

2006 FLORIDA BRUNCH SET FOR CCHS ALUMNI

The 6th Annual Columbia City High School Alumni Association Florida Brunch is planned for Sunday, March 5, 2006, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM in Venice, Florida. In 2005, 84 alumni, guests, and teachers attended this popular event.

The location for this event is the same for the 2006 brunch as it was in 2005. It will be held at the Jacaranda West Country Club, 1901 Jacaranda Blvd., Venice, Florida Florida 34293. Club office is 941-493-5010. You will need to exit I-75 at exit 193, go west approximately 3.3 miles, or 5 stop lights after the first one exiting from 75 on Jacaranda Blvd. The Jacaranda West Country Club entrance will be the first entrance on your right just after crossing SKLAR. From US 41 go east for about 2 miles, the club will then be on your left.

The dress code is Florida Casual, no jackets, ties or tank tops. Dress as if you are going to church! Spend a leisurely afternoon visiting CCHS ALUMNI and friends. Come and enjoy yourself in the sunny warm weather of Southwest Florida.

The buffet style brunch will begin to call tables for eating at 11:30 AM sharp.

Your hosts for this event are: Ted Gruver ('57), Judy Miller Fahl ('57), Bill Kettlekamp ('52), Rita Pittenger Toomey ('61), Bart Toomey ('59), Mary Grant Trier ('44), Vernon Trier ('43) and Sarah Coy Marr ('52).

Reservations are required for a head count. Send your check in the amount of \$22.00 per person before March 1, 2006. Make your check payable to Ruth Ann Bowie Davis, 104 Martinique Road, Lazy River Village, North Port, FL 34287 Phone number (941-429-9641)

All checks will be acknowledged with a reservation number.

COLUMBIA CITY HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

A REALITY

Ted Gruver had an idea about two years ago, to create a website for the use of any and all graduates of the Columbia City Schools.

Ted kept after his goal of creating such a website and with the help of several people that website is a reality today.

Ted is the President of this organization with Vernon Trier acting as vice president, Fayette Sevits Carpenter as secretary, and Ruth Ann Bowie Davis treasurer. Also acting on a board of directors is Vernon Trier ('43) chairman, Dick Phend ('51), Bill Kettlekamp ('52), Rex Carpenter ('57), Tom Felger ('57), James R. Fleck ('61) Brenda Reeg Robinson ('61). There are four places remaining on this board for anyone interested, please contact any of the above mentioned people.

For those of you who have access to the internet, all you have to do is search for www.cchsaa.org to find the extensive program that Ted and others dreamed of.

For those who do not have access to the internet capabilities, the last page of this newsletter is for your use. All you need to do is to fill it out and send it to Ray Bechtel, 169 Country Brooke Ln, Roxboro, NC, 27574-9487. Ray will gladly enter your information into the website.

All should remind friends and acquaintances to make use of the CCHSAA website. This last Old Settler's Day several Class of '57 graduates manned a booth where other graduates could sign up and join the fun. Perhaps this booth will be available at future OSDs

You are receiving because you have not yet added your name or changed you e-mail address on the CCHSAA site. Please make the addition or change as soon as possible.

Twenty Year Old Dream Comes True

Bob Hall has made one of his dreams of twenty years a reality. He had always wanted a tractor and finally found one to his liking in January of 2004. He found the 1957, 620 John Deere Farm Tractor near New Paris, Indiana. It was just what Bob had been looking for: wide front fenders, 3 point hitch and Power Steering: (being built in 1957 didn't hurt either). So Bob bought it and had it taken to Bourbon, Indiana to spend a year in restoration. This year's Old Settler's Day parade was the tractor's first outing.



Bob says, "My offer is still open to pull a load of 1957 CCHS 'Kids' on a haywagon some day."

The tractor was honored with a top prize. Bob plans to put the tractor on display this winter at the John Deere Antique Museum. Originally Bob planned to have a tractor that he could use to do some work on a farm, near Etna, in Whitley County, Indiana, and that would also look good. Bob says, "It soon became too nice to use, now I need a second tractor. Notice the word "need", Somehow Mardie does not understand." Bob continues.

Now that we are on the fast track to getting older, Bob wishes to encourage us all to make some of our ideas and dreams happen. Having an old two cylinder Putt-putt, also known as a Johnny Popper was a dream of twenty years for Bob Hall



For those of you who like statistics on old machinery, here are some for Bob's tractor. It has a lot of castings and weighs somewhat over 6700 lbs. The Maximum horse power is 48 on two cylinders over 5" in diameter. It was made for row cropping and a 3 bottom plow plus other equipment. This model 620 was made from 1956 through 1958. Bob's tractor is number 6179 out of 22,000.

Bob and Mardell are the owners of a farm, north of Etna which has been in Mardell's family for nearly 125 years. They are fixing up the old house and adding a pond in a natural depression. This pond will be for recreational purposes and fishing, of course. There are also plentiful deer, ducks, geese, herons. Right now Bob is hoping the pond will hold water or he'll have a very large hole in the ground.

Maybe we can get a hayride going for the 50th reunion around that

Twelve Hours Without Power

Joe Yoder contacted Pat Hooker Lucy by e-mail one week after Katrina bashed the southern parts of Louisiana and Alabama. Pat lives 60 miles south and east of Mobile, Alabama. Pat reported back that she and husband Woody were without electricity for a period of 12 hours, and had two more trees down and trash in the yard. She said that Hurricane Ivan caused more damage last year, and that their neighborhood is still trying to recover from that storm. Good to hear that Pat is doing fine.

Names and Addresses Available

Joe Yoder has available a list of names and addresses that is up-to-date. If you would like to have a copy just let Joe know by calling 239-945-1913 or e-mailing him at joe1939@earthlink.net, or writing to him at 3636 Country Club Blvd. Cape Coral, 33904 For a small contribution (which Joe will put into the newsletter fund) you can get just the list typed out on regular paper. or if you wish you can get mailing labels. Joe has found the labels are handy to place in your annual for the graduating seniors of the class of '57, or to put them into an address book.

A contribution of \$5.00 or more will get you a list by return mail.

Remember to let Joe Yoder know of any changes in your address or phone number. Also alert him of any news for the next newsletter which should come out in October of 2005.

MISSION STATEMENT

It is the purpose of the CLASS OF '57 NEWSLETTER to keep our class members informed as to address changes and major happenings in our lives.

This is the 14th newsletter after the 40th reunion that was held in June of 1997.

Katrina's Kapers

Rose Ann Ness's husband Keith Harris gives this report on their experience with Hurricane Katrina.

"STORM PAST US AT 6PM CDT. STILL HAVE RAIN AND SOME WIND GUSTS. STARTEC AT 7:30 AM WITH HEAVY WIND AND RAIN. HAD 4 1/2 INCHES OF WATER AND STILL COMING. HAD WIND GUSTS UPWARDS ON 80 MPH. AND POWER COMPANY SAYS IT WILL BE ON BY FRIDAY (3 days from this report) I DOUBT THAT, AS THERE ARE MANY 100S OF TREES ON THE LINES HERE IN THE COUNTY. I AM WRITING THIS WITH THE AID OF MY GENERATOR. THIS IS THE FIRST IN SIX YEARS SO NOT TOO BAD."

Keith must have had one powerful generator, cause all of his letters were capitals.

Goldwood Wins Derby

According to the July 25, 2005 Columbia City Post & Mail, Max Goldwood won the Demolition Derby at this year's 4-H Fair. Max won first place in the Saturday night event. Forty-four cars were in the competition. Max's winnings for the ability to win this race was \$500. It was noted, in the article, that all 44 drivers were from Whitley County in the competition.

Final Farewells

Virginia Hamman Smith passed away on Monday, July 10, 2005. Virginia had been a Psychiatric Aid with Fort Wayne Development Center for 39 years. She retired in 1996. At the 40th reunion Virginia reported that she had no children just cats and dogs. She enjoyed going to craft shows and conducting garage sales. She especially liked to conduct her own garage sales.

Gene Burns passed away April 12, 2005. Gene had been employed at Dana Weatherhead from 1961 until he retired in 1997. Gene and his son, Brian, operated Burns Hay and Straw. He had a special interest in horses which he enjoyed raising. He was a member of National Hay Association, Corn Huskers Association, a lifetime member of American Quarterhorse Association and Weatherhead Pioneer Club. Following a longtime custom, Gene's remains, were carried by horse-drawn wagon for the final mile to his final resting place in Keister Cemetery. Gene had been diagnosed with leukemia in January of 2005. He appreciated receiving cards and letters from members of the class of '57.

Betty Sheets' father, Jacob, passed away on April 9, 2005. He had been a life long farmer in Washington Township, Whitley County. At the time of his death he was living at Miller's Merry Manor in Huntington. Betty's mother, Evelyn Sheets survives.

Marlin Worden's mother passed away in August. She was 94 years old. Mrs. Warden was also the mother of Carol Worden who is married to Orville Grable. Carol sends a thank-you note for the floral arrangement sent by the class of '57.

Joy Murbach Hindbaugh's father passed away. Harmon Murbach had been an employee of Citizen's State Bank in Columbia City and later worked as a state bank examiner. He helped found the Roanoke State Bank in Roanoke, Indiana also in 1949. He owned and managed this bank for many years. After the bank was sold to the Huntington First National Bank, he continued to serve as the president of the Roanoke Branch. Harmon retired from the banking business in 1987. Among the things which he enjoyed was playing euchre and spending time with his family.

- Friday, June 24, was the annual two+ hour Old Settlers Day parade in Columbia City. Temperature was 97 degrees with a little breeze. The "Class of '57 Girls Go On Living" or (GGOL) group was part of the above mentioned parade. Pictured in Jo Ellen's GMC truck are: (L-R seated) Sharon Bates Wolf, Janis Smith Kelly, Barb Snapp Klopfenastein, Carol Schuman Krider, Patty Winebrenner Goldsby, (standing) Pauline Juillerat Bruch, Martha Cooperrider Miller, Jo Ellen Adams McConnell, Jeanette Snyder Roher, and Shirley Hosler Schlotterback. Not present were Jeanette Wince Brown, and Rosalie Kay Farber Kleespie. To be a member, you have to be single when you join, a member of the class of '57, and attend get-togethers at least once a month. The group has been in existence since Dec. 2003. Main activity — lots of laughing.



UPDATED E-MAIL ADDRESSES

The following addresses have been updated. Bold print indicates new, changes, or reinstated addresses. This list is now in Alphabetical order by last name.

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Change in Address

Barbara Bates Thomas This is a new location
 35819 16th Ave. #E402 for Barbara she has the
 Federal Way, WA same phone number #.
 98003

Joan Schang Blaine This is Joanie's old ad-
 8217 Whelan Drive dress, but a new phone
 San Diego, CA number.
 92119
 Phone # 619-466-2937

Jeanette Wince Brown This is
 403 Blue River Drive Rex's Win-
 Columbia City, IN ter address
 46725

Rex Carpenter
 12 Abby Court
 Haines City, FL
 33184

Classmate Achieves 4th Degree

In a recent letter, which was received by Ray Bechtel, Gene Brown's wife reports that Gene received his 4th college degree. This recent degree is in radiology. Gene also holds a Associate Degree in Applied Science. He started working at Cleveland Clinic foundation on August 22nd in the radiology department.

Mrs. Brown mentions that Gene is "66 years young but is more like going on 46."

Ray says that he sees Gene's 4th degree as quite an accomplishment.

Gene's address is 265 Queens Ct., Sheffield Lake, Ohio, 44054. We just got this address in time for the last newsletter through the diligent work of Ray Bechtel. A note of congratulations would be good.

**“Class of 57”
TREASURER’S REPORT**

- CHECKING BALANCE: \$ 661.57
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- FLOWER FUND ACCOUNT: \$ 114.68
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- NEWSLETTER ACCOUNT: \$ 147.90 +\$25 Sent to Joe Yoder for newsletter exp.
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- CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE \$ 924.15 as of 9/16/05
- SUBMITTED BY Janis Smith Kelly, Class Treasure

In order to help defray the cost of the newsletter, Nancy Poffenberger Rosenberg is scanning and sending copies of the newsletter to those people who have e-mail capabilities. We are hoping that this avenue of delivery will work. It is important maintain your address and e-mail address on the CCHSAA site.

If you have e-mail, but would rather get the newsletter by regular delivery let both Joe and Nancy know . Nancy’s e-mail is Yogababe57@yahoo.com, Joe’s is joe1939@earthlink.net.

Also be sure to update your home address if you move.

It is also necessary to have some donations for the newsletter fund to have future publications.



Will this mud hole hold water? It is looking pretty good right now for such a dry summer in Whitley County. Above is the pond being built on Bob and Mardell Hall’s farm.

Columbia City High School Alumni Association Registration Form

Your Name:

First Name Middle Name Maiden Name Last Name Title (Jr Sr Dr) Nickname

Your Spouse:

First Name Middle Name: Maiden Name: Last Name: Title (Jr Sr Dr.) Nickname:

Your Address:

Street or P.O. Box:

City: State: Zip Code:

Contact Info: Phone No.: Email

Address:

School Information

Class of Earliest Grade Latest Grade

Graduated CCHS? Yes No If no, where?

College(s) Attended

Personal Information

Birthdate (month-dd-yyyy): Month: Day: Year:

Personal Website:

Current Occupation:

Notes About Yourself:

Privacy Options:

- Keep your mailing address private? Yes No
- Keep your phone number private? Yes No
- Keep your email address private? Yes No
- May we send email to the email address you provided? Yes No
- May we send mail to the mailing address you provided? Yes No
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