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DHS CLASS OF 1966



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DEAR CLASSMATES & FRIENDS: It’s that time again – time for me to get you up to date on all the class news and to invite you to the DHS CLASS OF 1966’s 66th BIRTHDAY PARTY!! I sincerely apologize for the short notice but hope that you will be able to make it – the 65th Party last year was one of our BEST times together! You won’t want to miss the 66th!

UPCOMING EVENTS: The Dalles High School Class of 1966 – 66th Birthday Party! The no-host party will be held on Saturday, September



20, 2014 (yes, next month!) @ Spooky’s (by popular demand) and will be from 11 am to 4 pm! And of course, it’s **FREE!** Like last year, there will be cake and raffle prizes. Tickets will be \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The money will kick-start the class fundraiser for our upcoming 50th Reunion in 2016, as well as to help with the normal Class operating expenses! Spread the word – family, (DHS & WHS) alumni and faculty are all invited to our party! The more the merrier! Everyone had a GREAT time last year – you won’t want to miss this one, for sure! **RSVP** by email, phone, text, whatever way is easiest for you. All my contact info is at the top of this Newsletter.

Rymmell Lovell from The Dalles School District Museum wants us to know that the museum is normally open every Saturday from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm but will open early at 9:30 am for visitors who would want to come before going to

Spooky’s on the day of our Class Party. Also, that Saturday, TDHS ‘54 is having their 60th reunion. She will be doing a tour of the high school at 10:00 am for them. If anyone from our class wants to join that tour, they are welcome to do so. A volunteer will stay at the museum while she is gone for the tour, so it will stay open. **THANK YOU RYMMEL!**

And keep in mind....this next year, we will start the planning for our **50TH CLASS REUNION!!!** It will take The Planning Committee a whole year to organize and plan the perfect reunion! A whole year of a whole lot of fun – love those Planning Meetings! But you need to do a couple of things for us – 1) Be thinking about any suggestions and/or ideas you might have and let me know, so the Committee can include them. That would include where you want to have it, and what kinds of activities would you like, etc.... and 2) We would like to be able to create an album, like we’ve done in the past, that will include a type of biography or story of your life thus far – to share with the classmates. Tell us about your career and retirement plans, your family, your life! It’s going to be hard to get everyone motivated to do this – but the sooner you think about it, the sooner you can do it. Just think of the joy you will have when that album is placed in your hands and you can read all the stories about the lives of your classmates and friends! It will be a precious gift!! When it’s time, I will send you a form to let you know what format and/or info we would like you to share. For now, just be thinking about it.....

OUR CLASS WEBSITE/FACEBOOK: We have a great Class website and Facebook page. If you haven't checked them out yet, I want to encourage you to do so. Our website is www.dhsclassof1966.com. It works best if you "sign up" your first visit and log in each time thereafter using your password. This allows "classmate members only" to view specific info about each other. **There are lots of pages to view on the menu that you find** on the Home Page. I am excited to tell you, that as of this moment, we've had 10,004 hits on our website so far!! I think lots of people are checking us out! Cool, huh! And finally, we have a great class Facebook page so look it up and become a member. Facebook has been an exciting tool to keep us connected on a daily basis....lots of info and news there! It works best if you become MY friend (Kathy Catmull Garrett) and from there I can add you as a member on the class page. It's called "DHS Class of 66 and Friends". Check us out!

CONGRATULATIONS: Sally Odell's dog was featured on a Washington state lottery scratch off ticket from last November to March of this year! Unfortunately, as you can see, it didn't bring ME any luck!



LOST & FOUND: The following is the current list of MISSING classmates. If you have any info to help us find them, please let me know: Susan Christiansen, Larry Claggett, Carol Combs, Donn Dietrich, Virginia Evans, Glenn Hill, Audrey Isaak, Jim McClanahan, Jeff Mitchell, John Murray, Cheryl Swift, Ron Waddell and Brenda Wilder Thomas.

UPDATES NEEDED: I can't stress enough how very important it is for you to send me your current contact info: mailing address, email address, etc. Please contact me with your current info as soon as you can. I really work hard to find everyone and keep us connected. I have about 90 classmates who I have to mail this newsletter out to and that costs us \$\$ for postage, printing etc. If you are receiving this in the mail, would you please send me your email address if you have one? The Newsletter is also posted on our Facebook page and class website. The more classmates I can email, the easier and cheaper it is! And if your email or contact info changes, please let me know right away so I can keep our database up to date!

DONATIONS TO CLASS FUND: As always, we continue to appreciate your class donations to cover our ongoing expenses. Right now the checking account is running **VERY LOW**, so I would appreciate any and all donations and the sooner the better!! Although we are saving \$\$ on mailings because of emailing....we are now incurring a new expense to keep our great website up and running. Ongoing expenses are printing, postage, website, reunion planning costs, flowers, etc. You have always been extremely generous in your donations and I want to sincerely thank those of you who do!! It is always used wisely and is GREATLY appreciated! You can easily donate using the PAYPAL button on the class website, or go to PayPal directly – send \$\$ to kathy@garrett.net. If you choose to send a check the old fashioned way, make it payable to: DHS Class of 1966 and send it to my home address at: 15204 SE Oatfield Road, Milwaukie, OR 97267. Again, THANK YOU SO MUCH!! It's such a great feeling to know that you always come thru for me when the class needs financial assistance! Again, any amount you can afford to donate today will be appreciated so very much!

TDHS NEWS: The “official” name of the high school has been changed back to THE DALLES HIGH SCHOOL! (What a concept!) and the new mascot is now Riverhawk (no comment). Not sure about the school colors, but the mascot seems to be crimson and gold.



HOMETOWN NEWS: The Dalles Armory building has been torn down – haven’t heard for sure what is going to be built in its place. Lots of good memories there, enjoying all the live bands and dances we attended over the years. The old Albertsons building has been replaced with a Goodwill store.

GARRETT NEWS: (PLEASE let me know what’s going on in YOUR life, give me permission to share it and I’ll pass it on!) Gary and I continue to work on our health – these days the most important thing we can do! I’m still swimming for a couple of hours 4 days a week “at the neighborhood retirement home” ☺ I still have my foot problems, and a new lower back problem triggered when I tripped on the sidewalk last December, but the pool helps with both! I have put on a lot of weight the last couple of years and in June decided to go back on Medifast and get it off once and for all! You have watched me gain and lose it several times in my life but this time it’s coming off for good! It was seriously affecting my health and I got scared! In just two months, I’m now OFF of my insulin and my diabetes is almost gone!! I’ve lost 40 pounds and have a long way to go....but have a good support system so looking forward to the journey. I’m not looking forward to the sagging and the wrinkles but it beats the other options! We are still active with leading a weekly Lifegroup/Bible Study in our home and enjoy that immensely. Our summer was busy as we painted the exterior of our house – making a decision on the paint color was the most

stressful part! I lost my dear quaker parrot, Chloe last year and now have a new little guy, Marley – a green cheek conure who has turned out to be a perfect new addition to our family. Gary just this week, finished restoring a 1973 VW Bug and can now take it out on the road and show it off! Gary’s health is stable thanks to the good care he gets at the Portland VA Hospital! We look forward to seeing our old friends at the Class Party!

CONDOLENCES: We know many of you have lost your parents, your children, your siblings, your spouses and your alumni friends. Most recently I can report the passing of Terry Hutchen’s wife Lee and Sandy Sexton’s husband Ralph Dan Lacy. Our condolences to them both. Regrets if I have missed anyone. Faculty, Helen Duff passed away 10-6-2013. She was usually in the library and you may remember her, as classmate Sunny Hill lived with her in high school. And sadly, Chere Hammer Jones (wife of Tom Jones ’65) passed away last May. You will remember her as the professional photographer at most all our reunions! Even after surviving a severe stroke, she continued to make us laugh and smile for a GREAT reunion group photo! She will be missed for sure. Our condolences to ALL of the family and friends of those who have passed.

THOUGHTS &/or PRAYERS: We presently have several classmates, fighting to recover from huge health issues. Most recently, Michon Filion has suffered a massive stroke affecting her right side. She was just recently stable enough to go to rehab at Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland. She is beginning to make GREAT progress in her recovery, learning how to walk and talk, etc. again. Many classmates have been visiting and sending cards and we are working with her family to help any way we can. Michon has shown us how strong she is and I have no doubt she will be back with us soon! One thing is clear – she has not lost her sense of humor! The family is encouraging visitors

(after 4pm) and cards etc. Here is where to send them: Michon Skirving - c/o Good Sam RIO - 1015 NW 22nd Ave, Portland, OR 97210 - Floor 6 - Room 10.

And in the last couple of weeks Steve Betschart suffered a major heart attack and thankfully, had successful quadruple heart bypass surgery! He is now at home and looking forward to his recovery and getting back to enjoying life!

Terry Hutchins is doing well after his 2nd brain surgery however he lost the use of his legs and is now working hard in physical therapy to regain what he lost. He's been thru so much but is now back living in Springfield, Oregon near his daughter Kira. He has proved over and over what a survivor he is – and I know before long he will be back in the game!

Joe Scholes had successful surgery to remove a tumor on his kidney and I am happy to report he came thru the surgery with flying colors. Tom Endersby is continuing to get good reports from his doctors after his brain surgery! Although he officially retired, he was then *rehired* to work in the district school office. And the last time I talked to Dave Cochenour, he too, was doing well! John Broer AND HIS DAUGHTER both had open heart surgery on the same day!! As far as I know, they also are doing well. I am sure there are many others dealing with a health issue or two – at this stage of life, we should be lifting everyone in our class up with good thoughts and prayers! If you would like to know how to contact any of the classmates mentioned above, please let me know! The more we can support and encourage each other thru these tough times, the better. That's what our class does best!! And I must say, Facebook has been an outstanding tool for us to do just that – sometimes minute by minute!! I am so proud of our class and how we come together in times of need for each other!! We truly do make a difference in each other's lives....

ERRORS & OMISSIONS: PLEASE forgive me if there are any errors or omissions in this newsletter! Let me know if there are and I will do my best to correct it in the next one. I've tried to keep up to date on stuff....but the older I get, the harder it is! Like I said last time, I suppose you could fire me, but PLEASE don't! I still really LOVE what I do! ☺

IN CLOSING: We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the 66th Birthday Party next month! Be happy and stay healthy!

Love and hugs,



IN MEMORIAM: Unfortunately, since the publishing of our last official newsletter, we have lost 2 more classmates bringing the total to 37. Way too many – way too soon. No obituary was published for either of these two classmates but they shall never be forgotten.....



Robert Gene Mullins

Robert G. Mullins
11-18-47 to 8-6-2013



Catherine J. Tays
(Cook)
12-29-48 to 7-2-2014



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