



Joplin Eagles

"JHS Class of '64"

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Welcome To Our 15th Edition

The Reunion is Coming! The Reunion is Coming!

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With apologies to Paul Revere and his need to mount up to get the word out that the British were just around the bend—we're just as urgent about spreading the news that our 50th JHS Class of '64 reunion is just around the corner.

I could go through a litany of reasons why you oughta show up. And, let's face it—even though we've planned some fun activities and the food will be good and Larry Don Williams' music will bring back lots of memories—that's not enough to get you to attend if you're on the fence.

What I can promise is that this reunion is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to celebrate the connections that we created more than half a century ago.

And for those who didn't feel a positive connection in high school—and that's a reality for some—it's an opportunity to have a different experience.

I can promise that many of the things that people didn't love about high school have vanished with the passing of time and with the tempering of life.

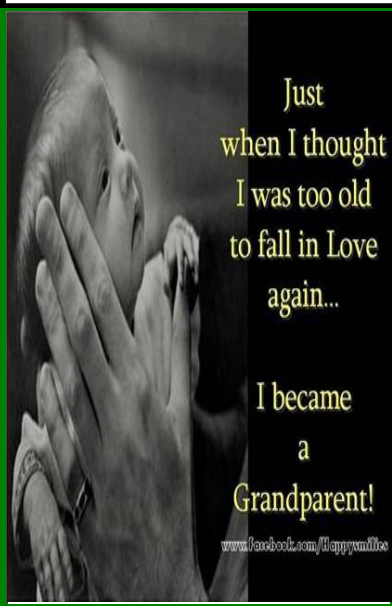
Here's a news flash: the cliques are dead. It no longer matters who was the homecoming queen or the quarterback or who was voted "most likely to."

What matters now is that you are a special part of a particular place and time that we all shared. And the fact that we may not have been able to realize the beauty of that in 1964 doesn't preclude our realizing it now.

We want you here no matter who or what you were **then or now**—gay or straight, fat or thin, geek or jock, insider or outsider, popular or not.

Let's make this 50th reunion a real "coming home," not just to Joplin but to one another, as members of an amazing community of people.

Jeanne Looper Smith



Just when I thought I was too old to fall in Love again... I became a Grandparent!

www.facebook.com/HappyMoms

I'm not sure what the afterlife will be like, but if it's filled with great books, that'll be just fine with me.

Reading is in my DNA and the love of it, which began in the Joplin Library, continues to be passed down to subsequent generations of my family.

My father devoured a book like a starving man approaches a sandwich. It was frustrating to give him a book on his birthday and have him finish it before the ice-cream that accompanied his cake had melted.

He passed away in late December of 1965 while my mother, seated at his hospital bedside, read to him from his newest book, "Douglas MacArthur Reminiscences." (A book I gave him for Christmas.)

I was of the "Johnny Can Read in Joplin" generation of kids who spent our grade school years in the 1950s immersed in the program that became nationally famous for placing kids into reading groups based on their ability rather than their grade level—and which I felt promoted reading as passion rather than punishment. In those early years, I couldn't get enough of books or the Joplin Children's Library.

My daughter, Melissa, is a voracious reader, whose love of books has been passed down to her four boys. Vincent, her oldest, is often seated with his Kindle in hand, reading the latest "Wimpy Kid" offering. And, even though he has an e-reader, which was a gift from my husband and me, he still logs lots of library time.

I was certain that I'd never succumb to the temptation of an elec-

tronic reader due to my love of books—real books. The tactile sensations of holding a book in my hand, the smell of the pages, and the palpable sense of how many people had pored over those pages before me, were compelling reasons to resist the lure of the new technology.

Several years ago my husband, Ross, gave me a Kindle and I've got to admit that I've learned to love it. It's possible to storehouse 1,400 books, and in our apartment, it's just more practical.

Even though I carry my Kindle like a guilty secret, I adore the convenience of taking the compact device along on appointments, assignments and airplanes. However, it will never have the draw of the Joplin Library.

I'm not talking about the low-slung modern brick building on Main that now occupies the setting of the historic Connor Hotel, but the original library that Andrew Carnegie gifted to the city of Joplin in 1902.

Carnegie's largess provided the money for libraries to be built in many cities and towns across America and gave their citizens access to a world beyond their borders.

The Carnegie Library, that beautiful columned structure on Wall Street, now sadly vacant, was the birthplace of my love of reading. The children's library in the basement of that elegant building held some of my favorite childhood memories.

On a recent trip to Joplin, Ross and I drove by the old building. I'm not sure if it was a good idea as its current condition doesn't re-

flect how it looked decades ago, in reality and certainly not in recollection.

The entrance to the children's library on the side of the old structure was filled with water from a recent downpour. A paper drink cup floated like a toy boat in the nearly lake-sized puddle that blocked the entry.

But when I closed my eyes as we stood there, more than fifty years melted away and that entrance to my childhood haven welcomed and invited me in.

In my memory I could see the sun streaming through the windows that illuminated the lower level of the building. There were rows and rows of colorful books—positioned on shelves just low enough for me to reach—that provided escape and excitement. There was a sense of being almost a grown-up when I took my collection of treasures to the desk to check them out with my very own library card—and that added to the adventure.

Lots of time and technology have transpired since I was last in that basement sanctuary. A fire engine's siren brought me back to the present and to an awareness that no matter how convenient, my Kindle will never replace the excitement of that special place that was for me a piece of paradise.

You know, the thought that heaven may be that kind of library seems absolutely heavenly. 📖

Jeanne Looper Smith grew up in Joplin and now lives in Kansas City, MO. You may share memories of Joplin with her at wistfulwordsmith@gmail.com

New facades scattered amidst the old will welcome us "home" as we gather to celebrate the 50th. Somewhat like us, I imagine, weathering the years while still maintaining the charm of yesterday!

Just as we are in different stages of life, so is our town. Our local classmates have experienced the losses and now see the many steps of progress moving along daily. Classmates returning after months or years will miss many of the former landmarks, yet at the same time, be pleasantly surprised how Joplin presents itself today.

I remember the articles I first wrote about the large trucks with giant claws grasping the debris of once familiar homes and schools. How dark the streets were for many weeks and what a glow of hope came when the first streetlights on E. 20th shone brightly one silent evening. That remains such a vivid memory for me as I wondered what it must be like for those across the world who had never known the luxury of electricity.

Other personal images were the cases of bottled water on street corners, food and first aid stations on Main St., parking lots filled with insurance vans, mobile tents for medical units, hundreds of visiting law enforcement teams, national guard members, individual volunteers, and finally flat-

beds of lumber and building materials arriving helped us realize the town would recoup. And, recoup we are!

The largest single building project is the new Mercy Hospital (formerly St. John's) located at S. Main and I-44. Costing \$335 million, it has 875,000 sq. ft. and will open in March, 2015. The exterior is mostly completed and interior work will soon focus on the medical offices and the 260 private patient rooms. Access roads already in use include a giant roundabout which one encounters if driving south to Redings Mill. Mercy is definitely making a positive statement as it continues to join Freeman Hospital in offering exceptional services for a community the size of Joplin.

The next largest construction site is Joplin High School which will open in August of 2014. The campus as we knew it extends several blocks to the west and south. At a cost of \$92 million, the 400,000 sq. ft. will include a 70,000 vocational tech center as part of the main building. The artful design will feature many open areas and window walls to create a spacious and natural setting. Other district schools will be completed in January of this year and the following year. Safe rooms are included in each new and existing school and will be open for neighborhood use at all times.

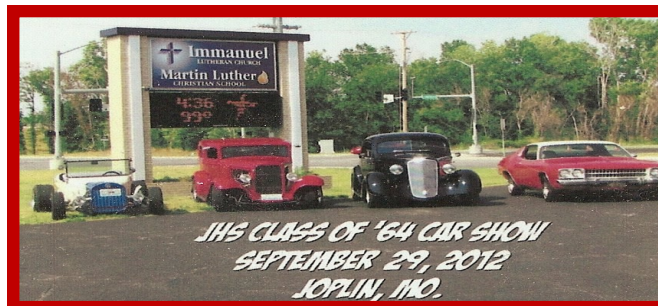
Multiple grants have been

awarded to the city and include: \$13 million for ADA compliant sidewalks; \$3.5 million for trees to replace the 20,000 lost; \$2 million for trails; \$10 million for streetscaping 20th St. from Main to Rangeline; \$20 million for the library portion of the library/theater complex; \$5.4 million for rehabilitation of Union Depot being converted into a performing and visual arts center; and \$40 million for a Joplin Commons which will be an athletic and recreation center having everything from a new senior center to Little League fields and an outdoor skateboard and BMX park. Other major grants have focused on housing and mental health services. Both federal and state funding have made possible the recovery phase that Joplin continues to experience.

While visiting during the 50th Reunion, I hope you will have time to explore the city and take pride in the effort put forth by city, state, and federal agencies, private industries, and locals, visiting volunteers and faith-based supporters. May the memories of times past remain in our hearts as we accept the new facades with gratitude. These buildings, maintaining the charm of future yesterdays, will welcome generations home as JHS alumnae continue to share the stories of their high school years. 🐾

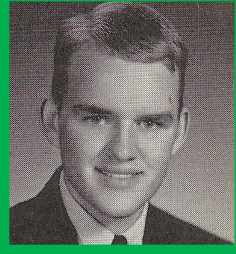
Phyllis Payne Sapp

JUNE 21st & 22nd 2014 Book It 50th Reunion



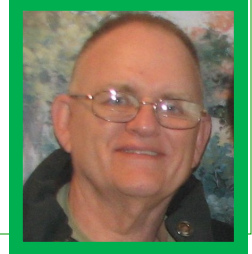
Help the Class Reunion Out & Own a Part of History

The JHS Class of '64 car show fundraiser awarded this Dash Plaque to the 43 entries. We only did a strike of 100 and sell the additional 57 to help with our 50th. If you would like to be the proud owner of our historical dash plaque, the cost is \$2.00. Now that's a real memory bargain folks. Please contact Carol Corbin Buck at csbuck64@aol.com or 417-483-3285 to arrange delivery.



Mike Clark - Bio

"Over the years our family has grown. Our four children have given us six grandchildren."



It is hard to believe that it has been almost fifty years since we left high school. My goodness, how do you start to tell your story of things that have happened over the span of fifty years? I have forgotten most of it. There is one period that stands out for me and I doubt that I'll ever forget and that was my navy career. I joined up in January of 1963 and during the summer of that year went to boot camp in Great Lakes, IL. Right after graduation I took a leave of absence from the Navy to attend the Coast Guard Academy. My academic endeavors at that school were somewhat lacking and I left in the in November of '65. My folks had moved to Arlington, TX, and that's where I went. While with the Coast Guard I had traveled to Bermuda, Washington D.C., most of New England, Panama, Mexico, LA California and Seattle, WA. In August of '65, while visiting my folks, I met a girl who was babysitting her cousins that lived in the house that backed

up to my parents' backyard. Her name is Joyce. Later on in November of 1968 she and I got married. If we make it to November of this year (our joke), we will have been married 45 years. We would have gotten married earlier, but I went on active duty with the Navy and Vietnam called loud and clear. During '67-'68, I was home ported in Yokosuka, Japan. It said that on paper but most of my time was spent off the coast of North and South Vietnam.

I was stationed aboard the USS Blue DD744, a destroyer of the U.S. 7th Fleet. We were in Destroyer Squadron 9 and the whole bunch of us was stationed in Yokosuka. We were most of the time on what we called the gun line "down south." While on the line, we fired gunfire support missions for the Army and Marine Corps as well as interdicting Viet Cong and North Vietnamese waterborne logistics craft. We'd go to General Quarters (battle stations) four to five times a

day. Most of the time we did all the shooting, but at times they'd shoot back. We got hit once by some of their artillery and several times after being shot at, we'd find shrapnel on the deck from exploding shells. These were exciting times and they will long be remembered. When I was separated from the Navy on November 1st '68, I went home to Arlington. Joyce and I were married on the 9th.

I immediately returned to college and worked part time. I graduated in 1970 with a BA degree. I had majored in History and English and a minor in Psychology. Jobs were hard to come by so I applied to Navy Officer Candidate School.

I had moved to Birmingham, AL, with a job and soon after moving the Navy called. In January of '72, I went to OCS in Newport, RI, and graduated in May of that year. My first assignment was as the Communications Officer on the USS Charles Berry DE1035.

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She was home ported in Pearl Harbor so we moved to Hawaii. By this time our family had grown and we had two children, a girl and a boy. Two weeks after Joyce and the kids arrived they were rudely introduced to the uncertain life of the family of a man assigned to a spy ship. Berry was specially equipped to observe and gather intelligence on Soviet ICBM test shots. Essentially we were checking up on our Russian "friends" to make sure that they were abiding by the treaties limiting our missile programs. It was a crazy time and we messed with them and them with us. I guess you could call it friendly rivalry. In '73 Berry was deployed to Westpac and we spent time in the Gulf of Tonkin. We rode out a typhoon while there and those were the roughest seas I've ever seen.

In January of '74, I transferred to USS Cochrane DDG 21 as the Communications Officer. In July of that year we had our third child, a daughter. When she was six weeks old I deployed again to Westpac. She was ten months old when I returned. While in Westpac I was made the ship's Navigator. On this cruise, I witnessed the fall of South Vietnam and the end of an era. Remember the pictures of the helicopters being pushed off the ships' decks? We were there. While returning to Ha-

waii, I decided that the Navy was not good for our family life. I resigned my commission and left the Navy in December of that year.

After thirteen years of both active and inactive service with the Navy I have 50% service connected disability to show for it and a thousand memories. Each year a bunch of us who served on Blue get together for a reunion. This year it is going to be held in Providence, RI, 19-21 September. Afterwards Joyce and I are going on a post retirement cruise for seven days. We embark on-board Royal Caribbean's "Brilliance of the Seas" in Boston on the 22nd and cruise to Maine and Canada. It should be fun. We are really looking forward to ten days of peace and relaxation.

I had several jobs after leaving the Navy and we had our fourth child, another boy. It was not until 1979 that I finally found my vocation. I started working in manufacturing as a machinist and in March of this year I retired as a tool and die maker. For the last twelve years I worked for Bledsoe Brace Systems, a division of General Orthopedics Group, in the tooling department. Bledsoe builds braces for just about any orthopedic condition. I was fortunate to be able to work there until I retired. Thirty three years in a trade that I really enjoyed was

great. While it was not as exciting as being shot at, it paid the bills and gave me a lot of personal satisfaction.

Over the years our family has grown. Our four children have given us six grandchildren. They range in age from one year to twenty-two years. Our oldest grandchild has given us three great grandchildren. Two of these kids lives with us. I never saw myself raising kids during my retirement. Surprise! It keeps us both tired and young. See you all next June! 🐾

Most of you know that classmate Janice Martin Hagan was diagnosed with cancer in one kidney this past summer. We received a card from her after her operation asking us to relay the following message

****To the Class of '64****

Thank you so much for the beautiful cards, get well messages & prayers over the last few weeks. I am feeling stronger everyday and so very blessed having received a cancer free diagnosis after my surgery. I really appreciate your thoughtfulness & look forward to seeing everyone next summer at our 50th reunion. Janice Martin Hagan
Note: *Jan informed me that she was leaving for Florida in late Sept. to soak up some fun & sun and was looking forward to dancing on a table at the 50th. Now that's worth coming to see.*



Joyce Tillman - Bio

"In my senior year my family bought a large farm between Joplin and Sarcoxie so I had to transfer to Sarcoxie High School"



As I read through the class newsletter and look at the pictures I ask myself "Where was I"? I don't remember the music or the teachers as some of you do. I came back for the last reunion because I had promised a fellow classmate (Harry Lanning) that I would; then he had the audacity to die before the reunion, but I still came because I had committed to it. I remembered a few names of people attending but couldn't remember any particular events we had in common. I don't think its Alzheimer's or some-timer's (sometimes I remember and then sometimes I don't) I just think my high school days were a blur in my life and I simply survived them. I remember more things from my grade school days than I do from high school. I went to Longfellow then onto North Junior High for 1 year then to East Junior High before JHS.

My parents owned Henry's Fine Foods and I spent most of my spare time working there as did my whole family so it didn't allow for a lot of play time which is why I think I don't remember as much as most. I certainly did my share of Pep Rallies, bonfires and football games and don't think I ever missed a dance so I know I had a good time – I just don't remember the particulars'.

Occasionally I will have a flashback of a slumber party or a date with fond memories but I lost track of people so long ago I question if they would remember it if I brought it to their attention.

In my senior year my family bought a large farm between Joplin and Sarcoxie so I had to transfer to Sarcoxie High School for the remainder of my Senior Year, which is why I am not in the JHS yearbook. I also got married that year and was blessed with my first son and then my second son arrived a year later, so life had given me a different path than most of you took. I moved away from the Joplin area in 1971 and returned for a short time in the early 80's leaving again in 1985 until the present. I have lived in Bettendorf, Iowa – Naperville, Illinois – Fairfax, Virginia and am currently living in the St. Louis area. Both of my sons, Edward & (wife) Mary Pat Thompson and Michael Thompson also live in the St. Louis area as do my 2 grandchildren (Michael II and Mia Mae) so I guess this is my home now. I considered moving back to Joplin as most of my family is still there but then decided since everyone was getting older it would be best for me to stay put here.

I became involved in real estate

while living in Bettendorf Iowa and now 40 years later it is still my career. For the last 20 years I managed a large real estate office in the St. Louis area and 4 years ago retired from management when the company I was with sold and then down-sized. Since my office was located in a rural area it was closed and I once again became an agent. I love it because it gives me the flexibility to spend more time with my grandchildren and do all of the things I said I was going to do one day. I also started rehabbing and flipping homes which were something I always wanted to do and am having a ball doing it. Last year I had open heart surgery which slowed me down for a little while but now that I am almost new and ready for a few more good years. My time is spent working, gardening, traveling and enjoying my grandchildren. I've been blessed with a good life and am ready to enjoy the rest of it with my little family. If anyone out there that has any memories of me that would jog my memory of days gone by I would appreciate hearing from you. 🐾

Want to look back? Put your mouse over photo and tells you who and what it is. Click on link. http://www.flickr.com/photos/blast_of_the_past/

Our sympathy is extended to classmate June Johnson Shelton's family for her passing on September 11, 2013.

http://parkermortuary.com/fh/obituaries/obituary.cfm?o_id=2233825&fh_id=10419

We also lost our classmate LaRaine Parker Rother on October 7, 2013. Our sympathy and prayers are with her family.

<http://obits.dignitymemorial.com/dignity-memorial/obituary.aspx?n=LaRaine-Rother&lc=2373&pid=167438073&mid=5692129>

We would like to offer our sympathy to classmate Janice McBride Bond for the passing of her husband David on August 31, 2013.

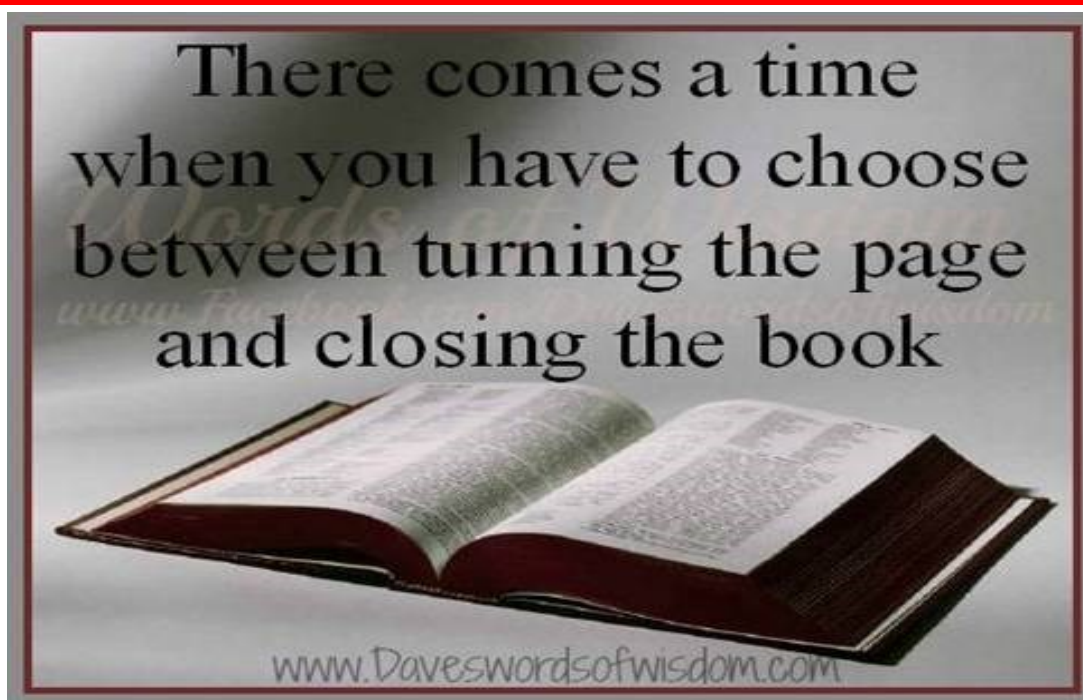
http://www.reserfuneralhome.com/fh/obituaries/obituary.cfm?o_id=2214316&fh_id=10476

Our prayers and condolences go out to classmate Martha Earhart in the loss of her Mother Alice, who passed away on October 4, 2013.

http://parkermortuary.com/fh/obituaries/obituary.cfm?o_id=2233825&fh_id=10419

Our sympathy and prayers are sent to classmate Don Bray in the loss of his Mother Dorothy on October 15, 2013.

http://www.masonwoodard.com/fh/obituaries/obituary.cfm?o_id=2287085&fh_id=10713



We still have classmates that we've classified as missing. If you have any idea where these classmates are, feel free to share with us so we can update our class directory. So please help us locate the following 29 classmates:

"Please check these names and help find our missing classmates"

Linda Baugh (Robards)

Patricia Kay Belk

Carol Blankenship

Richard Burns

Gary M Colvin

Larry Conboy (Phoenix, AZ area)

Johnie Coots (Seguin, TX area)

Merlene Garrison (Burris)

James "Jim" Hilton

Clair Howard

Robert "Bob" Jordan

Michelle Massey

La Donna Miller

Carol Munson (Wrench)

Emma Nunn

Mitchell "Pat" O'Brien

Judy Osborne (Gardner)

Richard Lee Pearson

Patty Riley (Brewer)

Drucilla Short

Connie Smith

Robert James "Bob" Smith

Robert Joe "Bob" Smith

William "Bill" Ray Stow

Shirley Teague

Mary Thornton (Reed)

Linda Vails

Thomas Warren (Chicago, IL area)

Paula Weinacht

(29 Missing)

Please help us out. In order to keep you informed and to value your input as we move toward our 50th Class Reunion, don't forget to include us on any changes in your contact information. You may do this on the by clicking on the following email address joplinmo64@joplinmo64.com, then enter your information and click on the "Send" tab, that's it folks. **If anyone has email addresses for Mike Watson - please share, what we had is no longer valid.**

Continuing to Follow the Chapman's

Taking that infamous 3 hour tour, not.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cfR7qxtqCgY>. Mike & Twyla Chapman leased their home in Joplin, bought a boat and hit the waters around North America. They also have a blog set up and post their adventures on it almost daily.

<http://yw8t.blogspot.com/>

Bio Contributors



*****Class Website*****

Our class website is in dire need of an update. Your 3 editors only have so much material to add to the website or to the newsletter and why we periodically reach out to you for your help in supplying copies of any old pictures, or current ones for that matter, of present or past events you or your family are or have enjoyed or been involved in. A story or hobby that you are doing that you would like to share with us, we would ever so much welcome. Pictures are really a blessing as we have aspirations on doing about a 2 hour slide show for our Friday "Meet & Greet" at the 50th and really need some electronic photos for that event. If you do not have a way to scan photos, we will be happy to do that and return to you unharmed. So if you get a moment to rummage through some old boxes or files and care to share your finds, we would be so appreciative. Help us make our website, newsletter and 50th High School Reunion the best one ever. Check us out at: www.joplinmo64.com.

To Our Class of 1964 Reunion Committee

Your Classmates cannot say **Thank You** enough for your efforts. What great respect we have for you, and having spent the time to make our historic reunion a wonderful success!

Because of your efforts, so many of your classmates are looking forward to our Back to the Future.

The Website and News Articles Committee that keep the Class of 64 heart beating:

David Knisley

Jeanne Looper Smith

Phyllis Payne Sapp

Thank You and Thank You and Thank You.

The Reunion Committee that has been working so hard to put it all together for 2014:

Jim Christiansen

Carol Corbin Buck

Stephanie White Everitt

Sharon Peters Arnold

Connie Culton Cox

Mardell Thomas Rouse

David Knisley

Ross and Jeanne Looper Smith

Phyllis Payne Sapp

We are all looking forward to the Reunion and thanking you all in person!

Walt Meador

Thanks so much Walt, kudos like this are always a welcome for us and so appreciated. 🙏

Your Editors

Congratulations Mary Ellen Franks Greer

JHS High School gym teacher and instructor Mary Ellen Franks Greer was elected by acclamation to be Speaker of the House for Silver Haired Legislation for MO 2014. Mrs. Greer has worked hard to accomplish this goal and noted that she was very proud of this achievement and we, the class of '64 add, justifiably so. Congratulations M E, we know you will be a success in Jefferson City, Missouri.

The only campaign we have going right now to raise additional money is the raffling of the beautiful Joplin quilt, designed and structured with care and love by classmate Jeanne Lewis. We also have a cutting board and bread server crafted by classmate John Keeling. We've since been notified that classmate Martha Earhart will be donating two handmade quilts that she is sewing. Raffle tickets are being sold for \$1 each, so that equals .25 cents a drawing. Hopefully we will have more donated merchandise added to the raffle program since it will not take place until the evening of our Saturday night banquet. If you care to purchase any of the raffle tickets in advance, just let us know at the class email address, joplinmo64@joplinmo64.com and send your check or cash to Stephanie White Everitt at 2821 Wisconsin, Joplin, MO 64804 and we will fill out the tickets with your name & phone number, and place them into the drawing barrel. Joplin locals may purchase tickets from Carol Corbin Buck & Jeannie Lind McAferty. That's all there is to it folks. You DO NOT have to be present to win.

\$1 Raffle Tickets Purchase & Own A Class Treasure \$1



The editorial team for content consists of Jeanne Looper Smith, Phyllis Payne Sapp and Dave Knisley. Please feel free to comment & contribute to the newsletter at joplinmo64@joplinmo64.com

June 20-21, 2014

The Friday & Saturday of June 20th & 21st of 2014 will be remembered as the celebration of our Joplin High School 50th Reunion. Mark your calendars now and make plans to join us for the festivities of a lifetime as we are only 7 1/2 months away.

Your Reunion Committee Members last met on Thursday, October 10th in Carl Junction, MO. Several topics were covered as we prepared to finalize some of the programs. Jeanne Looper Smith is chairwoman of the decorating committee and displayed her wares for the Saturday night banquet. We were awed at her choices and accomplishments and we feel confident that you too will be.

Phyllis Payne Sapp & Stephanie White Everitt accepted the challenge of developing the registration sheet and presented that to the committee. This will be distributed to ALL classmates during the release of our 4th quarter newsletter, which will be the end of January or the first part of February. It will be sent to the home address we show in our contact information and will contain a self addressed stamped envelope so all one has to do is fill it out, write a check and drop it in the mail. That's it. We will also attach it as a PDF file to the newsletter. Even if one is not attending the 50th for whatever reason, we would very much appreciate it if you would still fill out the contact information portion and return to us so we may include your information in the 50th class directory.

We know that cost for attending this event is or can be a primary concern. We have worked diligently trying to keep the cost as low as we possibly can and feel we have fairly well accomplished our goal in doing just that. This editor was never concerned with what other class reunions spent or plans to spend for their 50th, the main concern to me was to develop a program at the lowest cost possible and create a cataclysmic event that we will remember for the rest of our lives. And I feel we've done just that. The Holiday Inn has been great to work with and has given us pretty much carte blanche on setting up our decorations as well as the Meet & Greet program. Right now we have a guaranteed room rate of \$80 and that includes the \$10 breakfast buffet every morning. We are working to get that room rate lowered a tad, that's why we would like to know if you have plans on staying there. Right now we have 29 classmates wanting to book rooms and we would love to be able to go to Holiday Inn with 35 or 40 perspective rooms needed and use that as leverage, in hopes of getting an even lower rate. Everyone will be responsible for booking their own room, but DO NOT BOOK your room until we contact you with a rate or booking code. All we would like to know is if you plan on staying at the Holiday Inn and we can add to our room count.

For those arriving on Thursday, June 19th, let it be known that this is Joplin's Third Thursday event that is held in the evening from 5:30 to 8:30 between 1st Street to 7th Street. Some classmates may want to unite and attend, possibly even have dinner downtown.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at the class email address and we will assure you a quick response. Looking forward to seeing you all as we celebrate our 50th Class Reunion. joplinmo64@joplinmo64.com.

Dave Knisley

Ann Wheeler* (Don Christensen) H
 Betty Shanks
 Beverly Brown* (Roger Brown) ?
 Beverly Horton & Greg Moore%
 Billie Lenger & Dave Stockam
 Bob Carpenter* (Sandy) W
 Bob Linam* (Creola) W
 Bob Rose* (Donna) W
 Bruce McCaw*% (Jamie) W
 Carol Corbin* (Ed Buck) H
 Charlene Veteto*% (Mike Jones) H
 Charles Baker
 Connie Culton
 David Colvin* (Claudine) W
 David Knisley%
 Dean Papp
 Dennis Lea*% (Konnie)
 Dennis Smith*% (Nancy) W
 Dennis Triplett* (Patty) W
 Diana "Leigh" White%
 Diane Moore%
 Dick Smith* (Debbie) W
 Don Bray (Laura) W
 Don Cline
 Donna Atteberry
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 Donna Powers
 Donna Thurman* (Judy Smith) S
 Ellen Zwicker* (Chuck Arnce) H
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 Frank Metz*% (Norma Lee)
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 Harry Reaves*% (Leslie LaMons) F
 Hedy Barkley
 Janet Hale*% (Lee Tabin) H
 Jan Martin*% (Bill Hagan) H
 Janet Wetherell*% (John Brown) H
 Janice McBride%
 Janice Thornberry*% (Ron Mathews) H
 Jay Campbell

Jeanne Lewis
 Jeanne Lind
 Jerry Brackett*% (Marie) W
 Jim Christiansen
 Jim Keagy*% (Joanne) W
 Jim Krudwig* (Donna) W
 John "Larry" Buehner
 John Keeling* (Debbie) W
 Joyce Tillman
 Judy Greenwood* (Larry Muhr) H
 June Duvall
 Karen Trenary* (Tim Trenary) B
 Karol Tate
 Kathy Horton*% (Larry Roller) H
 Kathy Korn
 Larry Don Williams*% (Carolyn) W
 Larry Horine & Sue Trimble
 Linda Hensley* (Chuck Evans) H
 Linda Waltman
 Lonny Dixon
 Lyle Rosenberry* (Carolyn)
 Lynn Lawson* (Sandra)
 Mardell Thomas* (Charles)
 Marian Wolf*% (John Lehr) F
 Martha Earhart* (Jerald Wright) H
 Marvin Gray* (Marsha) W
 Mary Lee Cole
 Melanie O'Flaherty* (Friday Only)
 Mickey Moore*% (Cheryl)
 Mike Carper/Juanita Conner%
 Mike Mullenix* (Troy) W
 Mike Shipley*% (Jan) W
 Mitch Stephens* (Connie) W
 Mitch Stinnett* (Deborah) W
 Monty Gavin* (Cheryl) W
 Nancy Godfrey
 Nancy Hill
 Nita Dilworth
 Pam Franks* (Bruce McCormick) H
 Pam Key* (Lee Mascher) H
 Pat Aggus* (Don Noe) H
 Paula Mills*% (Ben Bartlett) H

Paul Trim (Kathy) W
 Perry Potter*% (Ginny) W
 Phillip "Butch" England
 Phyllis Payne
 Phyllis Phillips* (Mel Whitten) H
 Phyllis Wells* (Haley Edwards) H
 Rick Sadler* (Linda) W
 Robyn King* (Gary Wade) H
 Roger Brown
 Ronnie Kelly* (Mary) W
 Rosemary Kempt
 Ross Smith & Jeanne Looper%
 Sallie Schofield%
 Sharon Harrison*% (Steve Downs) H
 Sharon Peters
 Sherri Campbell* (Darrell Orender) H
 Stephanie White* (Jim Everitt) H
 Steve Campbell
 Susan Riley* (Joe Clement)
 Suzanne Gilmore* (Clark Smith) H
 Tom Harrison* (Sherry) W
 Tommie Brown
 Vicki Jones* (Walt Cornman) H
 Walt Meador* (Rhonda) W
 Wayne Hampton* (Barbara) W

***Spouse or Guest**

%Staying @ Holiday Inn (29)

114 Classmates / 1 Friday Only

66 Guests / 1 Friday Only

180 Total for Banquet

23 Banquet Tables

Remember June 20-21, 2014

Please look this over and notify us of any changes that may be needed. Are you showing a guest & staying at the Holiday Inn? Make sure your information is correct.

During our last committee meeting I brought up the fact that effective July 2014 our class website & class email will expire. I met with our provider and asked what a renewal cost would be. He stated that he would give us another 5 year contract for the website and the email address with a continuance of posting our quarterly newsletter and archiving the old ones as well as redesigning our website and all for a cost of \$150 for the five years. It's like a bargain we can't refuse, but I have ask myself as do some of your other editors, just how important is our website, email and newsletter to you?

We send the newsletter out to 250 classmates, that's how many we have email addresses on. We have 123 classmates that we have snail mail address & phone, but no email on. And 30 classmates with just an address, but no phone or email. Of course we have the 29 that we are looking for their whereabouts, so we can collect contact information on them.

Now, after saying all this, I ask you, just how important is the class newsletter to you? How about the class website? We do hear from a few classmates on a regular basis and they may comment about an article or even offer content for us to use and believe me, that's a blessing. But those folks are few and far between. So I ask you, if you do not wish to be bothered by receiving the newsletter, please let us know, we will abide by your wishes. On the same token, if you do enjoy it, just say so and we will keep you informed and send it quarterly to your personal computer. Material for the website should be everyone's concern. You have 3 editors, so we depend on you to offer pictures, stories and ideas to make it something to be proud of. So let us hear from you, voice your thoughts by clicking on our email and type away. Dave Knisley

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"Be Thankful for Birthdays"

