



MAY 2016 NEWSLETTER

DHS CLASS OF 1966



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DEAR CLASSMATES & FRIENDS: I am excited to be able to send out this VERY SPECIAL EDITION of our Class Newsletter! It's packed full of news and all the info you will need regarding our upcoming 50TH CLASS REUNION! There are a couple of forms here for you to complete and return, so make sure you put them in a safe place and send them in as soon as you can. The actual deadline is August 31st, but the sooner the better to help us plan!



THE REUNION: The date is **September 30th thru October 2, 2016!** I would highly recommend you make your hotel/motel reservations as soon as possible, as they will fill up quickly.

I know classmates have made reservations at the new Fairfield Inn by Marriott behind Cousins (541-769-0753) and Cousins Country Inn (541-298-5161) and The Dalles Inn (formerly The Tapadera) (541-296-9107)...but there are many others which you can locate on the internet. And don't forget to ask for your Senior Citizen Discount! I really want to thank all the classmates who have been attending the Planning Meetings and volunteering to help! We have a GREAT team and are working hard to make this the best reunion ever! We are planning to make it fun,

but at the same time want to give everyone LOTS of quality time with each other. Our time together always seems to go by so quickly and before we know it, it's over. The Registration Fee for the 3 day Reunion events will be \$60 per person, which will include dinner Saturday night at The Country Club and lunch at Sorosis Park on Sunday. Below is the Tentative Agenda, to help you to make your plans:

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Friday 7PM @ Spooky's

No-Host - Meet & Greet!

Alumni will also be invited!

Saturday 10AM @ TD High School

Tour Building

Saturday Noon @ TD School District Museum

Tour Museum - A must see!!

Saturday 2PM @ Freebridge Brewing

No-Host Social

Saturday 6:30 PM @ TD Country Club

Dinner, Program, Group Class Photo

Sunday 9AM @ The Discovery Center

Walk/Run w/Colleen Fallon

Sunday Noon @ Sorosis Park Shelter

Disc Golf, Family Picnic & Goodbye's

(Lunch will be furnished)

It has been suggested that we ask the parents who are willing and able, to join us at the Registration Desk, to help welcome classmates etc.... and believe it or not, we have already got

a few signed up! So - if your mom or dad would like to help and/or join in the fun, please contact me for more info! Gary's mom is already looking forward to seeing everyone! Faculty, WHS, and DHS Alumni are being invited as well!

CONGRATULATIONS: Our very own Roger Howe was recently honored as an "Unsung Hero". Recently, community involvement was celebrated at the Annual "Unsung Heroes" Banquet hosted by The Dalles Area Chamber of Commerce. *"An unsung hero is a person of distinguished courage or ability, admired for their deeds and qualities," explained Lisa Farquarson, executive director of the chamber, about the criteria for selecting seven people and a business as outstanding contributors to local society in 2015. The winners were asked to walk the red carpet and collect a trophy: the 2016 Outstanding First Responder of the Year: Roger Howe, a member of Wasco County's search and rescue team, provides first aid training to Boy Scouts and others. "He does not take his responsibility lightly and has donated many hours helping people in our community. Our community is definitely better and safer due to this man," said Farquharson. You make us proud, Wambo!!*

UPDATING RECORDS: As always, it is most important that I keep current and accurate contact information on every single classmate and so once again, I am asking for your current address, email, phone number, etc....especially if it has changed recently. Thankfully those with emails and who are on Facebook, are easy to contact but there are still a lot of classmates that we have to mail out info via the post office, which costs \$\$\$. So if you are receiving this in the mail, and **DO** have email - PLEASE let me know! Thank you....

HOMETOWN NEWS: I just want to remind

you, that for those of you planning to spend the weekend in The Dalles, to remember that Spooky's is now closed on Sundays. There are lots of new businesses in town and many things to see and do - but almost EVERYONE includes a visit to Spooky's!

GOOD NEWS: Michon Filion is still recovering from her stroke and continues to be doing well! We are hoping she will be able to attend the reunion! I am VERY happy to report that Dave Lennartz's cancer is in remission - after his very successful prostate surgery and treatment! YAY! And more great news, David Pratt is continuing to heal and very recently was fitted for his new leg prosthetic! He is one happy camper!! If he is able to make the reunion, I am sure he will get lots and lots of hugs! Much thanks to everyone for all their good thoughts and prayers for these classmates and especially for those of you who sent financial donations to help the Pratt family thru their crisis! The response was TREMENDOUS and once again, we made a difference in a classmate's life!

CONDOLENCES: I am sad to report the passing of another dear classmate - **Nylene Braget Cumiford**. At the end of this letter, will be her obituary.....she will always be fondly remembered and never forgotten! Sadly, we have now lost a total of 42 classmates.....As time goes by, it does seem like we are losing more and

more friends and loved ones.....and a paragraph on this page seems so minimal....but yet, NOT mentioning them doesn't feel right either. Our condolences to the friends and families of the following special people in their/our lives: Dennis Miller in the passing of his step-father, Don Wisner; spouse, Lillian Whitaker in the



passing of her husband Joe Whitaker Sr. (father of classmate Joe Whitaker Jr.); Robin Clark in the passing of her father, Alvin (Alvie) Clark (Johnny's Café); Chris Jones in the passing of his father, John Jones; Kathy Duvall in the passing of her mother, Flora Duvall; honorary classmate David Tooker (Janice Terry's husband) in the passing of his mother; Hew Hillis in the passing of his long-time girlfriend Janet Turner; Phil Wagenblast in the passing of his mother Shirley Wagenblast; Les Gardipee in the passing of his father Leslie Gardipee; and most recently, Cathy Jackson in the passing of her father....also, 2 faculty members have passed - Mollie Newton and Herman Zeigler Jr. These people will never be forgotten! If I have missed someone, please let me know.....And finally, I, too, now know the pain of losing a mom. In February, MY mother passed away unexpectedly after battling more than her share of health issues. I know too well the pain that all of you share who have lost a mom before me...I am still trying to figure out how to live my life without her - it truly is a process. I cannot thank everyone who has been supporting me and for those of you who have walked this path before me, my heart goes out to you too. I don't know how long it will take for me to bounce back from this loss.....but thank you so much for your patience and support during this time.....When I reach out to others during their time of grief, my words seem so inadequate but I can tell you that YOUR words of encouragement meant the world to me!

DONATIONS: First of all, I want to thank all who have been so faithful in supporting the class fund over the last 50 years! We are still accepting donations for ongoing class expenses and would like to also mention, if you would like to donate/sponsor a fellow classmate's reunion registration fee - please let me know! If you would like to use the convenience of Paypal, here's how: Paypal to kathy@garrett.net directly or thru the class

website's DONATE link, or send a check payable to DHS Class of 1966. Thanking you in advance.....

SOCIAL MEDIA: Please make note of the class website and facebook page info at the top of this newsletter. The daily interaction between classmates on facebook is so much fun! If you haven't sign-up or joined - I want to encourage you to do so!

LAST YEAR'S 67TH BIRTHDAY PARTY: I want to report a wonderful 67th Birthday Party held last September! It was so exciting to see both Nola Dunn and Javene Fee after all these years! They both traveled long distances to attend and we are so glad they did! I am hoping they will both return to attend the 50th!! It also gave us one last time to enjoy the company of our dear departed friend, David Cochenour. I am sooo thankful for the time we had with him that day. To see the pictures from the Party - you can find them on the class website and also on the class facebook page! Needless to say, there will not be a 68th Birthday Party due to the celebration of the 50th Reunion! Hope to see you all there!! (At this stage of life, it's probably a good thing to SKIP a birthday now and then!

IN CONCLUSION: Please forgive me if I have made any errors or left anything out of the Newsletter. Let me know and I will make sure it gets corrected next time. Enclosed with this Newsletter you will find your **50th Reunion Registration Form** along with an **Autobiography Questionnaire** for you to complete and return. Both forms will help us immensely in our planning efforts to enhance the success of this reunion. **PLEASE check NO on the Registration Form if you are unable to attend!** Again, the OFFICIAL DEADLINE is August 31st but receiving them earlier would be greatly appreciated! Love and hugs,

IN MEMORY.....

Nylene Loy Braget Cumiford 9-18-47 to 3-22-2016



Nylene Loy Braget

Nylene Loy Cumiford, died March 22, 2016 in The Dalles, Oregon of lung cancer. She was born September 18, 1947 in Bremerton, Washington. Services will be held 11 am, Saturday, April 2nd at the IOOF Odd Fellows Cemetery in The Dalles. A celebration of life will follow at the Oregon Veteran's Home in The Dalles.



I hope you enjoyed the newsletter! Everyone needs to complete the 2 enclosed forms and return them as soon as possible. IF you are ***unable*** to attend the reunion, just check the NO box on the Registration Form. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time!