

GRAPEVINE HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS of 1966

SEPTEMBER 2006 NEWSLETTER

NEWS FLASH –

This year, at Homecoming, we will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Grapevine High School. As a part of this celebration Gary Cumbie will be the newest Class of 1966 inductee into the GHS Hall of Fame as a Distinguished Alumni! Please send Gary your congratulations! The Website should show this addition as well as Gary becomes number 6 from the GHS Class of 1966 to be named a Distinguished Alumni of Grapevine High School. I believe that no other class has more than two – I told you we were not yet finished!

Greetings Classmates...It has been about three months since the 40th Reunion and I am still enjoying the memories. It was great to have so many classmates in attendance – this was the best-attended Reunion we've had! I know that those of you who attended one or more of the events were happy that you were there. I also know that we were all disappointed that about ½ were unable to attend or we were unable to locate you! I am sorry that Pat Calhoun and Rick Vaughn were out of the country and unable to attend. I am sorry that Jerry and Donna (Ballard) Rogers were unable come at the last minute. I talked to Allen Tenney's mother a few weeks before and she was going to try and convince him to leave Colorado for a visit, but I guess she was unsuccessful. Sorry that we've not been able to reconnect well enough to entice Marcia Holder to come from the west coast to visit with us – Marcia, we will not quit trying (at least I won't)! I had a wrong address for Darrell Binion and the Darrell Binon I sent the invitation to didn't bother to send it back with a note until the Monday after the Reunion. We tried to get Ted Mallory to attend (he is in San Antonio), but we were unsuccessful. Sorry that we couldn't get Hoyt Thrasher to come...Hoyt...we want to see you guy! Sorry that Pat Tiffin has still missed all of our reunions and we hope that he and his wife are doing well. Sorry that James Wilkins and Butch Tiller were unable to attend. It is disappointing that everyone was unable to join us. I guess this list could go on forever, but it is such a great few hours when we get together. I was great to see first timer reunion attendees like Gay Reed Johnson, Johnny Crowley, and Randy Robinson. Enough of this...just know you missed a great time and several special times – from seeing Wylie dancing, seeing Tom Walker, Edith Pewitt, Dwaine Boydston, Harlan Jewett, and Ms. Jimmie Hosea; hearing Bobbie Jo Benson Mitchell's prayer; eating a great brunch prepared by Darrell & Donna Faglie; listening to a good band Saturday evening; having Rick's mother and father (Merrill and RJ Stacy) as our guests Saturday Night; having Bob Stevenson finally show up; getting to see the great banner of our class made by Randy Flanagan's wife Pat; and having Judy Logan join us from Oregon! Special thanks to all of you who contributed (see list from June Newsletter) so much to make the great time possible!

GRAPEVINE HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING 2006 – GHS is 100 YEARS OLD!

The Grapevine High School Ex-Students Association invites you to attend the 2006 Homecoming as GHS turns 100!

Ex-Students Banquet is Saturday, October 28, 2006. It will be held at Stacy's Furniture Banquet Room located at Stacy Furniture, 1900 South Main Street. Check – In will begin at 5:30 p.m. with Dinner at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person. Dinner Seating is limited. The first 175 will be seated. Jerry Hollingsworth, Principal of Grapevine High School, invites all Ex-Students to attend the Hall of Fame Brunch, honoring Hall of Fame inductees for 2006, Friday, October 27 at 10:30 a.m. at the Stacy Furniture Banquet Room.

Homecoming Parade is Thursday, October 26th at 6:00 p.m. – Main Street Grapevine. After the parade there will be a concert by Bruce (McMeans) Channell in the Palace Theater at 8:00 p.m.tickets are on sale with few reserved seats left as of September 28, 2006.

THE Homecoming Game will be Friday night, October 27th at Mustang Panther Stadium where the Grapevine Mustangs will play Richland.

If you wish to attend the Ex-Student Association Banquet on Saturday evening, October 27th at Stacy Furniture's Banquet Room on the Third Floor, you should consider sending in your money for reservations (SEE FORM BELOW):

Name: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____, _____, _____
Phone: _____
_____ people will be attending the banquet at \$25 each

**You may also contribute to the Ex-student Scholarship Fund by sending a gift of \$_____. Please make checks for Banquet or Scholarship Fund to GHS Ex-Students Association
Return checks & information to Wanda Blagg, 520 Ridge Rd., Grapevine, TX 76052
Phone Number for Wanda is 817.481.4201**

During this year's Homecoming Activities there will be several inductees into the GHS Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame inductees may be students and are selected as Distinguished Alumni who have graduated from Grapevine High School or they may be a Faculty or Staff Member of Grapevine High School.

This year the Distinguished Alumni to be inducted include our own Gary Cumbie from the GHS Class (the best class) of 1966. Along with Gary, from the Class of 1956 will be Dr. Margaret Bragg, from the class of 1976 will be Greg England, from the class of 1983 will be Ms. Donna Callenius Lang (one of my ex-students). The coming home queens and kings for the 2006 Homecoming include Mrs. Harlan (Inez) Jewett from the class of 1936. From the class of 1946 will be Minnie Hall and Junior Harper. From the class of 1966 will be Chris and Mary Ann Sparger Ashton, from the class of 1976 will be Kim Ware, from the class of 1996 will be the grand daughter of Ted Willhoite. Word is pending at the time I am writing this on the 1986 and 1956 selections.

This is indeed a special time for Grapevine High School to reach 100 years of age. There will have been 50 Distinguished Alumni selected for the first 100 years and the Grapevine High School Class of 1966 should be proud to have six (6) classmates selected as Distinguished Alumni out of those 50...we actually account for 12% of that honored group of GHS graduates from our class! And, like I keep telling you, I don't think we're finished!

Since our last news letter there have been several events that have not been so joyous. In August, Jane Cumbie lost her father, Mr. Harry Blanton on August 15, 2006 at the age of 93 due to respiratory failure.

Barbara Webb, from the Class of 1965, lost her mother in mid-August.

Alice Bufford Perkins let us know that her mother fell and broke her hip, and that she is suffering from Alzheimer's.

We also lost Ruth Ann Henderson Lloyd on Friday, September 22, 2006. Ruth was one of the 52 from our class that actually started the first grade together. Ruth had just retired after 30 years of teaching English at Grapevine High School. Ruth was an excellent teacher and had a great sense of humor and quick wit. She had a stroke shortly after her retirement. I know just how much she was respected by students and teachers at Grapevine High School. She will be truly missed. I spoke with her daughter at the funeral home and she expressed her mother's sense of belonging to our class and she knew her mother was sorry that she didn't attend our reunion this past summer. Please continue to keep Ruth Ann's family in your prayers.

As you may recall, Chris Ashton & Mary Ann Sparger Ashton were unable to attend the reunion due to Mrs. Sparger's surgery and the need for them to stay with her. I am pleased to say that I have gotten word a couple of times from Chris over the past couple of months, the last on the first of September. Chris indicated that Mrs. Sparger continues to do very well. Continue to keep Mrs. Sparger and Chris and Mary Ann in your prayers and thoughts.

I received an update on Tony Eubanks from Brenda Eubanks. She was saying that Tony was doing pretty well and that they appreciated all of the thoughts, prayers, and cards he continues to receive. They have a new email address (even though Brenda is quick to point out she considers them to be technological idiots) which is tonyeubanks@clearwire.net

You also remember that Linda Bowden Cox's sister, Carol, had a single Mastectomy on Thursday, August 17th. The last report from Linda was that the surgery went well, but they will make determinations on future treatments after analysis of the pathology report. Hopefully we will have more news soon and that it will be good news. Keep Carol Bowden Frey and her family in your prayers.

Darrell Faglie had knee surgery at the end of September and is recovering well and going to therapy. Dr. Jim Box, who performed the surgery, is continuing to recover from his experience with Darrell's surgery, but both are doing really well! Keep Darrell covered with emails as he spends too much time at home not able to work...that is more difficult than anything for him! And, you certainly want to keep Donna in your prayers as well.

I have received a couple of emails lately from Randy Doty, who we have reconnected with over the past several months. Randy was unable to attend the reunion, but he has been to Ole Whiskers a couple of times (August and September) where he did have an opportunity to meet up with a number of his old friends from the GHS Class of 1966. In his last email he wanted everyone to know "it was so nice to meet with all of you. It is refreshing to know that in this world there are still good people that love others. Van (Morrison) and Doug (Moore) are still the same, it is amazing how we develop our mannerisms so early in life and retain them. It seems as if we are still sitting in the lunch room laughing and playing. Gary Cumbie is still a class act and deserves to be in the Hall of Fame."

After sending an INFO email, I received an email back from Tommy Kimbrough (class of 1963) who is the husband of our classmate Carlotta Mayberry Kimbrough. He had read one of the Ole Whiskers reports and noticed the mention of Harlin Hamilton and Jeannie Smith Hamilton attending. He indicated that he and Harlin were friends in high school and he wanted to contact him if I had his email address. See, we continue to renew old friendships and remember some great times we had growing up in Grapevine and Colleyville over 40 years ago.

I received an email from Bob Stevenson - "Just thought that I would let you know that my hoi-paloi (sp?), big shot, exclusive Dallas prep school class of '66 is charging \$70 per couple to attend their 40th reunion which is being held at the home of Warren Foxworth of the Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber family. I will not be in attendance. It is, after all, scheduled on October 28th, the opening day of quail season. Feel free to pass this along to all who worked so hard and contributed so much for the GHS '66 reunion. You did a great job; we had a lot of fun...and it didn't cost me anything but a small bar tab!" We will be sure to allow Bob to be a contributor for the 45th Reunion! Thanks Bob!

Cindy Fry Barnes sent me an email this week to inform me that Kathy Barnes Dirmeier had knee surgery in September. I have been unable to talk to Kathy, so I really don't know any details, but please keep Kathy in your prayers.

I received an email from Pat Tillery (class of '67) saying she had talked with Kay Sharp recently and Kay wanted us to add her to our Ole Whiskers notice.

I guess I will close the September 2006 Newsletter for now. Hope to see some of you during the Homecoming Activities for 2006. Hope you will take a moment to wish Gary Cumbie congratulations on being inducted into the GHS Hall of Fame as a Distinguished Alumni (Gary's email is garycumbie@aol.com).

I also hope that I will have an announcement to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of Grapevine High School soon....I am serving on the GHS Centennial Committee for the 100 year celebration with a number of other Old Timers.

I hope this Newsletter finds you well of mind, body and spirit. God Bless the GHS Class of 1966 and their families!

Respectfully,
Larry Oliver