
'60 Minutes

September 2008

Greetings Classmates

Our 50th Reunion will be held in the summer of 2010. That may seem like a long way off but, think again. A place needs to be reserved at least one year in advance to compete with wedding receptions, anniversary parties and other class reunions. Before the committee can choose a place, they need feedback. So now is the time to start to think about our party.

I recently sent an e-mail to all classmates for whom I have an e-mail address. I asked for news for this newsletter and any ideas for the 50th reunion. Classmates were very positive about attending the reunion even some who had never attended one before. People wanted to know the date ASAP in order to plan air reservations, lodging, etc. If you didn't receive the e-mail it means I don't have your address.

A list of "missing" classmates is included on another page. Please put on your detective hats and see if you can find them.

Read **Jeanne Lormer Moren's** article elsewhere in this newsletter and decide how you can help with the reunion. Give your opinion on places, dates, activities and offer to help with the planning.

As the committee meets and plans are finalized, news will be posted on our web page. Check it out at <http://members.cox.net/classof60/>

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Death Notices

Judith Apple Paddock died on November 25th, 2007 at Meriter Hospital in Madison after a courageous fight with muscular dystrophy. She is survived by her spouse, Dale Paddock, daughter Pam (Chad) Beyler and three granddaughters: Kelsey, Jordon and Caitlan Beyler. She was preceded in death by her son James.

Margo Bergstrom Weindel-Messer died of heart failure on May 28, 2007. She is survived by her husband William Messer of Bayfield, WI, and daughters Michelle Crouch and Kristen Weindel.

Phil Goetz died February 27, 2007 in Albuquerque, NM. He was an active racket ball player and suffered a brain aneurysm just as he entered the court. He is survived by his wife Raina Goetz of Alto, NM and son Paul. He was predeceased by his first wife, Catherine Camp and second wife, Karen Walker. Phil's wife Raina says "Phil would have wanted his classmates to know that he had a lot of loss and sadness in his life but even so he continued on and was a happy man. He loved life and enjoyed it every day."

Peter A. Okray, spouse of **Cathy Cline Okray**, passed away on July 5, 2008 at the Hospice Care Center in Fitchburg after a lengthy and valiant skirmish with lymphoma. He is survived by his wife Cathy, son James and daughter Elizabeth (Robert) Klingbile. Memorials for a scholarship in Peter's name may be sent to UW-Marathon Center Foundation, 518 S. 7th Avenue, Wausau, WI 54401

Note: Many email addresses and regular addresses have been eliminated from this web version of the newsletter. We have promised people their addresses would go no further than our class members via paper copies of the newsletter. The exception being those members that have given permission for their mailing address, email address, phone number, etc. to appear on the website.

Formerly Missing

**Gary Goetz
Abraham (Avi) Hanani**

Class of '60 Web Page

Don't forget to check out our web page. Go to <http://members.cox.net/classof60/> and leave a message or check out our photos. You will notice the memorial page for deceased classmates has been updated. Ray scanned obits and placed them on the web page. Click on the flower icon next to the name to see the obit. If you have news or pictures to share, contact **Ray Schaeffer** at **CLASSOF60@COX.NET**.

Address Changes Since September 2007

Ginger Crownhart Brenneis
John Drake
Karen Horney Holbrook
Jeanne O'Neill Skilton
Dennis Roidt
Gerry Wassenaar

Looking Ahead to 2010

As we contemplate our upcoming 50th reunion we'd like to solicit ideas and input as to how it should be fashioned. Many of you have been to or heard about how other schools and classes have celebrated and may be able to share ideas on what might work for the West High Class of '60.

What we did learn from your comments on our last reunion was that the highest priority was the chance to visit with one another. There are many possible venues for this. We can host a formal dinner, picnic and/or casual get-together. We have old and new locations in Madison but are limited at some places in the number they can accommodate. We are optimistic that many of you will plan to attend even if you have not attended in the past.

We would appreciate thoughts on: month preferred, location ideas and events most desired. We need volunteers for local planning, hosting at events, updating data, and assembly of memorabilia and photos (possibly on a DVD). Please forward thoughts to Elaine Statz Penpek, P.O. Box 241, Egg Harbor, WI 54209 or e-mail **EMPENPEK@HOTMAIL.COM**

With the advantage of the internet we can expedite, coordinate and simplify some of our efforts. It would be particularly helpful if someone with computer skills would step forward to help our webmaster, Ray Schaeffer with the extra work involved in the reunion.

Jeanne Lorimer Moren

Planning Committee Coordinator

Missing Persons

Many of these classmates have been missing for years. In spite of all our efforts to find them, they remain missing. Perhaps you were friends in school, knew a family member or a neighbor. Maybe you could make a few calls or check other leads. It would be great to have as many classmates as possible know about our reunion plans.

Jim Beck
Judith Bell
Judith Brewer
Robert Campbell
Steve Curtis
Ann Gillette
Dorothy Grasse
Janet Harvey Larsen
Sandra Heding
JoAnn Hess Zundell
Julia Heuft
William (Bruce) Johnson
Hulya Karakurt
Sharon Miller Hilsenhoff
Jim Morrell
Mary Presnall
Thomas E. Swanson
Victor Tolbert
Romelia Trevino
William West
James Whiting
Margaret Witte

News and Updates from Classmates

Jaris Welch Traw

I have been a widow for five years now and really miss my husband. I have a little lhasa apso, Rubi, who shares my life. My grandson has moved in with me while he goes to a junior college nearby. My girls live in Colorado, Texas and North Dakota. I have a son close by in Arizona. I am still working in the libraries at two elementary schools. I keep wondering if I will ever retire. I keep in touch with Laura Cuccia. She is a wonderful friend.

Jean Dudley Bass

I have taken up biking with my kids. We joined 10,000 other riders in the RAGBRAI, the Des Moines Register's bike ride across Iowa. The kids did the whole 471 miles. I did partial days and totalled 216 miles. I'm still a rabid Democrat and looking forward to the first African-American to grace the White House.

Ellen Vetter Meboe

Joe and I just returned from a delightful ten day tour of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island with Elderhostel. This is the first Elderhostel tour we have taken and we highly recommend the program. They have many tours to choose from. It is a carefree vacation as they take care of all your transportation, meals, and lodging. They taught us all about the culture and history of the area and took us to the main attractions. Traveling to a new area is a broadening experience.

Richard S. Gallagher

Nothing new to report except that both of my parents have passed away since our last reunion and my oldest daughter (age 27) is getting married in November. I am still practicing law in Milwaukee and, God willing, have no plans to stop soon.

Jane Gearhart Kranenberg

My husband Bob died March 22, 2007 and my mom died July 16, 2007. My oldest son Duane just died July 18, 2008 of liver cancer after many years of congenital liver disease. So the last year has not been the best of my life but I have family and friends supporting me wonderfully and my daughter Kristina is taking me with her to Maui for a week.

Michael D. Max

I am still CEO and Chief Scientist of my small research & development company and we are in the very busy midst of trying to commercialize four different new technologies for water treatment, water production and CO₂ sequestration. I spend most of my time in St. Petersburg, Florida at our laboratory but also do a lot of traveling. I don't have any concrete ideas for the 50th. Maybe drive around in convertibles drinking beer from a cooler in the trunk, which seems to loom large in my memory. I'm definitely going to try to get myself to this one as making the 75th is just too far in the future to think about.

Margaret E. Kowitz Gutgesell

I just did the Copper Triangle, a Colorado "alpine classic" on my road bike - 78 miles, three mountain passes plus Battle Mountain - nearly 6000 feet of climbing. This summer I taught mountain biking to a group of women as part of Women's Quest. Though I enjoyed my life as a pediatrician, this life is super.

Sandra J. Norton Smith

I'm now divorced from my second and last husband. I own a duplex and my mother lives with me and my daughter, Audrey Keller, lives in the backside of my duplex. I'm still working as a school bus driver, going into my 25th year employed by Durham School Bus Service. My three daughters and two sons-in-law are great, so I'm very happy.

Toni DelliQuadri

I am now a docent at LA Public Library and at LA Co. Museum of Art. We continue to restore our home and adore our two granddaughters: Sailor, age 5 and Avery, age 2. We have joined the plasma TV, DVD, digital computer entertainment center revolution and feel very 21st century. I'm also working on the fall election campaign as there are many ballot issues on the state ballot in CA that are very important to us.

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