

# FRESNO HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1955 NEWSLETTER

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In memory of the following classmates

Michael Mulford ?  
Patricia Mulford ?  
Judy Woodruff Ellescas 3/04/07  
Sandra Mowrey Ponsart 3/17/08  
Diane DeTar Waits 3/24/09  
Harvey Bardsley 3/11/10  
Shirley Main Pratt 5/26/10  
George W. Walker 6/14/10  
Carrie Carley Guyermelli 8/1/10  
Gary Stockton 10/6/10

## REUNION NOTES

I am reporting in on our 55<sup>th</sup> reunion. All I can say is WOW! What an incredible response we had. As we gathered for dinner, I just stood and watched one after another classmate/spouse/friend come through the door and fill up our dinner tables. Five years of planning and eight newsletters paid off.

We had six classmates who came from outside our borders. Including the roundtrip, they traveled more than 40,000 miles.

We had more than 80 people show up on Friday night in the lounge for an informal get together. Of course we had close to 70 people staying at the hotel. We had 85 for the classmate coffee, which seems to be one of the most popular events. We filled the Crystal Room with 200 classmates and guests who enjoyed a great dinner, door prizes, and awards. On Sunday, we were again amazed that 85 classmates attended the no-host champagne brunch for which the hotel is well known. Person after person said this was the most fun reunion they had ever attended. The best part was watching classmates talk non-stop, catching up with each other.

We shared the facility with the New Mexico State football team. Because they needed to use our ballroom more than anticipated, the hotel made many concessions to us. They did all the set up for coffee, dinner and brunch, which made our lives less stressful. . On Sunday we had four drawings for complimentary brunches given to us by the catering department. Four Points by Sheraton went way beyond the call of duty for us. Our many thanks go to Debbie Quinn, Catering Manager. Of course a big thank you to my committee for all its hard work over five years. Special thanks to John White who agreed long ago to MC the program and my VBF Arnold Joyal for spending so much time on this newsletter and the CD we will be offering.

My heartfelt thanks to all who attended the reunion. You made it so special. We will hit the ground running in preparations for the 60<sup>th</sup> in 2015. Egad! How old are we?

## FIRST TIMERS AT A REUNION



Joyce DuBois Stevenson, Floyd Yearout, Roberta Williams Roberts, Jeri McElligott Egholm, and Lynn Masterton.

## FARTHEST TRAVELER



Our farthest traveler was Jeri McElligott Egholm, who traveled from Samsö, Denmark, approximately 11,200 miles round trip. She was the star attraction at the reunion. (see the elementary school pictures behind Jeri)

**HONORABLE MENTION TRAVELLERS**



Fred Bergander, Juneau, AK.; Jane Tradewell Huff, Lahaina, HI; David DeMark, Wailuku, HI; Larry Walters, Cabo San Lucas, MX; and Sandy Whyte Moore, Kehei, HI.

Lynne Nyeland Smith, Karen Olson Stern, Ken Petron, Marlene Phillips Rutledge, LaVonne Schiller Aldag, Iva Smith Wilcox, Patrick Turner, Patricia Upton Andersen, Ed Vagim, Bob Van Galder, Larry Walters, Liz Whepley Bawden, Norman Wilkinson, John White, and Shannon Wong.



**OLDEST GRANDPARENT AWARD**



If you can believe it, we have three classmates who became grandparents at 72:  
Bob Franks, Niel Davidson, and Rosanne Jensen.



**PERFECT ATTENDANCE**

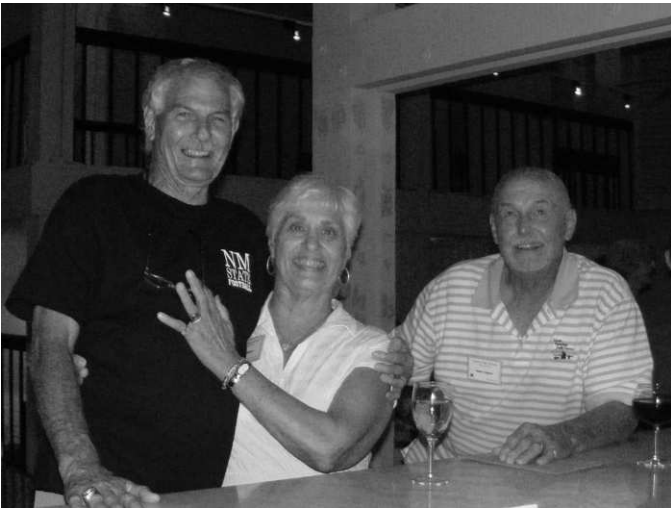
We have so many class members (36 in all) who have attended every reunion that the scene was more than a little chaotic when this award was presented. The following three pictures hopefully captured most of them. The "Perfect Warriors" are Deanna Amos Tarr, Hugh Awtrey, Richard Berberian, Don Brannon, Joanne Canfield Morgan, Lowell Carruth, Leilani Cook Slagel, Pat Croll Brannon, Lewis Dann, Elvin Dau, Ben Eichman, Robert Emerzian, Pete Farrar Joan Goodall Cox, Janice Griesner Whittington, Jean Inaba Tonooka, Rosanne Jensen, Patricia Kent Smayda, Beverly Martell Giannopulos, Nancy McLaughlin Rideout, Dale Morgan,



**FRIDAY NIGHT MEET/ GREET**

This was an informal non-event. We had so many classmates staying at the hotel the committee decided to be available to greet anyone who wanted to come and meet us in the lounge.

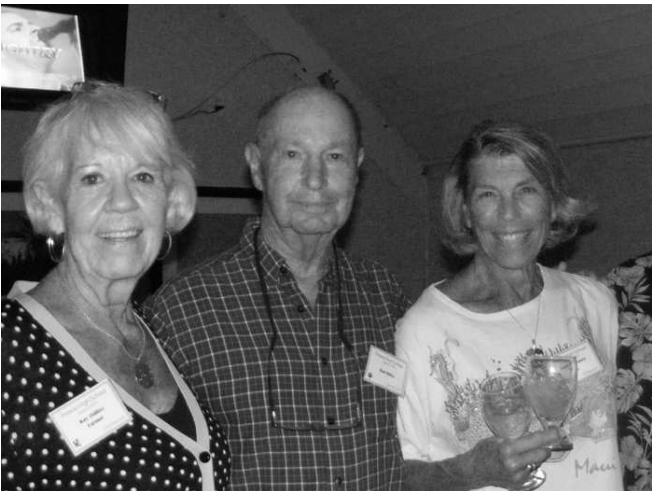
**CLASSMATE COFFEE**



New Mexico State Senior Associate Athletic Director Herb Taylor, Gail and Jim Kilgore. Herb graduated in 1955 and we made him an honorary member of the FHS Class of 1955.



Elizabeth Whepley Bawden, Lowell Carruth, and Ken Petron catch up around the pool.



Kay Gillis Farmer, Rod Willey, Janice Brown Fry



Tom Robinson, Janice Brown Fry, Karen Olson Stern, Nancy Ferguson Ferda, and Beverly Schmidt Larios



Patricia Kent Smayda and Nancy McLaughlin Rideout



"Before and After" – Pat Turner(s)



Lynn Pearson MD, Richard Baird, Earl Reeve, Niel Davidson



Dave Meyer, James Kilgore, Marlene Phillips Rutledge, Ellie Mason Huston



Thanks to members of the FHS Senate for their help with the Saturday morning coffee.

**DINNER**

Our dining room was filled with purple and gold. Even the carpets and chairs matched our school colors. It seemed to your fearless leader that everyone was having way too much fun talking to classmates that they had not seen in years.



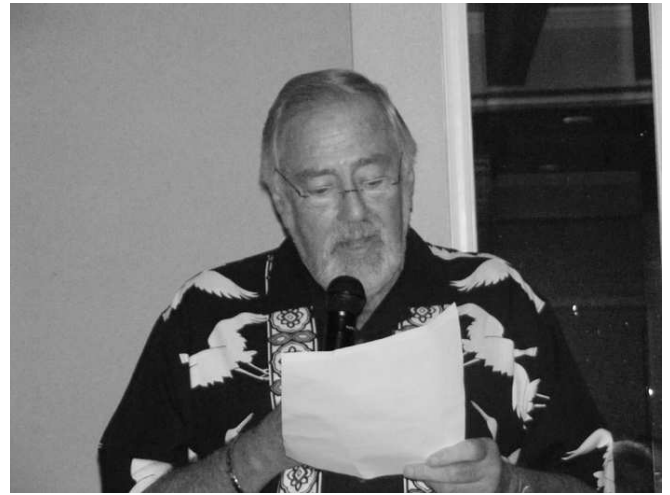
The ladies of Washington Junior High have stuck together all these years.  
Front: Marlene Phillips Rutledge, Lucia Koller Wilson  
Rear: Gail Phillips, Arlene Johns Smith, Patricia Kent Smayda, Ellie Mason Huston, Rosanne Jensen, JoAnn Alavezos Anderson, Joan Goodall Cox.



Lafayette Grammar School was well represented.  
Front: Madelyn Keady Feaver, Sharon Henryson Haverly, Geraldine Lundquist McManis, Joanne Canfield Morgan, Patricia Dillon. Rear: David Meyer, David Ross, Cathy Sirabian Save de Beaurecueil, Ralph Ricco, Don Kavanaugh, Stan Silva, Norman Wilkinson, Billie Cressman Dickey, Jon Anderson, Jane Tradewell Huff, Angie Greco Guinn



Elvin Dau, Earl Reeve, Judy Scott Heitzenrader, and Ann Leonardo Thaxter



Our Master of Ceremonies, John White



It looks like Jean Redding Randall enjoyed the reunion.



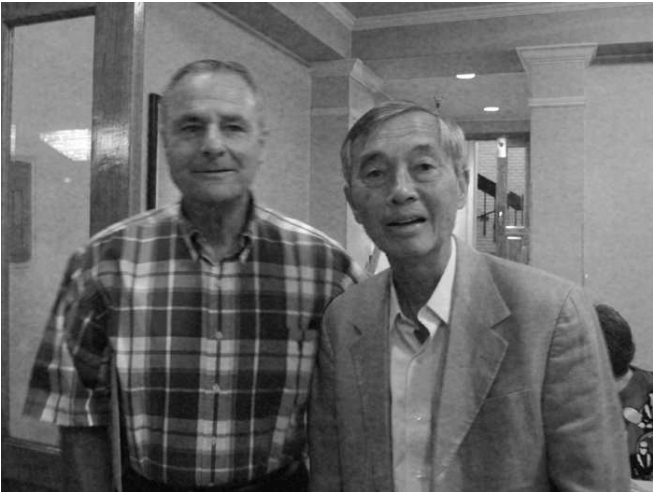
Billie Ruschaupt Quandt, Leilani Cook Slagel, Jacquelyn Tranberg Schmid



Ann Herbert De Farra and Marsha Mortland Gonzales check out an April 1955 Owlet.



Joanne Canfield Morgan, Dale Morgan, Ron Mehling



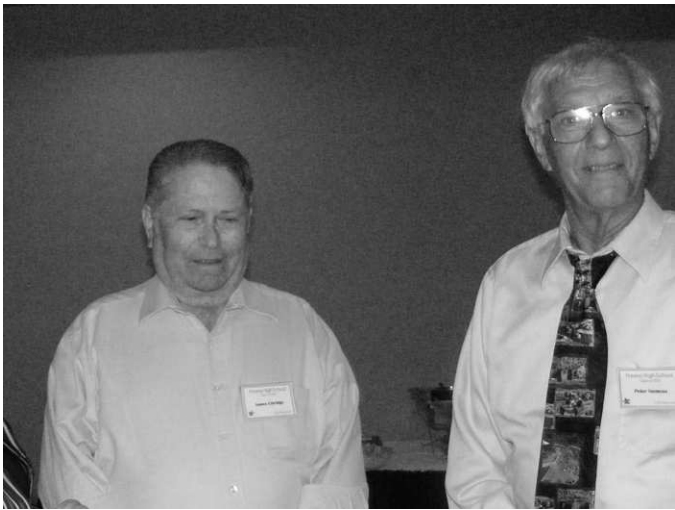
Richard Berberian, Shannon Wong, DDS



Patricia Harr Erickson, Ronald Blair and Fred Bergander



Ron Mehling, Dolores Pedroncelli Mehling, Sharon Henryson Haverty, Don Brannon



Jim Ethridge and Peter Siemens



Janice Agbashian Andreasian and Gary Heisinger



Ann Leonardo Thaxter and Judith Strong Albert

## **BRUNCH**

Brunch was another non-event that turned into a big event. We had 85 people attend. Next time we will include this in the package.



William Rosenberger, Bob Van Galder and Ben Eichman



Ron Turney, Matt Masterton, Deaunna Holcomb Moore



David DeMark and Patricia Dillon



Jeri McElligott Egholm and Camille Harlan Rohde were best friends in high school and hadn't seen each other for more than 50 years.

## **THE REUNION COMMITTEE**

We were unable to keep the spirited committee together as a group on Saturday night. As a result this picture, taken at the brunch, is missing a few people.



Front: Donna Stewart Kelton, Carol Bowman Underhill, Pat Croll Brannon, Arlene Johns Smith, Marilyn Judy Hasler, Ellie Mason Huston.

Rear: Don Brannon, Dolores Pedroncelli Mehling, Sharon Henryson Haverty, Helen McCloskey Shaw, Jane Tradewell Huff (honorary), Rosanne Jensen, Bob Franks.

Not Pictured: Janice Agbashian Andreasian, Joanne Canfield Morgan, Nancy Ferguson Ferda, Lucia Koller Wilson, Dave Meyer, Dale Morgan, LaVonne Schiller Aldag, Bev Schmidt Larios.

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Editor's Note: Sharon Haverty put in countless hours during the past five years to keep us interested and in contact by publishing these semi-annual newsletters. She also did a fantastic job of organizing and leading a hard-working committee that ensured that every detail of the reunion was resolved.

We owe her a BIG THANK YOU.



***PICTURE CD OF OUR 55<sup>TH</sup> REUNION***

We have compiled a set of pictures of the Saturday reunion dinner and related events. Contributing photographers include Sharon Henryson Haverty, Arnold Joyal, Jim Kilgore, Nancy McLaughlin Rideout, Joanne Canfield Morgan, Patricia Kent Smayda, and Carol Bowman Underhill. **We will send you a copy of the CD if you send your name, address, and a \$3.00 check made out to Sharon Haverty, 3773 W. Robinson, Fresno CA 93722.** There are more than 300 pictures on the CD. "Not available in any store!" You can make prints off this CD. **We "hope" to have the FHS Alumni Association post our pictures on their web page, [www.fresnohighalumni.com](http://www.fresnohighalumni.com)**

Remember, we need you to contribute articles to our newsletters.

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