



Joplin Eagles

"JHS Class of '64"

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Our Next Issue will be April 2022

"Hello JHS Class of '64 Classmates & Friends!"

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As we kickoff this newsletter we first of all apologize for being a month tardy. It's been some kind of a year for your editor that started in February with a severed Achilles, then March brought on the blood clots in my left ankle, leg, lower abdomen and finally into both lungs. Through many well wishes and prayers I was fortunate enough to overcome all that and was only on blood thinners for 4 months and was back to a so-called normal. Then last week on October 4th I was cleaning house and after vacuuming then using my Rug Doctor cleaner I had wrapped that up when I turned and the old sports knee popped on me and down I went, doing a butt plant on the living room floor. I discovered that I had broken my hip and needed the socket and ball replaced. I had that procedure Tuesday afternoon and I was released on Wednesday afternoon. Needless to say movement has been slow and with the use of a walker and coaching from past classmates that have gone before me like Bruce McCaw I am on target for mending in style.

That was my excuse for being tardy and that's the way it was.

Now to get to the meat of the newsletter.

On September 21st we had our first class reunion meeting with the following members present; Connie Culton Cox, Sharon Peters Arnold, Stephanie White Everitt, Mike Shipley and yours truly Dave Knisley. Jim Christiansen and Carol Corbin Buck were out of pocket for medical reasons.

Earlier in the day I had met with Rebecca Grinneger, Marketing & Sales Manager of the Holiday Inn.

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I also met with Kristie Barley, formerly of the Holiday Inn but now with the La Quinta which was formerly the Ramada Inn and where our 40th class reunion was held. A total remodeling job was done and both hotels are sharp inside and out. The La Quinta is catered by Old Chicago and no, it's not just pizza and sandwiches. The one drawback is it's about 2/3 the size of the Holiday Inn banquet room. We are awaiting the banquet cost of the La Quinta. The Holiday Inn 3 meat banquet is the same as it was for our 55th, the only change is they have increased the room stay by \$30 a night. I am working on getting that back to the 55th rate.

Larry Don has requested to play for the Saturday night banquet again and we can't beat the cost for a live band as it's ZERO to the class fund and Larry Don is personally taking care of the band members.

It has also been mentioned that we could have a disc jockey playing some favorites during the Friday Meet & Greet. Much like the virtual jukebox that my brother Mike Knisley came from Springfield and set up for us to use, and that was quite the hit and sure brought back some Eagles Nest memories.

Of course all classmates thoughts on the reunion will be appreciated and brought before the committee for discussion and vote. We also contact classmates and ask for their opinion on many things.

The big change for this event over the last two is the décor. We have decided that is not all that important and will discuss with the chosen hotel as to what they may have to offer that falls under the free category.

Our goal is to make the event very cost affordable as we did in the last two reunions. You get a 3-meat buffet as well as all the appetizers offered at our Meet & Greet, not to mention a live band and virtual jukebox, class directory, a DVD and two days to enjoy the party and not spend more than \$30 a person for the entire event.

We've come long way in setting up these events and have had great feedback from those in attendance. The 50th was a smashing success and we seated 224 people and then the 55th comes along and I was the first to say that this won't have 70 in attendance. When we met with the Holiday Inn we were told that they could seat 165 people at tables of 8 but when the band started playing, they would have to breakdown three tables for the dance floor. I just knew that won't have to happen. Well, it did happen as we ended up with 168 in attendance and six of us ate out in the hallway, that being Dick & Dot Espy, the three class of '65 volunteers and myself. So, no predictions from me on this one.

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The one thing that helps in not missing the attendance by many is our planning. We did very well for the 50th and we were cutting it close for the 55th. Now the 58th is upon us in a little less than 8 months. So, we come to you just asking if you are contemplating on attending the 58th. We did have several that responded to the last newsletter saying they would be there and we thank you for the reply. If there is an inkling that you may show, we would love to know that and it's very simple to do that, just click on this link: joplinmo64@joplinmo64.com letting us know that you have aspirations on attending the event next June 10th & 11th and departing after the breakfast on the 12th.

Again, we really can't express the utmost importance of just letting us know or even letting us know you are undecided as we've found that many undecided come through.

We will be having another class reunion meeting to do some final planning with the hotel of our choice. So any questions or concerns you may have can be brought to our attention using the email above.

Jim Christiansen is already geared to hook up with the Schifferdecker folks after the first of the year, so golf will be on the agenda again, that gives you time to practice yelling "Fore."

We will also be discussing the financial situation and if we will be doing certain events to raise money as we did in the past, like a car show. As usual we love to see contributions in any amount coming in and those may be sent to our class treasurer Stephanie White Everitt and made out to Joplin Class of 64, 2821 Wisconsin Ave, Joplin, MO 64804-2868

Since we've done two videos, pro bono by Dick & Dot Espy and we have now upgraded our class website at joplinmo64.com and feature several still pictures as well as the videos of the reunions I personally think it best if we enhance the photo side of the website and plan on Dick & Dot using their photo skills to take several class-mate shots that we can have Brian, our web guru, place on our webpage.

Basically this is letting you now that laying the foundation for the 58th reunion is underway and hopefully within 4 or 5 weeks we will have a decision on where it will be held and the cost to attend and the cost for rooms.

Again, your input for the reunion is welcomed and input for the class newsletter is ever more so important, just open up your fingers and let walk across the keyboard and leave a comment or make a suggestion or suggestions that help us make it better and better.

The 1st annual Class of '64 scholarship was awarded May 14 at the JHS 2021 Senior Scholarship Award Night. Representing our class, Mike Greenstreet shared the following with students and families present just after Posting of the Colors:

It's my understanding coming from classmate Phyllis Payne Sapp that the recipient is doing well and is ever so grateful for the award.

I contacted John Keeling, the author of the scholarship and he sent back this reply for posting in the newsletter.

Every year about this time, our kids ask us what we want for Christmas. We used to tell if they bring us anything, it better be something we can all eat or drink while they're here. A few years ago, we ask that they just make a donation to a charity. Our youngest daughter asked me a few days ago what we'd like, and I told her to make a donation to the Henson-Horton-Rippee Memorial Scholarship.

How heartwarming John and a great time for this to be part of our newsletter.

Phyllis Payne Sapp added this comment.

How nice John. I don't know the late April or May scholarship date yet, but I'll let you know when I do. I expect it will be open for guests to attend. I would love to have you make the presentation this year, John, if you can be in town.

Let's not forget the CD that Mike Greenstreet produced and followed through with.

For those that would like a copy of the CD, please contact Mike and he would be happy to send you one. Just mail the donation that you can afford plus a shipping cost of \$3 and send to:

Mike Greenstreet

2008 E 45th St

Joplin, Mo. 64804

1-417-529 -3655

Any questions or concerns feel free to email me at mlgsr@att.net

Let it be known that I will forward the proceeds to our treasurer Steph Everitt.

Mike Greenstreet Class of '64

Keeping you in the loop as we honor our three classmates that gave their all.

Brent Horton

Jon Rippee

Clark Henson

1. Apples, not caffeine, are more efficient at waking you up in the morning.
2. Alfred Hitchcock didn't have a belly button..
3. A pack-a-day smoker will lose approximately 2 teeth every 10 years.
4. People do not get sick from cold weather; it's from being indoors a lot more.
5. When you sneeze, all bodily functions stop, even your heart!
6. Only 7 per cent of the population are lefties.
7. Forty people are sent to the hospital for dog bites every minute.
8. Babies are born without kneecaps. They don't appear until they are 2-6 years old.
9. The average person over 50 will have spent 5 years waiting in lines.
10. The toothbrush was invented in 1498.
11. The average housefly lives for one month.
12. 40,000 Americans are injured by toilets each year.
13. A coat hanger is 44 inches long when straightened.
14. The average computer user blinks 7 times a minute.
15. Your feet are bigger in the afternoon than any other time of day.
16. Most of us have eaten a spider in our sleep.
17. The REAL reason ostriches stick their head in the sand is to search for water.
18. The only two animals that can see behind themselves without turning their heads are the rabbit and the parrot.
19. John Travolta turned down the starring roles in 'An Officer and a Gentleman' and 'Tootsie.'
20. Michael Jackson owns the rights to the South Carolina State Anthem.
21. In most television commercials advertising milk, a mixture of white paint and a little thinner is used in place of the milk.
22. Prince Charles and Prince William NEVER travel on the same airplane, just in case there is a crash.
23. The first Harley Davidson motorcycle built in 1903 used a tomato can for a carburetor.
24. Most hospitals make money by selling the umbilical cords cut from women who give birth. They are used in vein transplant surgery.
25. Humphrey Bogart was related to Princess Diana. They were 7th cousins.
26. If coloring weren't added to Coca-Cola, it would be green.

Contribution from Connie Culton Cox
They are ALL true Now go back and think about #16!!!

The Horse Rider

When I was a kid, I would ride Betty Grable's horse at the Paramount western movie studio. She wanted the horse to be ridden some, as she was too busy to ride very much.

My father knew someone who was involved with the ranch. My dad owned a horse and kept it at this ranch. We would go there to ride. Betty Grable wanted her horse to be ridden, as she wasn't there often. There was a complete western town there, used for movies. I would play there, then go home and see the Cisco Kid on TV, riding through the same town I was just at. Only the sheriff's office was a real building. The rest were just fronts. Ride em cowboy!



I remember driving around the Grand Lake/Buffalo Ranch area and the old Burma Shave signs galore. They were also around the Ginger Blue/Noel, MO area.

**DON'T STICK YOUR ELBOW
OUT SO FAR
IT MAY GO HOME
IN ANOTHER CAR.
Burma Shave**

**SHE KISSED THE HAIRBRUSH
BY MISTAKE
SHE THOUGHT IT WAS
HER HUSBAND JAKE.
Burma Shave**

**TRAINS DON'T WANDER
ALL OVER THE MAP
'CAUSE NOBODY SITS
IN THE ENGINEER'S LAP.
Burma Shave**

**DON'T LOSE YOUR HEAD
TO GAIN A MINUTE
YOU NEED YOUR HEAD
YOUR BRAINS ARE IN IT.
Burma Shave**

**DRIVER SNOOZING
WHAT HAPPENED NEXT
IS NOT AMUSING.
Burma Shave**

**CAUTIOUS RIDER
TO HER RECKLESS DEAR
LET'S HAVE LESS BULL
AND A LITTLE MORE STEER.
Burma Shave**

**BROTHER SPEEDER
LET'S REHEARSE
ALL TOGETHER
GOOD MORNING, NURSE
Burma Shave**

**SPEED WAS HIGH
WEATHER WAS NOT
TIRES WERE THIN
X MARKS THE SPOT.
Burma Shave**

**THE MIDNIGHT RIDE
OF PAUL FOR BEER
LED TO A WARMER
HEMISPHERE.
Burma Shave**

**NO MATTER THE PRICE
NO MATTER HOW NEW
THE BEST SAFETY DEVICE
IN THE CAR IS YOU.
Burma Shave**

**AROUND THE CURVE
LICKETY-SPLIT
BEAUTIFUL CAR
WASN'T IT?
Burma Shave**

**THE ONE WHO DRIVES
WHEN HE'S BEEN DRINKING
DEPENDS ON YOU
TO DO HIS THINKING.
Burma Shave**

I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 60 years later. I don't have to go to school or work. I get an allowance every month. I have my own pad. I don't have a curfew. I have a driver's license and my own car. The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant and I don't have acne. Life is great. I changed my car horn to gunshot sounds. People get out of the way much faster now.

Gone are the days when girls used to cook like their mothers. Now they drink like their fathers.

I didn't make it to the gym today. That makes five years in a row. I decided to stop calling the bathroom "John" and renamed it the "Jim". I feel so much better saying I went to the Jim this morning.

Old age is coming at a really bad time.

When I was a child I thought "nap time" was a punishment. Now it feels like a small vacation.

The biggest lie I tell myself is... " I don't have to write that down, I'll remember it".

I don't have gray hair... I have "wisdom highlights"! I'm just very wise.

If God wanted me to touch my toes, He would've put them on my knees.

Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven't met yet.

Why do I have to press one for English when you're just going to transfer me to someone I can't understand anyway?

Of course, I talk to myself. Sometimes I need expert advice.

At my age "Getting Lucky" means walking into a room and remembering what I came in there for.

I have more friends I should send this to, but right now I can't remember their names.

Now, I'm wondering... did I send this to you, or did you send it to me?

Did you know?

By replacing your potato chips with grapefruit as a snack you can lose up to 90% of what little joy you still have left in your life.



Never blame someone else for the road you're on.

That's your own asphalt



Day 4 and they suspect nothing 🤔🤔



I think my dog always follows me to the bathroom because I always follow him outside and he thinks that's the way it works.



YOU REMEMBER THESE SAYINGS? WHERE HAVE THEY GONE?

Mergatroyd? Do you remember that word?

Would you believe the spell-checker did not recognize the word, Mergatroyd

Heavens to Mergatroyd!

The other day a not so elderly (I say 75) lady said something to her son about driving a Jalopy; and he looked at her quizzically and said, "What the heck is a Jalopy?" He had never heard of the word jalopy! She knew she was old ...But not that old.

Well, I hope you are Hunky Dory when you read this and chuckle.

About a month ago, I illuminated some old expressions that have become obsolete because of the inexorable march of technology.

These phrases included: Don't touch that dial; Carbon copy; You sound like a broken record; and Hung out to dry.

Back in the olden days we had a lot of moxie . We'd put on our best bib and tucker, to straighten up and fly right.

Heavens to Betsy!

Gee whillikers!

Jumping Jehoshaphat!

Holy Moley!

We were in like Flynn and living the life of Riley ; and even a regular guy couldn't accuse us of being a knucklehead, a nincompoop or a pill. Not for all the tea in China!

Back in the olden days, life used to be swell, but when's the last time anything was swell? Swell has gone the way of beehives, pageboys and the D.A.; of spats, knickers, fedoras, poodle skirts, saddle shoes, and pedal pushers.

Oh, my aching back! Kilroy was here, but he isn't anymore.

We wake up from what surely has been just a short nap, and before we can say, "Well, I'll be a monkey's uncle!" Or, "This is a fine kettle of fish!" We discover that the words we grew up with, the words that seemed omnipresent, as oxygen, have vanished with scarcely a notice from our tongues and our pens and our keyboards.

Poof, go the words of our youth, the words we've left behind. We blink, and they're gone. Where have all those great phrases gone?

Long gone: Pshaw, The milkman did it. Hey! It's your nickel. Don't forget to pull the chain. Knee high to a grasshopper.

Well, Fiddlesticks! Going like sixty. I'll see you in the funny papers. Don't take any wooden nickels. Wake up and smell the roses.

It turns out there are more of these lost words and expressions than Carter has liver pills.

This can be disturbing stuff! (Carter's Little Liver Pills are gone too!)

Leaves us to wonder where Superman will find a phone booth.

See ya later, alligator! Okidoki .

A moment of reflection for matured people like us.

My doctor asked if anyone in my family suffered from mental illness. I said, "No, we all seem to enjoy it.

I thought growing old would take longer.

My bucket list: keep breathing.

Camping: where you spend a small fortune to live like a homeless person.

Just once, I want a username and password prompt to say, "Close enough."

Being an adult is the dumbest thing I have ever done.

I'm a multitasker. I can listen, ignore and forget all at the same time!

Retirement to do list: Wake up. Nailed it!

Went to an antique auction and people were bidding on me.

People who wonder if the glass is half empty or half full, miss the point. The glass is refillable.

I don't have grey hair; I have wisdom highlights.

Sometimes it takes me all day to get nothing done.

I don't trip, I do random gravity checks.

My heart says chocolate and wine, but my jeans say, please, please, please eat a salad!

Never laugh at your spouse's choices. You are one of them.

One minute you're young and fun. The next, you're turning down the car stereo to see better.

I'd grow my own food if only I could find bacon seeds.

Losing weight doesn't seem to be working for me, so from now I'm going to concentrate on getting taller.

My body is a temple; ancient and crumbling.

Common sense is not a gift. It's a punishment because you have to deal with everyone else who doesn't have it.

I came. I saw. I forgot what I was doing. Retraced my steps. Got lost on the way back. Now I have no idea what's going on.



@K4KNOWLEDGE

DID YOU KNOW?

OCTOPUSES HAVE COPPER-BASED BLOOD INSTEAD OF **IRON-BASED BLOOD**, WHICH IS WHY THEIR **BLOOD IS BLUE** RATHER THAN **RED**.



@K4KNOWLEDGE

DID YOU KNOW?

THERE IS A **STRESS HORMONE** CALLED **CORTISOL** THAT IS **CONCENTRATED IN TEARS**. YOU **LITERALLY CRY OUT YOUR STRESS**.



WLEDGE

DID YOU KNOW?

Humans are born with two fears: **falling** and **loud noises**. **Every other fear is learned**.



@K4KNOWLEDGE

DID YOU KNOW?

HUGS THAT LAST OVER 20 SECONDS RELEASES **CHEMICALS** IN YOUR **BODY** CALLED "**OXYTOCIN**" THAT MAKES YOU **TRUST SOMEONE MORE**.



KNOWLEDGE

DID YOU KNOW?

THE WORLD'S QUIETEST ROOM IS -9 DECIBELS, QUIET ENOUGH TO **HEAR YOUR BLOOD FLOWING**.



WLEDGE

DID YOU KNOW?

BANANA IS A HAPPY FRUIT. EATING JUST ONE CAN **HELP YOU RELIEVE IRRITABLE EMOTIONS**, ANGER OR **DEPRESSION**.

Remembrances and Sympathy to our Classmates and Family:

Sympathy is extended to our classmate Mardell Rouse and family for the passing of her son Stewart. <https://www.parkermortuary.com/obituary/stewart-rouse>

Our heartfelt condolences are given to the family of our classmate Billie Sue Lenger Stockam for the passing of her brother Steve. <https://masonwoodard.com/book-of-memories/4713590/Lenger-Stephen/index.php>

Prayers and blessing go out to the family of classmate Kathryn Edens Miller for her passing. <https://www.parkermortuary.com/obituary/7628642>

TEXTING FOR SENIORS

Since all the "kids" have all their little texting codes... like BFF, LOL, etc...

Here are some codes for seniors:

ATD - At the Doctor's

BFF - Best Friends Funeral

BTW - Bring the Wheelchair

BYT - Bring Your Teeth

CBM - Covered by Medicare

FWIW - Forgot Where I Was

PBL - Pacemaker Battery Low

GBM - Good Bowel Movement

IMHO - Is My Hearing-Aid On?

OFCGU - On the Floor, Can't get Up!

WNO - Walker-wheels Need Oil

LKI - Laxative Kicking in!

We still have 15 classmates unaccounted for. If you have any idea where these classmates could be, feel free to share with us so we can update our class directory. The blue font is where they were living when we lost contact with them.

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

Gary M Colvin

Rayma Jean Coy (Tulsa, OK area)

James "Jim" Hilton

Clair Howard

La Donna Miller

Carol Munson (Wrench) (Bell, MO)

Emma Nunn

Judy Osborne (Gardner) (Joplin)

Richard Lee Pearson

Patty Riley (Brewer) (Joplin)

Naomi June Shelton (Possibly Deceased)

Drucilla Short

Robert Joe "Bob" Smith

Jack Sneed

William "Bill" Ray Stow

"If You Change Your Contact Information"

Please help us out. Don't forget to include us on any changes in your contact information. If you should move or change telephone, snail mail address or email address please let us know. It's very easy and you may do so by clicking on the following link joplinmo64@joplinmo64.com, and enter your information, then click "Send".

Points to Ponder



DID YOU KNOW?

A **TIGER'S TONGUE** IS SO ROUGH, IT CAN LICK THE **PAINT OFF BUILDINGS** AND **STRIP THE SKIN** FROM THE BONES OF AN **ANIMAL**.



DID YOU KNOW?

ELEPHANT CAN **SMELL WATER** FROM **3 MILES AWAY**.



Bruce McCaw



Mardell Thomas



Jim Christensen



Sharon Peters



Larry Don Williams



Stephanie White



Jeanne Lewis



Donna Drake



Ross Smith



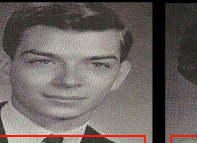
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Marvin Gray



Phyllis Payne



Regan Thomas



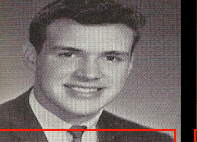
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John Keeling



Joyce Tillman



Mitch Stinnett



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Mike Mullenix



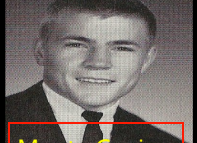
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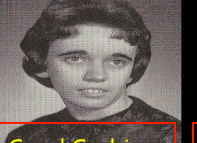
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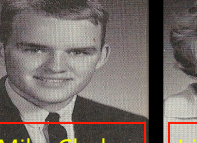
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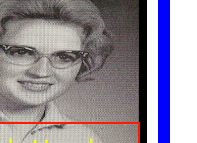
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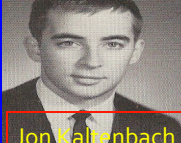
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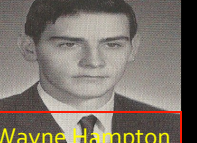
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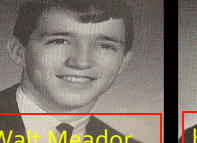
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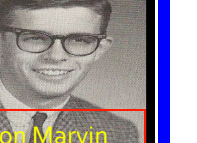
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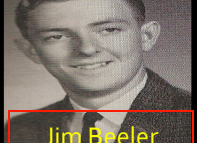
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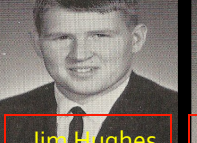
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Linda Graves



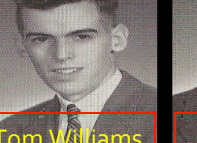
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Jim Hughes



Sharon Harrison



Tom Williams



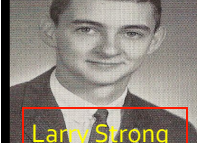
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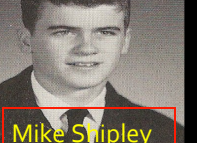
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Bob Havens



Larry Strong



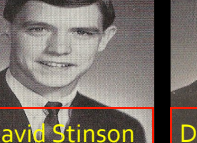
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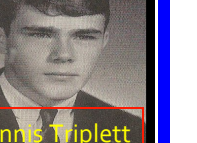
Calvin Divine



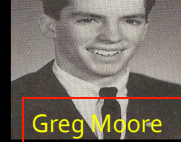
Dave Knisley



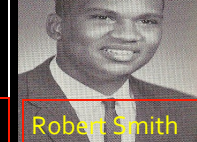
David Stinson



Dennis Triplett



Greg Moore



Robert Smith



Billie Lenger

We are still patiently waiting for your bio to be added to the wall of fame.

There is plenty of room to add folks to the bio section, how about joining in?

I'm thinking the wrap to this newsletter should be the upcoming class reunion. We voted after the 55th reunion if we should have a reunion every three years instead of every 5 years. We had no one that voted nay to that so we decided on the 3 year program. In researching this I have found that several schools have an every three year reunion and some do it every other year. Living in Kansas City, MO I found that several schools have just a school reunion and there is no class year to celebrate. I feel we are on target with every three years and as we age we may see an every other year get together.

Pulling it all together doesn't happen by osmosis, it takes planning, working with the host hotel and coming up with interesting Meet & Greets that give several a chance to reconnect after 3 years, 5 years and for some even longer.

We take pride in making our reunion the model for others that come to us asking how we did or do what we do. What makes the class reunion committee is we work together and the key to planning the event all hinges on classmates helping out behind the scene and most important is just letting us know in advance about attending the reunion.

Even though this was covered in the first few pages, we deem the importance of this being our cornerstone for proceeding full steam ahead in getting all our I's dotted and T's crossed. Once we've come to what we feel is a comfortable number of attendees, then we can finalize with the host hotel on the banquet and Meet & Greet servings.

So, take a moment and if you feel the urge to attend just send us an email saying I'm in and if you have a guest. It's very easy to do, just click on the following link joplinmo64@joplinmo64.com and let us know and that's all there is to it.

We do look forward to these events and reconnecting to those we possibly haven't seen in sometime and basically just do some catching up.

That's it folks, sure hope you consider getting out and join us as we relive the past and catch up on the future. DK



Dave Knisley