

# Class of '57 Newsletter

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## Travel Bug Bites Or RED TELEPHONE BOOTHS, DOUBLE DECKER BUSES, KILTS & CASTLES

Tom and Bonnie Felger have been bitten by the travel bug. On August 8<sup>th</sup> of last year they landed at Heathrow Airport in London and went on a tour of the Tower of London. They were advised not to go to bed because their body clocks would be more messed up than they already were. After the tour they made their way to their hotel and had a sound sleep, after being awake for 46 hours.

As they slept suspected terrorists were being picked up all over the UK. Tom reports that if they had left a day later they probably would not have been able to get there. The entire UK was sealed off for over 24 hours and nothing was coming in except what was already in the air. They were in London for 3 days and enjoyed it, even though they heard sirens, saw police in flack jackets carrying automatic weapons, police dogs and police cars. They couldn't take the subway (tube as the Brits call it) because it was closed down and the litter bins had also been removed due to fear of bombings. They got places by riding on the Double Decker busses and got along just fine.

After the 3 days they joined their tour and then traveled over 1000 miles around Scotland. The Felgers loved Edinburgh where they got to attend a "Tattoo". According to the Oxford Dictionary a tattoo is an evening drum or bugle signal recalling soldiers to quarters or a rhythmic tapping or drumming. This event is held every year during the month of August. Every night 9,000 people go up the hill to watch the festivities taking place in Edinburgh castle. Along the steep climb there were street entertainers and pipers entertaining in the 45 degree weather.

As the band played "God Save The Queen" the audience stood. Then the announcer called out on the loud speaker, "Anybody from Spain? Singapore? etc. Soon the Felgers lost count which was surprising, because Tom had been an accountant dealing with numbers all his life, but for each country named someone clapped. People were there, literally, from all over the world.

The entertainment was fantastic. Dancers from China, singers from Africa, bands from Australia, a big band of bag-pipes, and the whole 9,000 sang "Auld Lang Syne", a very touching moment. The Felgers were impressed by how well behaved the audience was. There was not pushing, shoving, loud firecrackers, or rude remarks as there might have been if held in the US.

They also got to see the setting for the Harry Potter movies, "Hog Warts", several castles and cathedrals most of which had been built in the 1300's. They also went to Stonehenge which is wonderful and amazing and indescribable.

By the time the Felgers left Scotland they were required to pack everything in their suitcases. They had to have their film (9 rolls) developed by departure time and their bare essentials, such as a now-empty camera, glasses and glasses cases, paperback books and passports, in the two carry-on bags that they were allowed. The zip-lock bags that they took with them came in handy for storing all the little things that had to go in the suitcases. After waiting for two hours in Heathrow Airport for the security check they were on their way back to the United States.

Tom and Bonnie had a great adventure in the UK and are eager to return, after going to other places. They have truly been bitten by the "travel bug". They just hope there will be fewer terror alerts in the future.

## **A Note From President Rex**

Rex recently read something that struck a chord with him: Carl Jung, a Swiss doctor and psychologist and one of the most influential men of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, said, "Only those who have the privilege of living to an advanced age are capable of experiencing the full range of joys, sorrows and other life experiences that lead to a fully enriched life." To Rex this describes members of the Columbia City High School Class of 1957. An especially significant part of our life experiences are our high school years. We made friends and created memories that have lasted a lifetime and are among our fondest. We got some book-learning too, but now it is probably not as important to us as are the friends and memories.

The Class of '57 will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> reunion on September 8, 2007. The list of events appear in the next column of this page.

## **Keith Pritchard May Attend**

One of our favorite teachers, Dr. Keith Pritchard, has been invited to join us. He will give the invitation serious consideration. However he does have publishing obligations involving a novel he has written which may prevent his coming to Columbia City.

Also a large number of classmates who were unable to attend past reunions are planning to attend this 50<sup>th</sup> reunion.

## **Order of Events**

### Friday, September 7

**Pizza Party: 7 to 10 PM** at Smith's Carriage House on Main Street in Columbia City  
*Donations to cover costs will be taken.*

### Saturday, September 8

#### **Township School's Get-Togethers 2 to 4 PM**

Jim Kyler hosting **Columbia Twp** at 2790 W. Old Trail Road  
Jeanette Snyder Rohrer hosting **Thorncreek Twp.** at 2510 S. Center Rd at Tri-Lakes  
Pauline Juillerat Bruch hosting **Washington Twp.** at 744 Valley Drive in Columbia City  
JoEllen Adams McConnell hosting **Columbia City** students at 910 West Ryan Road.

#### **Social Hour and Dinner**

Eagle's Nest Event Center at Eagle Glen  
(\$25.00 per person)  
Social Hour at 6:30 with hors d'oeuvres and cash bar  
*Class Picture will be taken at 7:10 PM*  
Dinner at 7:30 PM  
Choice of:  
Chicken Cordon Bleu  
London Broil  
*A brief program, followed by music, dancing and visiting*

### Sunday, September 9

Casual Breakfast 8:30 to 10:30 AM  
Smith's Carriage House  
Fruit and Pastries and coffee  
*Donations to cover costs will be taken.*

### **Yoder Misses Reunion**

*Due to the fact that Joe Yoder has not yet changed much from the silly acting boy that we knew him as in the 50's and has not really grown up and learned to take responsibilities seriously, Joe missed the 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion of the class of 1957.*

This could have been the feature story had it not been for the fact that Joe and Dee Yoder were planning their September trip to Indiana for the class reunion which Joe had always thought was on a day ending with an 8. In making a trip plan Dee is always the one with the map, motel locator-book, calendar and pencil. Dee is very good at planning ahead. At some point she said that the reunion dinner would be on Friday, September (*something*) 8<sup>th</sup>. For once Joe was listening, kind of, and just knew that the dinner was not planned to be on a Friday. So he went to the calendar to check. Glory-be, he had written the date down for the 8<sup>th</sup>, way earlier in the month, and not the later date that he had so many times thought was correct.

Joe has rechecked the date on the Columbia City High School Alumni Association's web site to verify the September date. It is, indeed the 8<sup>th</sup> of September which is a Saturday. Joe plans on being there as do many others. Please plan now to attend this reunion.

If you are like Joe, you probably see yourself as you did 50 years ago. When we get together it will be as though the time has not passed at all. But, of course, we do look different, and have more aches and pains, that's life. But it is great to get together to compare notes and remember and share some of the things that we have gone through. That is what a reunion is for.

Hope to see you on Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Parents Still Living**

**Carolyn Hilligoss Fisher** reports, "My father, Max Hilligoss, celebrated his "90th" birthday with an open house in June, in southern Whitley County. He is in very good health, still farming over 600 acres, with help from his son and grandson. He is an AVID fan of Huntington University, New York Yankees and Notre Dame. He loves basketball and baseball. My thanks to my Classmates who visited him at his party; Pauline Bruch and Jerald Putman. Hopefully, God willing, he can celebrate many more."

**Maribelle Sheets Carter** reports. "Mom is doing great. She had a 2 lb. tumor on her right ovary. Had both removed May 21st., benign. She is now back to driving. Keeping busy and doing for others seems to be the secret to her good life! Thanks for asking. Hope to see at our 50th reunion." Maribelle

**Robert Hall's** father will be 92 on July 29. He is not doing as well as Bob would like. Mr. Hall is living in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. In the last three visits that Bob has made to his father, Bob says that his father is not very responsive.

**Barbara Bates Thomas** reports: "My mother is still alive and kicking. She will be 89 on Aug. 10. She is living on Blue Bird Dr. / Country Side Estates /East of the Kroger store. She belongs to the Red Hat Society, which meets once a month. She plays cards and Bingo at the Senior Center and attends Thorncreek Bethel Church which is north of town on St Rd 9."

*There are probably others of you whose parents are still alive, but these are the ones that Joe knew to contact. He is sorry if he missed any.*

### **Lost Love Ones**

I would like to thank my classmates for all the prayers, cards, e-mails, love and concerns regarding the most recent death of my oldest son, Rodney Brumbaugh. This was a hard one, but I am doing fine with the help of all my family, friends, church, school, and especially the GGOL gals. This is something you cannot deal with alone, and I am just so thankful I have so many people who have helped me through both of the deaths that I have had to deal with in such a short period of time.

ONCE AGAIN THANKS TO THE CLASS OF '57.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the 50th reunion, and encourage all of you to attend.  
Pauline (Juillerat) Bruch  
Classmate of '57

### **New Author in Family**

Joe Yoder is proud of his daughter, Shannon who is starting her own business of creating poetry books based on photographs of yourselves and your children. You can find her information on her website which is *[berryuniquebooks.tripod.com](http://berryuniquebooks.tripod.com)*.

For those without a computer  
Shannon's address is:

Berry Unique Books  
1068 W. Southport Rd.  
Indianapolis, IN  
46217  
Phone number 317-308-8441

Did you know?

The word mesmerize came from the turn of the century magician who kept his audiences spell bound in a hypnotic way while doing his illusions. His name was Franz Friedrich Mesmer.

### **New Email Addresses**

**Nancy Poffenberger Rosenberg**  
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**Judy Miller Fahl**  
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**Rosalie Farber Kleespie**  
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**Sharon Bates Wolf**  
[sharonwolf@fwi.com](mailto:sharonwolf@fwi.com)

### **Address Changes and New Addresses**

**Ted Lipke**  
2202 Chaparral Ln.  
Castro Valley, CA  
94552

**Ruth Lehman Trumbull**  
13202 Winding Vine Run  
Ft Wayne, IN  
46845

**Rosalie Farber Kleespie** (in Florida  
5206 4 B Street during the  
Bradenton, FL Winter)  
34203

**Janet Bridge Maybee** has a new  
phone # 505-716-0119  
Her husband, Bob, also has a new  
phone # 505-716-0745

### Got to Know When to Stay at Your Own Playing Level

Ted Lipke now lives in Castro Valley, CA where his time is divided between the library and a poker parlor. Ted plays the smallest game offered, \$3 - \$6 Limit Texas Hold'em. He says he only plays that size game and he won't be seen on TV because he very seldom is involved in tournaments. The Palace Card Club, where Ted plays is only an 8 table casino. If Ted should get (4) 7's or better beat and can use both of his hole cards, he says, he could win 50% of \$100,000 "Bad Beat Jackpot".

Back in 2003 Ted did get half of \$82,000 Jackpot by getting (4) 10's beat by a king high straight flush. Then he lost it all in the next 6 months by trying to move up to bigger games. He says he won't repeat that pattern if he gets lucky again.

Ted! "You got to know when to hold 'em and know when to fold 'em."

Ted's address appears in another part of this newsletter. You might want to wish him good luck.

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### On the Mend

The following is from Gene Brown's wife Linda. Gene has had brain tumors for quite some time.

*"I don't know how news worthy this is but it is good news for us. My husband had very good news about his tumor the last two months. It is not growing, he has no veins feeding a tumor, and it is clearing up. He is taking the chemotherapy treatments very well. He is still working at the Cleveland Clinic and likes it very much. It keeps him busy and pays all his bills. He just had his 68th birthday and is thankful for that."*

*In a recent message, Linda,  
Reports Gene is having vision problems.*

### Another Lost Classmate Is Found

Earlier this year Joe Yoder needed help in finding an address for Ruth Lehman Trumbull. Luckily Pauline Juillerat Bruch saw the request, put on her detective hat, and went to work with the phone book and called the Lehmans listed in the Columbia City area. Pauline tracked Ruth down through many phone calls, and found her living with a daughter in Ft. Wayne. Ruth's address is given in the section of "New and Changed Addresses" found in another section of this newsletter.

If you need someone's address, you can contact Ray Bechtel or Joe Yoder. Ray's address is 169 Country Brooke Lane, Roxboro, NC, phone # 336-599-3966. Joe's address is the return address on the envelope, phone # 239-945-1913.

Or you can check the CCHS Alumni Associations web site.

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### Mission Statement

It has been the mission and purpose of Joe Yoder's to maintain a list of class members and their addresses so that a large search for people and addresses could be avoided when it came time for the 50<sup>th</sup> reunion. In so doing Joe has enjoyed the challenge and gathering and sharing the many stories that many of you have supplied. There are only two people who are no longer listed. Tom Wiley and Barbara Bennett are no longer on our lists.

## **Feit's Find Fun in Traveling**

As the moon rises here in the Valley of the Sun, it is only 112 degrees at 10 PM. To my thinking it is the hottest day in the past 18 days of 110 degrees plus, because for the first time the humidity has risen beyond 5%. For those in the Midwest, you may not realize the benefit of low humidity until you spend time here in the Phoenix area.

Barb and I are packing our RV for a 6 week trip through Colorado, with stays in Durango, Aspen, Denver and Colorado Springs. While the temps may rise to mid 80s during the day, the night time lows in the mid 50s will be welcome to these residents of Arizona.

We have truly loved the time here in the southwest, much more than the brief life in lower Florida (except our friendship with Joe and Dee Yoder). We so admire the mountains, and desert landscape. I still return to Indianapolis 11 times a year for a week of work. However this new chapter in my life has allowed me to travel, relax and still maintain contact with those colleagues of 40+ years of teaching. In October, we will spend 6 days in Albuquerque, NM, during the hot air balloon festival, and then in next February, we will be off for a 30 day trip down the Baja California peninsula with a caravan of 16 other RVers. If all goes as planned, the summer of 2008 will find us on an 8 week trip to Alaska. Oh the grand joys of part-time retirement along with travel.

I look forward to seeing all in Columbia City at the 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion!

Be Well,

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## **Put ICE in Your Cell Phone**

**A great idea that could make a difference**

The following is from an email that was sent by Rose Ann Ness' husband, Keith Harris.

I have often wondered how anyone would know who to call in case in an emergency situation. A recent article from the Toronto Star, "the Ice idea," is catching on and it is very a simple, yet important method of contact for you or a loved one in case of an emergency.

All you need to do is to program the number of a contact person or persons and store the name as "ICE".

The idea was thought up by a paramedic who found that when they went to the scenes of accidents, there were always mobile phones with patients, but they didn't know which numbers to call. He therefore thought that it would be a good idea if there was a nationally recognized name to file "next of kin" under. Following a disaster in London the East Anglican Ambulance Service has launched a national "In Case of Emergency (ICE)" campaign. The idea is that you store the word "ICE" in your cell phone address book, and with it enter the number of the person you would want to be contacted "In Case of Emergency. In an emergency situation, Emergency Services personnel and hospital staff would then be able to quickly contact information under "ICE". For more than one contact name simply enter ICE 1, ICE 2, ICE 3 etc.

Then remember to take your cell phone.

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## **Thanks for Donations**

Joe Yoder would like to thank those who sent checks to help cover the cost of this newsletter.

### **Farewell to a Former Teacher**

Richard Duffield, 88, died on March 13, at his home in Sturgis, Michigan. "Duffy", as we called him, taught Commerce and coached football while at Columbia City High School. He moved to Livonia, MI where he also was a teacher and a tennis coach. He moved to Sturgis in 1967 where he became the controller at Glen Oak Community College. He retired from White Pigeon Schools in 1986. Duffield spent more than 67 years officiating at high school sports including football, basketball, softball, soccer, volleyball, gymnastics, wrestling, track and cross country. His memberships included Michigan and Indiana High School Athletic Associations, a life teaching license in Indiana and Michigan, a membership in the Neuman-Wetzel Post 73 American Legion and Thirty-Second Degree in Sturgis where he sang in the choir and participated in the bell choir for most of the past 40 years. He also volunteered 14 years as a tax consultant for AARP.

### **Permission Needed**

As you may know the CCHS Alumni Association has a web page that includes the names and addresses of the alumni by class year. If you haven't yet added your name and address, we will add it to the Class of 1957 web page unless you object. If you do object please see the bottom of the Registration Form check the box and return it to Rex Carpenter.

### **Dad Would Have Been Proud**

Dan Martin would have been proud of his son Daniel Lee Martin. In an article that those of us who have computers received from Ray Bechtel, class coordinator, entitled "*Ask American Profiled*", it was reported that Daniel Lee Martin, a Florida born native, gave up a career in marketing and owning his own advertising agency to pursue his love of country and western music. Daniel now appears on The Sportsman Channel and hosts a show called "*Backstage & Backboards*". On the show Dan invites his celebrity guests to do some huntin', fishin', and singin'.

Dan promoted the release of his debut album in 2004 by making some 300 appearances at Wal-Mart stores across the nation. His latest CD, "*On My Way to You*" has just been released.

Daniel's father, Dan Martin, one of our classmates, died in 1997. Those attending the 40<sup>th</sup> reunion will remember that Daniel Lee made an appearance and sang some of his loved country music.

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### **Update Data**

Many of you entered information into the CCHSAA web site. Some of you have moved or gotten new phone numbers or email addresses. If this pertains to you please update the web site information. In the future this will be the only place that will have your address and phone number and email address.