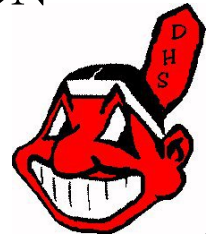


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DEAR FRIENDS AND CLASSMATES -

First of all, Gary and I would like to wish each and every one of you a very **HAPPY** and **HEALTHY** NEW YEAR! Thank you for patiently waiting for this Newsletter, as I am **FINALLY** in a position to send you all the latest news and wrap things up from our **AWESOME 50th Class Reunion!**

OUR 50TH REUNION - Of course, the very first topic to report to you is about our **AMAZING** Reunion weekend! You either know or have heard, that our 50th Class Reunion was a **SUPER GREAT** success!



Gary and I had fun wearing our special Chief Wahoo shirts – mine was blingy, of course! And.....after all these years and the loss of 150 pounds **MY CLASS RING EVEN FITS AGAIN!** We were soooo relieved that the weather cooperated, too! First of all, **KUDOS**

to the awesome Planning Committee – for all they did – the meetings, the travel, the responsibilities, their donations, and all of their support! This was a **HUGE** undertaking and it took an entire year of planning, but it resulted in the best Reunion we have ever had! (I think I say that every time) But it's true! One of the best gifts of all – was when Irv Elliott volunteered his brother-in-law Ted Smith, & his wife Joy, to do the videography, and his nieces Katie Conley & Annie Doctor to do the photography! Little did we know, they were **ALL** "highly trained professionals", resulting in **AWESOME** pictures and a wonderful video for us to treasure forever! The **BEST** part is they **EACH donated** their efforts – all 3 days - as a gift to us!! We just cannot thank them enough! Needless to say, even if they don't know it, they are now on staff with the DHS Class of '66 - **FOREVER!** Since you **ALL** turned in your Registration Forms **ON TIME** – this helped us so much in the planning. So a big **THANK YOU** for that! In addition, we had the biggest turnout **EVER** – as we filled all the venues to capacity and **MORE! SPOOKY'S** - There were lots of people we hadn't seen in **YEARS**, and many came from far away – what a **GREAT** time for all! We had 80 at Spooky's and the room only holds 50! But we made it work! The cake turned out beautiful – and.... we had a bazillion awesome donations for

raffles and door prizes - thanks to local businesses, with special thanks to the Classmates who contributed items too! The Spooky's staff, as always, did a GREAT job of meeting our needs. **SATURDAY** – a good turnout of Classmates to tour TDHS building etc...many THANKS to Rymmel Lovell for being our Tour Guide! Then off to the District School Museum – again thanks to Rymmel – soooo much memorabilia to see! She actually “loaned” us items to use as room décor at TD Country Club event that night – what a gal! Many Classmates attended our first time event at Freebridge Brewing – a new business in town.....and enjoyed themselves. **DINNER & PROGRAM AT THE COUNTRY CLUB** - I don't even know where to begin – an evening full of surprises! We had 112 people at the Country Club that evening! Rachel and her staff were AMAZING! She even helped us decorate and, of course, met all our needs! Later, Rachel shared with me that the staff is STILL talking about what a GREAT group we were to serve! Made me proud! The food was incredible! The room was filled almost to capacity! Thanks to Daylight Savings Time, we had to beat the sun going down for our traditional outdoor Group Photo – but thankfully, ended up with a great one! We sang Happy Birthday to Bev Humphrey.....and presented Nikki Hitchcock with a cool little surprise (her junior high pee-chee that I found at a garage sale MANY years ago). Roger Howe, Zach Worth & Shirley Adkins recognized all of our Class Veterans in a formal ceremony – Steve Betschart played the military anthems for us.....another wonderful treat and heartwarming moment! The current Mayor of The Dalles, Steve Lawrence '63,

spoke, officially welcoming us and presented us with an official letter. Virgil Choate made a special presentation to Chris Shaver (a footstool she made in his class that he had kept all these years!) Then there were MORE raffles and special prizes! Phil Wagenblast won the Traveled Farthest, coming all the way from New Jersey, Robin Clark won the Longest Married at 49 years, Linda Adkisson had the Most Kids at 5 AND the Most Grand-Kids at 15, Nola Dunn won the Most GREAT-Grand-Kids at 4, and Jimmy Gray won the \$60 cash prize! It is all on the video and MORE!! MANY THANKS to our awesome Emcee Duo – Stu Fadness & Shirley Adkins! As always, a job well done!! And they have agreed to do a repeat performance at the 55th! **SUNDAY'S EVENTS** – Thanks to Colleen Fallon for once again leading the Walk along the Riverfront! We are all thankful for her help!! Then came the **PICNIC** – Again – lots of Classmates attended.....and some parents, too! The weather cleared up and the sun came out – THANK YOU GOD! Michelle Lear and her helpers did an INCREDIBLE job making over 80 Hefty Henry's!! And what a blessing to have Tom Foley (Spooky's) & his son John, at the picnic - mostly SUPERVISING Michelle Lear (just kidding!) in the cooking of his famous yummy Hefty Henry's! One bite of that original recipe and you were back in 1966! We also held a very informal Memorial to remember all the Classmates who have passed on. It was very special and very personal for each of us to share stories and remember each and every Classmate who is no longer with us. We vow to remember them always.... I will NEVER forget how special those moments together were.....So, whether you attended

the Reunion or you didn't, I want to encourage you to order yourself a copy of the video and the pictures.....all these memories were PROFESSIONALLY captured for us, and you will treasure them forever..... We had many SPECIAL GUESTS attend various Reunion events during the course of the weekend: Faculty members – Carolyn Carr & Virgil Choate, Charles Hooser, Dave Jones, & Marilyn Urness. We are sooooo glad they came! Robin Clark's mom, Gary Hackett's parents, Delene Oades' mom, Mayor Steve Lawrence '63 and his lovely wife Donna Reiman '65 - plus other TD & WHS alumni. THANK YOU ALL for coming!

IT TAKES A VILLAGE – Just have to thank, one more time, each and every person who worked so hard on this Reunion. There's not enough space here to tell you what each person did – just know, as a group, they did it ALL – for YOU! Here are the Committee Members: Shirley Adkins, Steve & Karen Betschart, Robin Clark, Kathy Duvall, Irv & Lolly (Our newest Honorary Classmate) Elliott, Stu Fadness, Colleen Fallon, Denny Fischer-Honorary Classmate, Gary Garrett, Connie Gilpin, Gary Hackett, Sunny Hill, Hew Hillis, Roger Howe, Bev Humphrey, Denise Ingebo, Sherry Johnston, Michelle Lear, Dave Lennartz, Bonnie Monaghan '60, Kathy Monaghan, Bill Myers, Delene Oades, Sally Odell, Chris Shaver, Linda Simon, Susie Stevenson, Janice Terry, David Tooker-Honorary Classmate, Zach Worth and last but not least, Irv Elliott's family: Ted & Joy Smith, Katie Conley and Annie Doctor! PLEASE forgive me if I have left anyone out!

HASHTAG – For the first time ever, our Class used this new-fangled high tech thing called “hashtag” at our Reunion! If you are on Facebook, I encourage you to type in this hashtag into the search window: #dhs6650 – to view some miscellaneous Reunion photo's posted there! And if YOU took Reunion photos on your phone – PLEASE share them on FB using this hashtag, so all of us can see and enjoy them, too! Way cool!

SAVE THE DATE - We will be planning our 69th Birthday Party this fall – it will be a one day gathering @ Spooky's on Saturday, September 16th, 2017 from 1pm to 4pm! It will be good to be together....again! It's a NO-HOST event with NO pre-registration necessary – simply show up! So mark your calendar now! At our age, EVERY birthday is worth celebrating!! ☺

TDHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION – Enclosed with this Newsletter, you will find a flyer with information regarding the local The Dalles High School Alumni Association. They are now a member of the Education Foundation for School District 21. Our Planning Committee voted to offer membership to our classmates individually via this Newsletter. Resources, contact info, etc. are on the flyer if you desire to donate and/or support the Association. For more info, please be sure to contact Mike Elston '65 via mkelston@comcast.net.

UPDATES - It was soooooo awesome to see David Pratt (and his wife Kay) attend our Reunion, but to see David STANDING AND WALKING was the best sight of all!! All your

hard work paid off, David! All our prayers were answered.....and it was pure JOY to have him join us after such a long recovery....he still has ongoing physical therapy, but we know he will continue to get stronger! We were also thrilled to have Steve Betschart attending and playing his horn for us, just like always! He, too, has bounced back from a serious health scare, and we were so happy to be with him again!!

LOST & FOUND – What a GREAT surprise I had one day when I was contacted by both Jack Catron & Larry Claggett – after being on our MISSING LIST for quite a while! If you go to our Class Website, Jack has posted an update there, for all to read. OUR CURRENT MISSING LIST is as follows: Carol Combs, Teddie Dayley Franklin, Donn Dietrich, Virginia Evens, Kathy Filaseta Ruccioine, Audrey Isaak, Joan Lepinski Fischer, Jim McClanahan, Allen McKibben, Jeff Mitchell, John Murray, Ron Waddell, Patricia Webb Hood and Brenda Wilder Thomas. If you have any info to help us locate them, PLEASE let me know.

OUR CONDOLENCES – I am sad to report the recent passing of Joe Whitaker's dad, Joseph Whitaker Sr., and Cheryl Bailey's mom Edwina, Nedra Faught (Faculty), Steve Malcom, brother of Randy Malcom and most recently Ray Doty – father of Sherry Doty and step-father of Tom Swaim. Our sincere condolences to the family and friends who are grieving their loss.....if you would like to know how to contact any of their family, just let me know and I can help...



OUR NEWEST HONORARY CLASSMATE

– Our most recent Honorary Classmate is the awesome Lolly Elliott – the beautiful wife of Classmate Irv

Elliott. During this last year of Reunion planning, Irv and Lolly were inseparable and they attended every single Planning Meeting they could, in spite of the distance they had to travel from Eugene. From the very beginning, Lolly fit right in, volunteering her help whenever she could. But when the actual Reunion began, she was like the Energizer Bunny – Lolly was EVERYWHERE helping EVERYONE with EVERYTHING - before, during and after each event, just like she was one of us!! I honestly don't know what we would have done without her! The Planning Committee held a special "surprise" luncheon in her honor and presented her with her Official Honorary Diploma! Welcome to the Class Family, Lolly!

CLASS PRAYER CHAIN – After many years, we have decided to begin another Class Email Prayer Chain – if you would like to join us, PLEASE send me an email (kathy@garrett.net), and you will be added to our list of Classmates who are praying for each other. Feel free to submit any prayer requests YOU may have, so that we can be praying for you, too. Everything is highly confidential and can be submitted to me via my email.

THE ELECTION – This is probably the LAST thing you want me to discuss HERE! BUT...it's not what you think! I am extremely honored to inform you that on the end of the Reunion video, and during our Reunion evening, you will see (Dr.) Mark Palmer (to my surprise), verbally nominate "yours truly" as Honorary Class President-Forever! At the follow-up Planning Meeting, it was discussed and voted upon (unanimously) and I OFFICIALLY accepted! So now it's official – AFTER ALL THESE YEARS, I HAVE A TITLE!! I have never known if I was a facilitator, a reporter, a representative, a secretary, an organizer, a leader, the mom, or as many of you have called me, "the GLUE" that keeps the Class together?! So from now on, I can proudly say that I have been voted in as your **Honorary Class President-Forever!** Thank you ALL from the bottom of my heart and I will continue to serve you proudly! Extra special thanks to Mark – for initiating this special gift!

FINANCIAL ISSUES – Well, this was a biggie! The expenses of pulling off such a big event, took its toll in our bank account! It pretty much wiped us out – with several unexpected expenses, which made me sick! But thankfully, we were able to do everything we wanted to do and it was all worth it! But just like always, at the end of the day, YOUR DONATIONS were more than generous and we are good for a long, long time! I cannot say thank you enough, for keeping our funds going for over 50 years now and allowing us to keep up with expenses, have a great website, a newsletter, helping those in need and financing wonderful events! **YOU ARE THE BEST!**

And much thanks to you all for the gift certificate the class gave us.....PLUS the big surprise of a wonderful trip to the beach for 3 days! We pretty much went straight there after the reunion and it was just what we needed! God bless you all!

FOR SALE – Albums, Pictures, Videos! The special 50th Class Album containing all of the personal Autobiography Questionnaires submitted by each Classmate, also has each person's THEN & NOW pictures included on their page. The album turned out fabulous and



you will certainly want to get one, especially if you didn't attend the Reunion! It is huge - over 100 double-sided pages! In addition, and as I said before, thanks to Irv Elliott and his family – we have HUNDREDS of candid

Reunion pictures, a wonderful GROUP photo and an awesome video for you – that capture all the memories! Enclosed with this Newsletter is a special and separate ORDER FORM. Make sure you fill it out and send it in by the **February 17th DEADLINE** if you want to own any or all of these! And by the way, you can still view this video online at the Vimeo website. You can either go to the Vimeo website and do a search for "Class of 1966" or simply type in this link in the URL box: **<https://vimeo.com/188024048>**.

Am closing with lotsa love and mega hugs,
Your Newly Elected Honorary Class President
FOREVER.....Kathy