

GRAPEVINE HIGH SCHOOL

Class of 1966

JUNE 2010 NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2010 has started and is in full swing! The Texas Heat is living up to its billing! Where have the days gone – 2010 is about ½ over and it shouldn't even be 2010 yet! I hope the summer has been kind to each of you thus far, and that great days lie ahead for you all! I just know it is “hot” and getting hotter!

JUST A NOTE - GHS HOMECOMING 2010

Parade is scheduled for Thursday, September 30, 2010

Homecoming Tea to recognize Hall of Fame Inductees (Hall of Fame Teacher(s) and Distinguished Alumni) will be on Friday morning after the Pep Rally in the GHS Library (subject to change)

Homecoming Football Game is scheduled for Friday night, October 1, 2010

Homecoming Ex-Student Association Banquet is scheduled for Saturday night, October 2, 2010

Please consider coming to the Saturday evening Ex-Student Association Banquet – casual dress, pretty good food and lots of GHS grads to visit with – a good way to have one of our GET TOGETHERS for October! I will send out sheets for signing up to attend as we get close to Homecoming 2010!

Along with the above - I would like to encourage various classes to notify your classmates and plan on having tables for your class at the Banquet. Ex-student Association President Russell Kidd and his officers have put together a great event over the past few years and it is a great place to see not only your classmates, but those from the years ahead and before you....make plans now, put these dates on your calendars and notify your classmates!

We were not immune from sad news this past three month – in late April we also received news that Sue Bussey Staggs (GHS 1962 Graduate) passed away after a period of health issues. Sue was one of those beautiful ladies we remember even though we were a few years behind. Please continue to keep the Bussey and Staggs families in your prayers as they continue to deal with their loss.

I received an email on May 29th that Hilda Adams Coker (Class of 67) had lost her battle with cancer. I know Hilda's family appreciated all the prayers and contacts during her difficult times these past months. I want to ask that you continue to pray for the Coker and Adams families. We know and are so thankful that Hilda is no longer in pain, but with the Lord.

Just as I was about ready to post this Newsletter, I received an email from MaryCal informing me that Allen Brackett (GHS 64) has been battling cancer and that it is now in his liver. He has been brought home from Tulsa to East Texas (Lake Fork) and is in the care of Hospice. His doctors feel he has only a

few weeks of some quality of life and that his prognosis is about two months. Please pray for strength for the Brackett family during this most difficult of times.

Back in late April, Bill Powers had a short visit back in Baylor Hospital after having chest pains the night before. Bill had three stints “installed” and went home, in what seemed like hours. Happy to report that he is doing well!

Lynda Yarbrough Hawkins in a late night, in the dark trek at her home somehow managed to fracture a bone in her foot. She has been home (supposed to be staying off her feet, but not following strict doctor’s orders) trying to get better. Last report from her two daughters was that she still had pain and swelling and pain in that foot after about three weeks. If you are on Facebook, give her a holler...if you have her email address; send her an email – Cabin Fever is setting in! Keep Lynda in your prayers as she gets over this painful time.

I exchanged emails with Rick Stacy today (he was in Alaska) and asked him how Diane is doing and he said her doctor said all was still great! Great News!

It had been a long dry spell since we have tried to pull off a “GET TOGETHER”....since Ole Whiskers closed we have not gotten back together there or at the Golden Corral. However, we tried to find a time in June just to see what sort of a group we could pull together. We had about 41 folks show up for our Get Together....several from 63, several from 64 and all the way up to at least 69! Sorry if you were unable to be there – heck Kathy Barnes Dirmeier even showed up and I won money on a bet that she would show! Carolyn Cody was there and has been a regular since she has moved back into the area. We were expecting Gail Armstrong Schneider to join us, but she was not feeling well and unable to attend – we missed you Gail! Tom Walker was there and we always enjoy having Tom join us – amazing that he still likes us!

I want to ask everyone to also keep Harlan Jewett in your prayers. Harlan is still living at home, still driving at times, but he misses Inez and visits her grave site most days. Harlan still has “on and off” again health problems – so keep him in your prayers.

I heard just before posting this Newsletter that Darlene Tillery Florence’s father was in the hospital and they have found a large mass in one of his lungs and have scheduled a biopsy. Darlene said that her dad was not in any pain, hungry as a horse, and complaining that he didn’t sleep a wink...However; they are keeping him in the hospital to monitor his blood sugar. Darlene also indicated that Edith Pewitt was in the hospital and I apologize that I don’t really know any more about Edith and why she is in the hospital. I know that Darlene & David and the Tillery family as well as the Pewitt family would appreciate your prayers.

Linda and I were fortunate to join with Gary & Jane Cumbie and Jerry & Linda Bowden Cox for another summer excursion in early June. I won’t bore you with any details, but we had a wonderful

time – and it once again goes to show that some of our life-long friends make great traveler-buddies as well...if you've not tried traveling with some of your classmates – I would highly recommend it!

It is FATHERS DAY as I'm working on the Newsletter and I can not help but mention how blessed we were growing up in Grapevine with so many wonderful fathers. I know my father remains my all time hero and I continue to grow in appreciation for what he did for me, for what he taught me, and the wonderful role model he provided me while growing up and through the day he passed away – eight years ago. So many of my friends had fathers who also impacted me such as Mr. Yancey, Mr. Florence, Mr. Ashton, Mr. Walker, Mr. Stacy, Mr. Eidson, Mr. Buckner, Mr. Belcher, Mr. Box, Mr. Parker, Mr. Cox, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Crabtree, Mr. Moncrieff, Mr. Simmons (there was more than one) – this could be a really long list ya know!...just to name a few. I hope you remembered not only your father this day, but all the fathers who truly influenced our lives over the years.

I just wanted to remind ALL GHS CLASS of 1966 folks – our 45 year reunion is coming up next year. By fall we will begin making plans so we can set a date that will hopefully allow as many as possible to attend – so you can make your plans early and put the date on your calendar. *If you have any ideas you would like to share, email them to me and we will add them to the dart board for consideration!*

I also want to refer back to the beginning of this newsletter and ask GHS Class of 1966 members to consider attending the Ex-Student Association Banquet this fall – it is a great time and I will send more information out as it becomes available!

Also, there are a growing number of classmates wanting to consider our 50th reunion in another 6 years to be a trip to Hawaii – the main purpose is to be able to say it would be “GHS '66 Hawaii 5-0”! Of course this is a Cumbie idea...so humor him for a little while!

For those who've not heard, we have reconnected with Jackie Morgan. He is retired and living in Virginia – I do have an email address. He sent me some beautiful photos of his place in the mountains with lots of snow! I do believe he has contacted some of you via Facebook or email....not sure if he is still on Facebook.

I want to thank my classmates for supporting our contacts, “get-togethers”, email messages, and the like since we started these newsletters – the next newsletter in September will prepare us to start the eighth year of our class website at www.ghsclassof1966.com . If you've not checked it out in a while, please do so and look over some of the photos and past newsletters, and God Bless the GHS Class of 1966!

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Oliver