working daily on the orders for Mc Clard's.....they will be ready soon.

I will bring them to the reunion unless they need them mailed.

I am going to Hot Springs this Sunday to catch an art show that my sister is part of at the Blue Moon Gallery. While I am there I will be meeting with Barbara Erwin to catch up on 43 years.....that's how long since I've seen her. I can't wait. I found her on the net and have emailed ever since.

Just a lot of art work going on here. Can't wait for the reunion to get here.

+++++IMPORTANT+++++

To those who have ordered copies and originals of the painting of Mc Clard's:

The original plan was to do the paintings and bring them to the reunion to be distributed.....That is still a good plan, BUT! If you want me to mail them to you , you need to email me your address **and also send your check including mailing**, to my address which is : **Betty Carol Pace**

**410 East Carolanne
Marshall, Tx 75672**

The prints are about 7"x 9" and are \$ 5.00 (add \$2. to mail)

The small originals are matted and shrink wrapped and are \$ 20.00

they finish out about 11"x 14" (add \$ 2. to mail)

The Large originals are 15"x 22" and are \$ 55.00

They will be shrink wrapped (add \$ 5.00 to mail)

I appreciate all the orders and the plan is to finish them all by the reunion time.

There have been many orders and as of now they will be finished at that time.

If there is a special need as to time please let me know. **Also realize that these are original watercolors and everyone will have differences. Water just doesn't**

behave the same way twice, and colors will vary. I am doing everything I can to make each one a wonderful memory for each of you.

My email is cpace0946@sbcglobal.net

Please send all correspondence directly to me ,as it gets too confusing to get them from Don or anyone else.

Thank you and I hope you'll love them,
Betty Carol Morgan Pace 1960

Last minute note from Betty Carol:

The orders for paintings of Mc Clard's must come to an end. They have had long enough to place an order and I am going to have to draw a halt to them. I never dreamed there would be so many orders. I'm seeing them in my sleep.

I have a competition that I have won and it will require me to be at functions and take up some of my time. It was over a three county area and I now have to travel with the painting. Please be understanding of my plea and I will fill every order that is already on my desk. Thank you all for your great support. Betty Carol

From Bonnie Jo Connelly

Dear Class,

I haven't contributed very much to our last few newsletters because there is not really a lot to report, except that Hot Springs is growing (those of you that have not been here in a while will hardly recognize the city)!!! I can hardly find my way around or know the streets anymore! Don't go near the MLK Express Way, although the State Hwy. Dept. is trying to correct their mistakes (we will see)! Still living in Hot Springs and not retired yet, working for the county (political which I don't like, but it is a job, I remember when I went without a job for a year +, so I am very thankful), and no grandchildren yet.....what does a person have to talk about? I still have a lot of critters, but who cares? Unless you are a "critter lover" like me!

My daughter, Nicole, which most of you have met through our past class reunions, treated me to a trip to San Diego. She picked a place to go and we went. Flew out of Texarkana where she lives at 5:45am on puddle jumper (can't get out of HS, although we do have a small air line service). Long story short, took us too many hrs. to get there, (couldn't land because of fog). Finally got there and spent 3 days, which was absolutely wonderful. We rented a car and drove everywhere, and I mean e v e r y w h e r e! When you are on a trip with a 30 yr., you go and go and go, I mean walking within these small cities! Even though you have auto, you drive to LaJolla and walk and walk...then you drive to Caronado, park and walk and walk and then you drive to Carlsbad, CA to see the flowers, which where not there, season gone (I told her we should call but first, but no). Of course, we went to the San Deigo Zoo, which I would recommend to everyone. I was like a kid! You have to like animals and plants.

I have rambled long enough, and just wanted you to know that I am still here and within the living.

Hope to see you at the 45th!

Be well and best wishes,

Bonnie Jo

From Richard Parker

Only got a minute. I have to come to an internet cafe to read my email these days, and I have to get done before the meter runs out. Alicia and I are here in Rota, on the southern Atlantic coast of Spain (across the bay

from Cádiz, for the map-readers in the crowd). We've spent the last month getting our little place organized--houses in Spain don't come with light fixtures, kitchen cabinets and such, so we've had to hire folks to come and do the work while we lived around it. Showers without hot water the first few days...Ouch! But for a place to be, this is hard to beat. Weather in the 80's and a breeze off the ocean day and night.

We return to the states on Labor Day, and we've bought tickets to Arkansas in September so we expect to see as many of the crowd as possible at the reunion. Looking forward to it.

Richard (Ricardito) Parker

From Alice Keith

Greetings from hot Hot Springs. Spain sounds pretty good to me! We have been hoping to get away for a vacation all summer but it just hasn't happened. We are still doing quite a bit of care-giving. Our daughter had back surgery and because she has a lot of steps and stairs at her house she recuperated for the first week with us. Her husband and children didn't want to be away from her so they came too. In spite of extra work I enjoyed having them around. I'm like Imogene (see letter below) I don't lead a very exciting life but I'm happy with the life I have. I have what I need and I have family and friends to keep me from getting lonely! We are still having fun in the "Out to Lunch Bunch". Wish more of you would join us. In July we had 14 attending. They were Ellen Hickey, Becky Frazier, Alice Keith, Fran Graves, Dee Roberts, Nancy Harris, Jeanne Melton, Dot Rushing, Helen Kidd, Bonnie Jo Connelly, Sharon Short, Bobbie Thomas, Mary Moran and Betty Moran. See pictures below.

Nora Dunson and Bobbie Thomas

Delores Roberts, Dot Rushing, Bonnie Jo Connelly, Sharon Short (back to camera)

Deanna Brown, Fran Graves, Alice Keith (Dot Rushing in background)

Becky Frazier and Alice Keith

Helen Kidd and Bonnie Jo Connelly

Sharon Short contemplating the menu

Mary Moran and Betty Moran

(the whole bunch—July, 2005—Becky Frazier (left around to Ellen Hickey on right)

This was our view from the deck of Fisherman's Wharf---for those of you who haven't seen Lake Hamilton in a while.

Class of 1961

From Imogene Gordon

Everyone in my family is doing well. My only son is being sent to Kuaite to change sea water into fresh water to go to our guys in Iraq. This means I get the boys for the year or so again. My premie is starting day care three days a week starting in Sept. He needs the interaction of other kids. I will still keep him the other two days a week. My youngest girl was going to have another baby ,but lost it in the sixth week. We are all sad, but it will get better. I really don't have anything to pass on so if this is too blah or if you think its too personal just ignore me ,I am more interested in how everyone else is doing. A lot of you have really exciting lives. Mine's kinda quiet..thank goodness!! lol Imogene Gordon

That's it till October!! Alice and Don