

Reunited

...and it feels so good!



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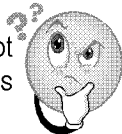
50th REUNION NEWS



This note is addressed to only a few of you. If you have decided to attend your 50th High School Reunion this September 11, 12, and 13, no need to read further. If you have firmly decided not to attend your reunion, same thing, stop reading. This note is only for that special group of people who usually have a little trouble making up their minds, and yet manage to decide most of the important things in this country, the "Undecided."

In any election, there are always those who know early on that they will vote YES or NO. Usually, neither the Yes's nor the No's have a majority, so it nearly always falls to the "Undecided" voters to decide the winner—guess which group gets all the attention? Tell a politician running for office in a close race what the Undecided voter wants to hear, and watch how quickly that candidate starts singing that very song. It's the American way, "Never fear, just tell 'em what they wanna hear."

As a classmate who is "undecided" about whether or not to attend our reunion, we'd like to change your mind. It's not surprising to know that most of us are retired now enjoying grandchildren, golf, travel, etc., and some are busier than ever with volunteer work and other activities, thus thinking it's difficult to get away. However, wouldn't a 3-day trip to visit your high school friends be worth it? Gone are the cliques and the black leather jackets on smoker's corner, so acceptance shouldn't be a concern. We've all changed in some way, some of us gray, some hairless, some heavier and some slimmer, not to mention our good friend "arthritis" who has crept in here and there causing us some difficulties. This time we're celebrating who we are now and re-acquainting ourselves with former classmates and memorable moments. You'd be surprised how many new friendships have occurred through the mini-reunions and various other get-togethers since our 40th and 45th. Even spouses have connected with some of the Cardinals. So, open yourself up to the possibilities of renewing those precious memories and friendships.



Yep, we pretty much got your Undecided number, don't we? **Well don't worry about a thing!** We have taken care of everything so that you can attend your reunion and have

the best time of your life! It's remarkable that most everyone there will have changed some, but in a few minutes, and this is amazing, most everyone there will be good looking, certainly way above average. In fact, a few minutes after initial recognition, your friends from back in the days that you haven't seen in years, will look and act just the same as they did in the 50's. This always happens and **it will** happen to you. Guess what else, many others are single now and it's not just you there alone. It's like going to a Cubs game, once you're there, everyone is laughing and having a great time—whether you came as a couple or alone gets lost in all the fun. Finally, our exit polls after the 40th and 45th Reunions determined that without exception, the folks attending, including spouses, had an outstanding time and plan to attend the 50th for sure.

So, you see, you have no need to worry! Your hesitations have been dealt with, and your concerns addressed. Now, that you have all the "facts" you're ready to "vote" by making your decision to attend your 50th high school reunion. Repeat after me, **"YES, I do believe that I will attend my 50th High School Reunion."** Trust me, you will not regret it!



Thanks, John Torrens

Guys & Gals

Single Connection



Are you single, widowed, or divorced? Does your spouse or significant other prefer not to attend the Reunion? While spouses are optional (*although many have greatly enjoyed themselves and welcomed the new friendships*), please don't let that stop you from attending the Reunion. Join in the Single Connection rather than stay home. Remember, we were all single at AHS. We're gathering a group interested in sharing rooms and/or spending time with each other while attending the Reunion Weekend Celebration. You won't be sorry! So, don't be shy, if you're flying solo and would like to share a room and expenses with someone during the Reunion, let one of us know.

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*Happiness comes through doors
you didn't even know you left open.*



Class of '59 Friendship Fund



When our classmate Joe Putz, (Houston, TX) came up with the idea of forming a Friendship Fund to help all of us attend our 50th High School Reunion, the stock market was booming, unemployment was low and most of all, nobody had yet seen their retirement assets shrink by nearly 50%. Joe just thought it would be good to set up a fund to help, and he did. Other classmates have generously contributed to the fund too and now, our Friendship Fund stands ready to help folks who may need a boost to make their attendance at our 50th Reunion a reality.

The Friendship Fund is now prepared to issue 50th Reunion Scholarships. It's pretty simple, just send a note to our Treasurer Gary Snell telling him you would like a Scholarship and include a little about why. Gary and one other person will make the necessary decisions in TOTAL PRIVACY. Nobody else will ever know who is on scholarship. Money awarded will be in the form of lodging and/or registration credits.

Our goal is simple. We do not want anyone to miss attending the reunion for financial reasons. Things are tight financially for nearly everyone. Thanks to Joe and his team of supporters, we have the ability to help. Please let us. If you would like a scholarship, please apply soon so we will know what kind of response to expect and how best to allocate these generous, but limited resources.

Name:	
Street Address:	
City/State/Zip	
Phone:	
Email:	

Please consider my Friendship Fund request to cover the following:

Send your request to:
Gary Snell
604 Can Dota
Mt. Prospect, IL 60056

It's all about friends helping friends!

We hope to see you ALL at our 50th Reunion.



Golden Reflections Memory Book

Dear Classmates,

This keepsake 352-page book is filled with your bios—the stories, lives and families of the AHS Class of '59. If that isn't enough, this book will have a wonderful Memorial Section, an Historical Section encompassing the past 50 years, a '59 Yearbook Collage, Reunions and Mini-Reunions Section, a Class Directory and sprinkles of the best of our classes' old photos, remembrances and fun stuff. What else are you getting? This book is hardbound in imitation black leather, foil embossment with direct embroidery on the front, and we're using a quality 80-point grade white paper "free," full color pages throughout and it's gift-boxed. After seven initial quotes between \$77 and \$121, we're getting it done for only \$27.50.

Now, after knowing this, don't you want to be a part of the best Memory Book in 50 years? We hope so!

*Thanks,
Jeff Pratt*

ABSOLUTE DEADLINE FOR TURNING IN BIOS: MAY 10, 2009

Looking for Volunteers



INTERESTED IN GREETING YOUR FELLOW CLASSMATES AS THEY ARRIVE FOR THE REUNION?

We're looking for people interested in donating a couple of hours to welcome fellow classmates (*and pass out information packets*) as they arrive for the reunion on either Friday afternoon/evening or Saturday afternoon/evening. The only qualification is a friendly smile. We'd love to have you join our Greeting Committee. If interested, call or email Lynn Stadell Smith at 847-520-4152 or lynn264@sbcglobal.net.

*Thanks,
Lynn Stadell Smith*



Help Wanted!



In the last Reunited, we announced the formation of a telephone tree calling system to make sure that everyone receives information about our 50th Reunion and we asked for volunteers to man the phones. Although the response was light, nearly 200 calls were made and the reception our Phoners received from the people they spoke to was outstanding, and in some, cases pleasantly amazing! We are going to continue this program and would like more of you to volunteer to help make the calls.

Calling is fun, easy, and can be done from your own home at your own convenience. All we ask is that you report your results to me so I can track our progress and follow up where needed. If you would like to be part of our Phoners' Team, please let me know and I will be more than happy to put you to work. Thanks to those who are currently making calls and welcome aboard to our new Teammates.

John Torrens, 707-763-6480
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*Thanks,
John*



APPEAL FOR DUES

If you have been putting off paying your class dues of \$10 per year dating from our 40th Reunion in 1999, NOW IS THE TIME! If you have paid something, but are not quite at the \$100 dollar level (*we did the math*), NOW IS THE TIME! If you want to do something that will really help to make our 50th Reunion an outstanding event, NOW IS THE TIME! If you want to show your appreciation, in a financial way, for the continuing stream of **Reunited** newsletters (*which cost about a \$1 a piece to produce and mail*) that have arrived in your mailbox these past ten years, NOW IS THE TIME!



We have never needed your support more than we need it now. Please, be generous and be prompt. Send your checks made payable to the AHS Class of '59 to our Treasurer Gary Snell at 604 Can Dota Ave, Mt. Prospect (*where town and country meet*), IL 60056.

Thank you for your support these past 10 years. Many of you have been steady and some very generous. Your gifts of dues payments are very much appreciated.

Mark Your Calendar!



DATE	EVENT
June 20, 2009	Annual HomeTown Chapter Picnic
September 11, 2009	50 th Reunion Cocktail Reception
September 12, 2009	50 th Reunion Dinner/Dance
September 13, 2009	50 th Reunion Farewell Brunch



WEBSITE INSIGHT

Visit our website at:
www.arlingtonhigh59.com



Check our website regularly for information regarding our 50th Reunion.

We want to thank all of you who have shared photos and/or contacted us with corrections, updates or missing names. We really appreciate your comments. We welcome photos, thoughts about past Chapter events, or personal announcements you'd like to share with us.

For those of you, who have photos, poems, etc., you'd like put up on our website and/or in the newsletter, just click "*Contact Us*" on our website, or email: willy2806-ahs59@yahoo.com. For snail mail, see below.

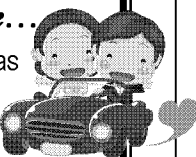
HOW TO SHRINK DIGITAL PHOTOS FOR EMAIL, ETC.

If you missed the article in our February '08 issue of *Reunited* or you cannot find your February issue, it is on our website in PDF format, or contact Willy Neurauter at: willy2806-ahs59@yahoo.com. If you do not have email, my address is: 1604 S. Meyers Road, Lombard, IL 60148.

*Thanks,
Willy Neurauter*

Congratulations to our classmate...

BONNIE MCGOWEAN HEINTZ who was married to **GEORGE RICHTER** on February 9, 2009 in Las Vegas.



IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS GET WELL WISHES TO:



To our classmate's mate, **JOHN KELLY**, husband of **MARJ (IBBOTSON) KELLY**, who is fighting cancer.

To our classmate, **CAROL (MAISEL) CRANE**, who is battling lung cancer.

To our classmate's mate, **KATHY WAKE**, wife of **BOB WAKE**, who is fighting ovarian cancer.

To our classmate, **ED WAHL**, who is recovering from prostate cancer surgery on March 6, 2009.

To our classmate, **MIKE KAUFFMAN**, who is recovering from colon cancer surgery on February 9, 2009.

Our Deepest Sympathy and Prayers go out to:

To our classmate, **JEAN (SCHUETTE) DALMER**, and family on the death of Jean's husband, **Lee A. Damler** (69), of Union, IL. Lee passed away on December 6, 2008. Lee was a 1967 graduate of Arlington High School. He served in the Army and worked as a systems analyst for Uarco and Standard Register for many years. He is survived by Jean, their two children and six grandchildren.

To our classmate, **MARION (GARDNER) EIKEN**, and family on the death of Marion's husband, **Ron Eilken** (71), of Des Plaines, IL. Ron passed away on March 28, 2009. Ron began his career in the paper industry at Paddock Publications, where he worked for 25 years. He then applied his knowledge as a service representative for paper companies until his retirement. He is survived by Marion, their three children and five grandchildren.

Please Keep in Touch!

CARDINAL CLASSMATES '59



Maiden/Last Name:		
First Name:		
Married Name:		
Spouse's Name:		
Home Address:		
Phone Number:	# of Children:	
Email Address:	# of Grandchildren:	
Occupation:		

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A number of classmates have been asking about postcards and emails they have been receiving from a group called **Harris Direct, LLC, a partner of District 214 Community Education Foundation**. They are a company based in Chesapeake, Virginia and are asking for current biographical information for an AHS Alumni Directory (*similar to the old Red Book Directory some of you may have*). Please be advised that our class is not associated with this group, or the directory they are selling. The Golden Reflections Memory Book that Jeff Pratt and his committee are putting together is **ONLY** for the Class of '59 and will only be sold to members of the Class of '59.



List of Lost Classmates

Our goal is to find each and every one before our 50th Class Reunion.
 If you have any information on the missing classmates listed below, please contact:
 Bob Wake, 630-718-9264, bobwake@wideopenwest.com



Adamski, Arlene	Kummerie, Esther	FOUND 05/08	Robertson, Janet Marie
Allen, John F.	Lambert, Michael Francis		Rousseau, Roy Vance
Anderson, Thomas E.	Lippencott, Martha Jean		Rudolph, Marilyn Kay
Bevan, Barbara Janice	Lyons, Edward Jr.		Rumpf, Mary Jean
Barker-Blackmore, Pat	MacAllister, John W.	DECEASED	Ryan, Teresa Maria
Beyer, Arthur	MacDonald, Sandra Jane		Schneider-Johnson, Patricia Kay
Bielinski, Bill	Manta, Carole Ann	FOUND 05/08	Schummer, Lynnae Carol
Bullock-Davis, Linda	Martin, Robert Keith		Siech-Sullivan, Barbara Ann
Burger, Diane Elizabeth	Mead, Mary Francis		Smith, Mary Elizabeth
Burns, MaryAlice	Metcalf, Billy Joe		Sorensen, G. Douglas
Carpenter, Stephanie	Mihalek, Judith Ann		Stach, Virginia Mary
Coryell, Thomas George	Miller, Jacqueline Elizabeth		Stafford, Margie
Devitt, Patricia Ellen or Elleen	Moses, Don S.		Sternal, Judith Barbara
Doerr, Robert	Myk, Catherine		Swan, Eileen Marie
Erickson Stanek, Lois	Nelson, Ellen		Szymanski, Barbara Ann
Franciskovich, Mark	Nelson, Lee		Terry, Peggy Sue
Frost, Bill	Nilson, Darlene A.		Thompson, Barbara A.
Gum, Bonnie C.	Ocasek-Barnett, Jean Ann		Thoms, Patrick George
Herzer, Margaret Helen	Page, Bernadine		Vene, Patricia
Holveck-Reibold, Joyce	Patterson, Michael S.		Walden, Bill
Jansen, William	Phillips, Phyllis Jean		Wilmotte, James
Johnson, Charles Durk	Price-Schultz, Susan J.		Wilson, Barbara Carol
Kanak, Barbara Marie	Reichard, Phyliss Ruth		Witkowski, Mary Elizabeth
Klages, Richard	Richter, Allen		Zbilski, Marilyn H.
Konvalinka, Milton	Roberts, Shelia Ann		

Golden Reflections Memory Book

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183 CLASSMATES WHO HAVE SENT IN THEIR BIO's—Please let us add your name to the list!

Ainslie, Diane	Cieciwa, Claudia	Gillon, Margaret	Koenig, Joy	Neumann, Chuck	Rosa, Susan	Sullivan, Jean
Ardinger, Charles	Clark, Loren	Giuliani, Jill	Kolstad, Fred	Nordvedt, Don	Roeske, Carol Ann	Syoen, Paul
Averill, Eleanor	Clark, Paul	Gloden, Frances	Kouzmanoff, Jerry	Oakley, Audrey	Rothenberger, Dale	Tabacik, Sue
Bakke, Howard	Cloud, Janet	Gould, Ralph	Kraus, Mary	O'Connell, Mary	Ruffer, Jack	Taggart, Bob
Balling, David	Conklin, Barbara	Gregory, Art	Kruk, John	O'Day Tina	Sander, Al	Taylor, Bobbie
Beehner, John	Coleman, Clifford	Grimes, Georgia	Kuehnau, Ken	O'Gorman, Pat	Sawyer, George	Thoma, Lois
Beier, Elaine	Conrad, Ron	Grundhoefer, Kathy	Kussow, Dave	O'Neil, Bob	Scharringhausen, Myrna	Torrens, John
Bendix, Bill	Conroy, Jean	Hadland, Ken	Ladas, Zeno	Olson, Jerry	Schiel, Skip	Voigt, Bob
Berg, Jack	Corteen, Pat	Hadzima, Joanne	Landmeier, Tom	Opsahl, George	Schmeichel, Dan	Vork, Karen
Berg, Kathy	Cosman, Janet	Hagberg, Marilyn	Larsson, Larry	Parkin, John	Schmidt, Rich	Wahl, Ed
Bjorgo, Jim	*Dean, Barbara	Hall, June	Lenehan, Karen	Parson, Nancy	Schmoyer, Judy	Wake, Bob
Blecke, Juanita	Dembinski, Delores	*Hansen, Neil	Leicht, Doug	Pauly, Joan	Schoenfeld, Carol	Warfman, Sherry
Bodor, Kathy	Deming, Nancy	Hedstrom, Sandy	Lunsmann, Jan	Pedersen, Joan	Schultz, Bob	Warnecke, Mike
Brawshaw, B'Ann	Dodge, Bill	Heintz, Jeff	Magnuson, Lee	Peterson, Sandy	Sheets, Stephanie	Weisenbach, Jon
Broadwell, Jill	Eich, Judy	Henkel, Tom	Mahler, Patty	Peterson, Lynda	Skarr, Cliff	Westberg, Ralph
Brodahl, Karen	Elterman, Cindy	Herdt, Fred	Maisel, Carol	Phillips, Warren	Snell, Gary	Whitelaw, Ed
Brown, Susan	Erber, Rich	Hirons, Peg	Malchow, Simone	Plambeck, Dick	Sowinski, Virginia	Wilson, Barb R.
Buick, Patrick	Erickson, Jim	Holmes, Ginny	Maschhoff, Lynn	*Posselt, Robin	Smith, Judy	Yager, Tip
Buren, Dave	Evenson, Robert	Ibbotson, Marj	Marks, Ron	Prahl, Karen	Smith, Melissa	Yager, Dick
Bussert, Virginia	Ferrill, Diane	Inkley, Jeff	Mees, Nancy	Pratt, Jeff	Spicer, Katie	Yates, Doug
Buttenob, Pam	Fischer, Fred	Janssen, Diane	Mielke, Marty	Purvis, Alan	Stadell, Lynn	Zeman, Dwight
Bycroft, Carol	Flack, Karen	Jansen, Sally	Mills, Martha	Randunz, Bill	Stadnick, Shirley	
Carlisle, Ann	Fricke, Ken	Johnson, Judy	Minetti, Toni	Raupp, Dan	Stevens, Sue	
Carlsen, Joan	Gaides, Frank	Johnson, Janice	Mors, Bill	Read, Bill	Steinmeyer, Ellen	
Carns, Jim	Galitz, Jan	Johnson, Mick	Muhly, Barbara	Ritchie, Ann	Stewart, Tom	
Chimis, Sherry	Garr, Roy	Kauffman, Mike	Myers, Wally	Roberts, Tom	Stiefbold, Betty	
Christman, Paul	Gerrard, Ed	Kehe, Roland	Neurauter, Bill	Rosa, Judy	Stofft, Joan	

*Written posthumously by family members