

# **GRAPEVINE HIGH SCHOOL**

## **CLASS of 1966**

### **MARCH 2011 NEWSLETTER**

March 2011 – still difficult to believe that we are so “old”! Within days to minutes of this Newsletter you will be receiving information regarding our 45<sup>th</sup>- Year Reunion. I guess that news doesn't do much to make any of us feel any younger either. However, time doesn't stop for us – not even the GHS Class of 1966!

In our December Newsletter we talked about the great time at the Annual Class Christmas Party and it still provides some great memories. Sorry we didn't have as many attend this year as in the past years, but we still had a good number and lots of great food and a wonderful time of visiting and good ole down to earth fellowship. And, I have little doubt that Pat Flanagan is still having people contact her offering big bucks to buy the photo she got in our White Elephant Gift Exchange of me and Darrell.

These past three months have gone by really fast. I really have not heard a great deal from classmates....as you will most likely recall Betty Derby Vandiver's house caught fire, but all were OK and hopefully they are back in their house or close to being back by this time.

As most of you know, Darrell Faglie had knee replacement surgery in February. Dr. Jim Box performed the surgery. Who would have believed that would happen 45 years ago? Darrell is doing great, Dr. Box told him that recovery time could mean up to a week in the hospital and one to three weeks in a rehab facility. Well...Darrell followed his doctor's advice and had therapy prior to surgery to build up his muscles in the leg and knee area and he was out of the hospital on Saturday after the Wednesday afternoon surgery and then was out of Rehab the following week....so he is doing great. He even had a video on Facebook showing him walk with a cane, I'm sure it can be purchased on a DVD soon at the local Walgreens. Darrell continues to go to therapy a few times each week, but is doing great. Donna said that the worst part was listening to him gripe about her driving since he could not drive himself yet. I suspected Darrell was also attending therapy to help him survive riding with Donna (you know I'll pay for that statement).

Mr. Jewett remains in rehab. He is now at the Lone Star facility in Grapevine after some time at another facility. Please keep Harlan in your prayers.

Tom Walker is doing well and we see him around town daily. He is doing a lot of fishing these days and it great to see him feeling better and enjoying himself.

Just days before this email, we received the tragic news of the death of Barrett Havran, Bob and Joy Havran's son. Barrett (age 31) passed away on Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. I know you all join me

in praying for Bob and Joy and their other son Blake. There is nothing more devastating or life changing than losing a child. I know that Linda and I feel their pain as does Gary and Jane Cumbie and Wylie Hokett as we too have experienced such a loss. I can only tell you from my experience, that it is friends, family, church family, and God who make this time possible to endure. Please keep the Havran family in your daily prayers and ask the Lord to hold and keep them close and comfort them over the days, weeks, and years to come. If you would like to send Bob and Joy a card, email me and I'll send you their mailing address.

During this past 30 days, our old poker group of: David Florence, Bob Stevenson, John Yancey, Gary Cumbie, Joe Lipscomb, Gus Linthicum, Rick Stacy, Darrell Faglie, Jim Box and I have attempted to make up for lost time by having three events within a matter of about six weeks. One even was at the Oliver house, one at the Cumbie home, and a third is planned for a weekend in March at the infamous Lake Leroy (Bob Stevenson's tax write-off in East Texas). Gus describes it as where we will find lots of weeds, misquotes, snakes, fish, and otherwise beautiful setting of a tree lined lake. I will have to miss the East Texas excursion, but for those who are attending, take your snake bite kit. Gary had sent an email out saying that he was excited about going to the lake and should he bring his swimsuit and beach ball. Faglie responded by suggesting that he just bring his beach ball. I suggested that in any case, that they not take photos during their time in East Texas. I wish them well and sorry I can't make the trip too! We did alert the local authorities.

We are also planning a GHS Get-Together at Sammie's Barbeque on Saturday, April 2, 2011 at 6 p.m. Those with email should have received that invite as it usually involves GHS classmates of the 60s...we had about 45 the last time and we may have more this time. If you have email, please email me that you are planning on attending as we need to have them some sort of estimate to prepare for us and the use of the private area. If you don't have email, please call me to let me know – you'll have my phone number in the information regarding the 45<sup>th</sup> Year Reunion that you should receive within days of this Newsletter.

I apologize for a rather short March 2011 Newsletter, but it has been a hectic time these past months or so and I've been working on getting reunion issues resolved. However, I do want to publicly thank many of your classmates who have contributed \$\$\$ to fund our reunion – a list will come soon. I still have a little to collect, but the response was wonderful as usual. I hope that many of you will be able to set aside July 16<sup>th</sup> and attend the reunion – time is passing by fast, so don't miss an opportunity to see some folks who have shared many life experiences for some, well over fifty years.

God Bless The GHS Class of 1966!

Respectfully,  
Larry Oliver