

# FRESNO HIGH SCHOOL

## CLASS OF 1955 NEWSLETTER

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In memory of the following classmates:

**Allen Yenne 1/19/09**

### REUNION NOTES

How time flies! Another newsletter in the works, thoughts of a reunion just 1 ½ years away. . . As I have told all of you in the past, we have been working on this since the 50<sup>th</sup> reunion. The economy has made us rethink some of our original ideas. We are going to go with two events instead of three. It will be the classmate-only event on Saturday morning, with dinner in the evening. I have talked to many people on this and the consensus is the classmate get together is what they look forward to the most. We promised to be good stewards of the reunion money and like everyone else we are cutting back to make the reunion affordable for everyone. Our promise to you is an enjoyable get together for all.

Some of the committee is visiting different sites to see what is offered, costs, etc., and what will work best for us. I called the FSU Football office to see about their schedule for 2010. They don't have one, so we will chose a date and live with it. The FHS Class of 1960 is having their 50<sup>th</sup> in October and we will be competing against them for dates and sites. **Our plans will be in place by our October 2009 newsletter.**

**Newsletter:** Your fearless leader made a huge *faux pas* last time. I was in Oregon and emailing back and forth to **Arnold Joyal** (who is my best friend in the world) and I forget to make my plug regarding financial assistance for the newsletter. Of course we received no funds. Your very special committee dug deep and came up with almost enough to cover October 2009. We do need your help and I need this newsletter to continue through April 2010. Thank you in advance. More on this in the next newsletter.

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### FOUND

We found **Jonathan Jene Jackson** in St. Leo, FL and finally after having 4 letters returned and calling disconnected phone numbers I found **Jill Woolley Ayers** in South Jordan UT. Welcome aboard.

### 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BAY AREA MINI REUNION

I always feel this is a warm up for our 55<sup>th</sup>. **Gail Giffen** has once again graciously invited Bay Area classmates and any others who would like to attend, to her home in the hills of Lafayette CA on Saturday, May 2, 2009 at 2 p.m. – early evening. Everyone should do this once. Bring whatever you want to BBQ and a salad or dessert to share. Contact Gail at [fatslice1@comcast.net](mailto:fatslice1@comcast.net) or call (925)256-9038. Address is 3175 Teigland Road, Lafayette CA, 94549.

### A MEMORY

*I received a note from **Patty Harr Erickson** after she had received the FHS alumni newsletter with the article on Stillman Drugstore. It triggered some band practice memories.*

I remember Stillman Drugs during band practices from 1951-1955. In the morning we marched down Echo Ave. to Normal Ave. in tennis shoes, jingling the tambourines. In the afternoon we pep strided with pompoms of yellow and purple crepe paper. On Friday evenings we marched with the band and fans down Weldon Ave., over railroad tracks, across Blackstone Ave. to Ratcliffe Stadium where we stood, sat, and cheered our football team on. Now I have traded the knee pads, gloves, hats, tiered vest, tassels, and pleated uniforms for casual walking gear.

Years later I have traded that in for walking a one square mile promenade, watching squirrels scurry up trees, wood ducks fly over, and a sense of well being as I pass people and skateboarders. There is a three-story house across the creek from me that is being remodeled, and it reminds me of Sylvia ('54) and Dave Hendsch's home on Weldon near Pine. Instead of crossing railroad tracks I now cross a creek.

## A WORLD TRAVELER

*(Arnold Joyal received an email from **Richard Lubic** after receiving one of our newsletters when he was in Poland. We've gone international. We asked Richard for an article; here it is.)*

After high school I joined the Navy, got out in '58, went to Univ. of Idaho on a football scholarship, left and moved to Oakland CA. I got a job working for General Electric Communications, where I went to electronic school. I had an idea and put together a small business then known as CATV (now cable television). I sold that small system to a larger company and ended up in NYC working for Time Magazine in their broadcast division. I left Time and went into the business of designing, building and operating cable television systems. If you know anything about this business, I was in the right place at the right time.

Along the way I became a television producer and produced the Emmy Award-winning news format for Channel 9 in LA in a show called "Tempo". I entered into the area of entertainment communications and have been associated with Ronald Getty of Getty Oil, Dino DeLaurentiis, Columbia Pictures, Time Warner and Dick Clark (of American Bandstand) since the 60's. Clark and I own and control Dick Clark International Cable Ventures, Ltd., A Turks and Caicos entity. My private holding company, DL Communications, Inc., has telecommunications and consulting agreements in Poland, Canada, Romania, Bulgaria, Turkey, and Cyprus. I have been in the telecommunications business for 45 years. These endeavors have created a normal routine of massive worldwide travel to many different countries around the world, so my 9-5 job means getting to the plane and the arrival destination on time. I stay in the greatest hotels in the world, usually the same ones for over 40 years. You actually become a professional hotel, food and aircraft expert in this business.

When home, I reside on a small ranch in Kern County. I seldom get to Fresno but visit my parents' graves during the year.  
*(I had to edit this article due to space constraints but Google Richard's name; you will get the entire picture.)*

### FRESNO HIGH ALUMNI DINNER

Saturday, May 16, 2009

Cocktails 5 p.m., Dinner 7 p.m.

\$35 per person Celebrating FHS' 120 Years  
Reservations may be made online at:

[www.fresnohighalumni.com](http://www.fresnohighalumni.com)

**Or mail a check to:**  
**FHS Alumni Association**  
**C/o Marie Slater**  
**655 E. Michigan**  
**Fresno CA 93704**

These dinners take place on Echo Ave. in front of Fresno High. This year's crowd is expected to be around 400 attendees.

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PICTURES

We have started receiving elementary school pictures for our memorabilia table at the 55<sup>th</sup>. **Heaton** is the winner so far with all of their pictures. There is one **Fresno State Training School** picture from 4<sup>th</sup> grade, we need the rest; a few from **Lafayette**; some promised for **John Muir** and **Morris E. Dailey** but not received so far, none from **Bullard Elementary, Burroughs, Webster, Lowell** or any **parochial schools** that fed into the FHS area. If you are in possession of any of these, please contact:

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She is in charge of this project and will be happy to make copies of your originals and get them back to you. You can email them to her. Remember there were two tracks per class in each school. Look at our list; did we miss any grammar schools? We also need the group graduation picture from **Bullard Elementary**.

### TRIVIA PICTURE

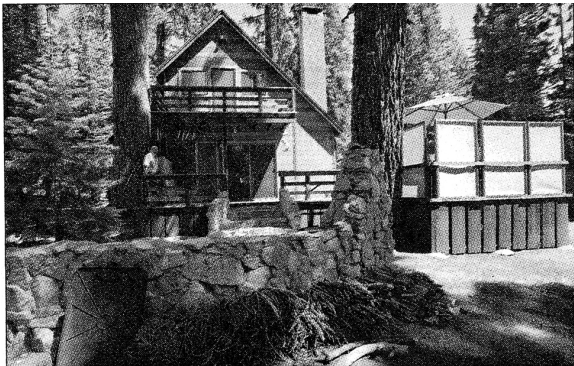


Can you identify these brave juniors who had to stand and hold those oh so heavy ropes wrapped in daisies?

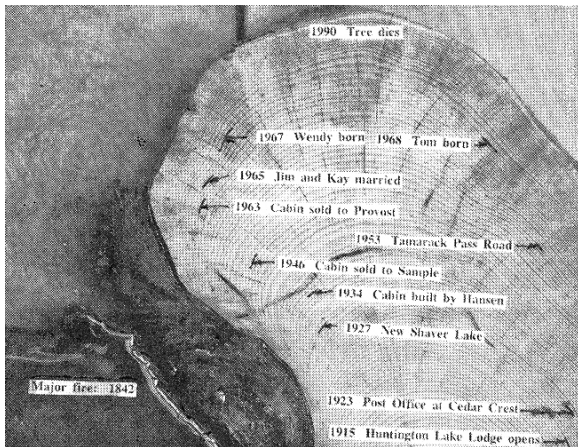
*(I wrote an article for the alumni newsletter about the daisy chain so I thought I would add one of our yearbook pictures here.)*

## A FAMILY TRADITION

Recently Jim Provost and his wife Kay received the good news that the U.S. Forest Service has renewed for another twenty years the lease on the land on which their cabin near Huntington Lake is built. The cabin has been an important part of their springs and summers for more than 40 years. Built in 1934 and sold to Jim's uncle in 1946, Jim bought the cabin for \$4,000 in 1963. He did much of the work to nearly triple its size and to provide a fireplace, more sleeping space in a new loft, and the all-important indoor plumbing.

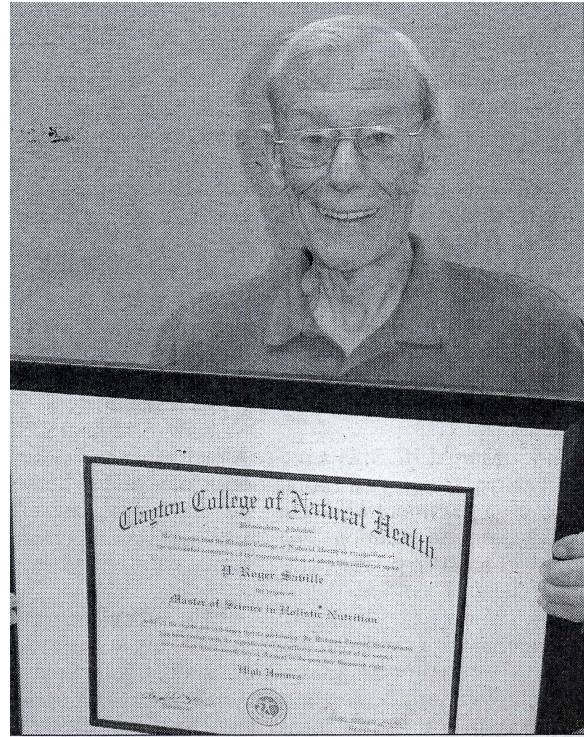


Jim, Kay, and their children, Wendy and Tommy, spent a lot of time at the cabin as the kids grew from small children, through the teen years, and now as adults. The cabin is packed with family memorabilia, including height charts, photos, and priceless art objects created by the kids from local leaves, pine cones, and acorns. The décor also features a slice of a pine tree from the front yard where Jim counted the rings and annotated it with dates important to the history of the cabin.



With the new lease extension, Jim and Kay are looking to many more years of clean mountain air.

## STILL LEARNING



*This article about our classmate, Roger Saville, was written up in the Seal Beach Leisure World Golden Rain News in September, 2008.*

Roger received his Master's of Science degree in holistic nutrition with high honors from Clayton College of Natural Health. This on-line study took over two years and included 18 classes. "At 71, I wanted to prove to myself that I can really learn well," he said. Roger has taught "Eat Right Feel Right" and "Nutrition for Seniors" at CSULB OLLI Senior University in Leisure World. He also leads a nutritional discussion for the LW Cancer Support Group. He believes that many common health issues are related to dietary excess and deficiencies. He has noted remarkable improvements in his wellness, energy and vitality during the last five years of improved nutritional and life-style practice.

Roger's working years were with technical products in the aerospace and computer industries.  
*(Congratulations Roger.)*

**I need some articles from classmates for the October 2009 newsletter. I know that many of you have gone interesting places and done interesting things in the past 50+ years. Let's hear about it!**

### **LOST CLASSMATES**

In the October newsletter I will print the list of lost classmates. I am listing the following classmates because I feel there is a good chance of finding them. If you know the city they live in, spouse name, a name change please contact Sharon Haverty. I have listed spouse name and last known city lived in. They are: Verna **Crawford** Phillips (Tommie, Salinas CA), Judith **Frank** Ellis (David R., Mariposa CA), Jack **Harris** (in Fresno?), Donna **Martin** Huffman (in Fresno?), Barbara **McGreal** Ely (Richard H., Fountain Valley CA), and Kenneth **Robertson** (last in Kerman). Thank you for your help.

**Trivia Picture Answer:** LaVonne Schiller Aldag, Janice Brown Fry and Betty Wall.

### **SOME THOUGHTS ON RETIREMENT:**

How many retirees does it take to change a light bulb? One, but it may take all day.

How many days are there in a retiree's week? Six Saturdays and one Sunday.

What is a retiree's biggest gripe?  
There isn't enough time to get everything done.

What does a retiree do all week?  
Monday - Saturday: Nothing. Sunday: Rest.

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