Oliver P. Morton High School
(Hammond, Indiana)
Class of 1960
45th Year Reunion

Memories

July 23, 2005
Teibel's Restaurant
Schererville, Indiana
WELCOME

Welcome, alumni and guests, to the 45th year reunion of the Oliver P. Morton High School class of 1960. Tonight we are celebrating the anniversary of an important milestone in the lives of 223 young high school students who received their diplomas from Morton High School at the Hammond Civic Center on June 9, 1960.

It is hard to believe that it has been so long since we graduated. There is so much catching up to do, so many old memories to recall and friendships to renew. Our classmates have come from many areas of the country to be with us this evening. The Class Reunion Committee wishes to thank all of you for making this reunion such a wonderful and memorable experience. Without all of you, this evening would not have been possible.

Enjoy the evening reminiscing, getting reacquainted and, of course, dancing the night away! We wish you continued success throughout the years to come and look forward to seeing you at our 50th year class reunion just a short five years from now.

Please keep in touch!

Your Reunion Committee
In Memory of:

Row 1: Tony Anderson, Barbara Barr, Robert Bozack, Jerry Burr
Row 2: Raymond Chandos, Thomas Conley, David Crabbs, Pat Daugherty
Row 3: Dennis Doughty, Cathy Frigyes, Connie Hatfield, John Iliff
Row 4: Jerry Jones, Linda Klein, Elberta Kotulski, Melvin Lammertin
Row 1: Jerry Leedy, Gene Marlow, Magealene McCormick, Donna McGinnis,
Row 2: Bill Mears, Mike Merrill, Bob Morris, Charles Muller,
Row 3: Bill Novath, Bob Russell, Agnes Scofield, John Skertich,
Row 4: Winifred, Smith, Lavone Stavitzke, Frank Suto

And all other classmates whose passing we may not be aware of.
June 1, 2005

The Graduation Class of 1960
Oliver P. Morton High School
Hammond, Indiana

Dear “Governors,”

It has to be a special event in your lives as you gather for your 45th year Reunion Celebration, renew memories of a time several years ago, and share experiences you have had since then. I appreciate very much your kind invitation to join you on this occasion; however, I am sorry that the current health conditions of my wife and I prohibit our traveling the distance to Shererville to join you on July 23rd. We would very much enjoy some fellowship with you again and have the opportunity to hear what has happened in your lives over the years since 1960.

Earlier this year, my wife and I both attained the age of 80 years. While we have slowed down a bit in the pace and scope of our activities, we are still enjoying life and reasonably good health. At the time that you graduated from Morton High School, I was 35 years old and the assistant principal being mentored in school administration by your principal, A. W. Clark. Some of you may remember that I had major responsibility regarding student attendance and discipline as well as the scheduling of classroom space for all of the classes. We were crowded in the building on Marshall Avenue. Passing in the hallways between classes was an hourly adventure in survival and the “UP” and “DOWN” staircases were a necessity to facilitate traffic flow between floors.

It is great to hear that a few of the faculty members from that time will be able to join you. You were fortunate to have some of the most outstanding high school teachers that I have known throughout my years as a teacher and school administrator. I don’t remember many student names from 1960, but I do remember the strong “Governor” spirit that thrived in both student and faculty members.

It has been my good fortune to have been able to have an impact on the lives of thousands of students during my 39 years as a teacher and administrator. I trust that most of that impact has been positive. Even though I can’t recall all of your names and probably wouldn’t recognize most of you today, you should be aware that you had some effect on my professional development and whatever success I have known as a teacher and administrator. The secret of success in life isn’t what happens to you, but what you do with what happens to you.

Have a great Celebration! I know that it will be a special occasion for all who are able to attend. Please remember me kindly, if my name should arise in your conversations.

May God bless you and keep you safe.

Sincerely,

W. W. Becker

W. Winston Becker
Mr. A. W. Clark has served Morton for seventeen years as a friend and guide to both students and teachers. Through his idealism he has become the symbol which characterizes the high standards kept at Morton.

For nine years Mr. W. W. Becker has been a familiar figure at Morton, both as a teacher and an assistant principal. Most of Morton’s students have become acquainted with him when they have come to seek his aid, or faced him in a disciplinary action. Mr. Becker is always willing to help the student as best he can, and is a friend when they need one.
1960 Cost of Living

Living

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1960 Interesting Facts

President: Dwight D. Eisenhower
Vice President: Richard M. Nixon

Speaker of the House of Representatives:
Sam T. Rayburn (D)

Pulitzer Prize Winners:
Advise and Consent by Allen Drury

Nobel Peace Prize Winner: Albert John Lutuli

Miss America: Lynda Mead (Natchez, MS)

United States Population: 180,671,158

Life Expectancy: 69.7 years

Dow-Jones Industrials

High: 685
Low: 566
1960 National News

President Eisenhower warns against the “military-industrial complex” in his farewell address.

Southern Senators set a filibuster record (83 hours) in opposition to civil rights legislation.

John F. Kennedy wins the 1960 Presidential election by 113,057 votes, defeating Vice-President Richard Nixon.

Aluminum cans are used for the first time.

In the Hughes Laboratory in California, physicist Theodore Maiman perfects the laser, now widely used in surgery, holography, communications and printing.

Xerox Corporation introduces the first commercial document reproduction machine.
1960 World News

Soviet missiles shoot down a U-2 spy plane capturing CIA pilot Francis Gary Powers.

Fidel Castro nationalizes all American property.

Brasilia becomes the capital of Brazil.

Israel captures Adolf Eichmann.

A report states that from 1951 to 1960 - 2,515,479 immigrants arrive in the United States.

France becomes the fourth nation to acquire atomic capability (after the United States, Britain and the U.S.S.R.), exploding a nuclear device in the Sahara Desert.

Nigeria becomes a member of the British Commonwealth.
1960 Sports News

World Series Champions
Pittsburgh Pirates

U.S. Golf Champion
Arnold Palmer

Pro Football Champions
Philadelphia Eagles & Houston Oilers

Indianapolis 500 Winner
Jim Rathmann / 138.767 mph

Stanley Cup Winners
Montreal Canadiens

NCAA Basketball Champion
Ohio State

College Football Champions
Minnesota & Mississippi

Heisman Trophy Winner
Joe Bellino from Navy
1960 Music

The Twist  Chubby Checker
Save the Last Dance for Me  The Drifters
Stay  Maurice Williams & The Zombies
Stuck on You  Elvis Presley
Teen Angel  Mark Dinning
Alley-Oop  The Hollywood Argyles
Are You Lonesome Tonight  Elvis Presley
Cathy’s Clown  The Everly Brothers
El Paso  Marty Robbins
Georgia on My Mind  Ray Charles
You Talk Too Much  Joe Jones
Running Bear  Johnny Preston
Sweet Nothin’s  Brenda Lee
Walk, Don’t Run  The Ventures

1960 Grammy Awards

Album of the Year:  Button Down Mind, Bob Newhart
Best New Artist:  Bob Newhart
Best Pop Duo or Group:  “We Got Us,” Eydie Gormé & Steve Lawrence
Best Pop Female Vocal:  “Mack the Knife,” Ella Fitzgerald
Best Pop Male Vocal:  “Georgia on My Mind,” Ray Charles
Best Pop Single Artist:  “Georgia on My Mind,” Ray Charles
Record of the Year:  “Theme from A Summer Place,” Percy Faith
Song of the Year:  “Theme from Exodus”
1960 Movies

$$$ - Top Money Makers
Psycho ........ $32,000,000
La Dolce Vita ... $19,516,000
The Alamo .... $7,910,000
G.I. Blues ...... $4,300,000
Macumba Love .. $3,000,000

Other New Movie Releases
Butterfield 8
Elmer Gantry
Exodus
Inherit the Wind
Never on Sunday
Spartacus
The Apartment
The Fugitive Kind
the Magnificent Seven
The Time Machine
The Virgin Spring
Where the Boys Are

Academy Awards
Best Actor: Bert Lancaster: Elmer Gantry
Best Actress: Elizabeth Taylor: Butterfield 8
Best Director: Billy Wilder: The Apartment
Best Picture: Billy Wilder: The Apartment
Best Supporting Actor: Peter Ustinov: Spartacus
Best Supporting Actress: Shirley Jones: Elmer Gantry
1960 Potpourri

- The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich by William L. Shirer is a best seller.
- Nick Holonayk invents the digital display for the pocket calculator and electronic watches.
- Echo 1, the world’s first communications satellite, is launched.
- The world’s first weather satellite, Tiros 1, is launched.
- Pete Rozelle becomes NFL commissioner.
- Rafer Johnson wins Olympic gold in the decathlon.
- Cassius Clay wins Olympic gold in boxing.
- Jacqueline Kennedy becomes the fashion to follow.
- Women’s “knickers” are in.
- Men’s sport coats are plaids, bold prints, stripes and checks.
- Berry Gordy borrows $800 and starts Motown Records.
- An estimated 850,000 “war babies” enter college, overcrowding dorms.
- John F. Kennedy, Jr. is born on November 25, seventeen days after his father was elected President.
- Fads, talkathons, and folk singing appear in coffee houses.
- Dezi Arnaz and Lucille Ball file for divorce.
- Earnest Evans changes his name to Chubby Checker.
- News words that appear are: anchorman, sit-in, cosmonaut, bluegrass, laser, compact car.
- Felt-tip pens, rayon, and OPEC meetings first appear.
1960 Classmates Awards

**The Brady Bunch Award**
The Largest Family
Tona Royer Ordyna
(8 children & 19 grandchildren)

**The Ozzie & Harriet Award**
Married to a Morton Graduate the Longest
Janet Novath and Gary Ruhs
(January 9, 1960)

**The Christopher Columbus Award**
Persons Who Traveled the Greatest Distance
Nancy Feldt Rathmann - 2251 miles (Eugene, OR)
Sandra Neal Jackson Hatch - 2130 miles (Kingston, WA)

**The Die Hard Aware**
The Classmates Who Came Back and Taught at Morton High School
Marcia Cook Burr – 1964-1996
Our
Classmates