

Winter Park High School Alums - Class of 1961 Web Site

Winter Park, Florida

2nd Anniversary Newsletter



JULY 1, 2002 TO JUNE 30, 2003

IS YOUR COMPUTER HOOKED UP TO THE INTERNET?



It's been two years since the creation of the Winter Park High School Class of 1961 Alumni Web Site. More than 80 classmates have been re-found or accounted for during that time. All this with the efforts of Mary Phillips, Bill Ronay and input from classmates and access to the internet. Many of those classmates have been pleasantly surprised by our contacts. A few folks who were a part of our class at one point or another but didn't graduate with us have asked to 'jump on board'. The positive response to these additions has been tremendous!

The mention of the creation of an alumni web site occurred at the 40th class reunion held in June, 2001. The site was created and online by July 1st. The rest is history as the site has been online for 2 years and going strong. You are being mailed this newsletter because we do not have an e-mail address on file for you. If you have an e-mail address, please send it to us so we can share with you news from classmates and news of any upcoming events that might be planned that we are aware of. Just visit the alumni web site. Put in your browser's address box: <http://www.wphsalumni-1961.com> . . . and you will be taken to our web site. Visit the 'Information' web page and find out how to get started. There are web links on almost all of the web pages.

You will also find e-mail addresses we have on file for classmates in the 'Then and Now' section. These addresses are clickable in between their 'then' picture and there 'now' picture.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING DURING 2002-2003?



Buddy Kirk & Bob Danforth



Remember Dexter Coffman?



Can you find Coach Orr?

August, 2002, Bobby Danforth visited his inlaws with his wife, Barbara, in Alaska. Bob made contact with Buddy Kirk and they met for an evening of talking over old times. Neither had seen one another for over 40 years but were drawn together via the web site. Bob and Barbara took pictures and were kind enough to share them with us. A special site was set aside on the web site for their photoshoot.



Holiday wishes were shared with classmates again this past Christmas via the web site. With the events of September 11th, 2001 having been over a year old, none of us had forgotten -- but all had gotten on with their lives while remembering Christmas 2001 and how our holiday season had taken on a whole different perspective. Christmas 2002 holiday season classmates shared with us some of their feelings of the events of the previous year.

Remember Dexter Coffman? Dexter was visiting Pudd Mudd and his wife in Atlanta when the subject of the alumni web site came up. When Dexter got back to California he got on his computer and visited the site. Next step -- he wrote an e-mail to us, told us about his visit with Pudd, and said he would like to be a part of the action. Dexter moved away after growing up with us and finishing junior high. He went on to military school.

WPHS Class of 1963 has their 40th reunion scheduled for fall, 2003. A web page has been created on our site promoting the event with links to their web site. We wish them well as they plan for their very special event.

Classmate Bob Danforth passed away suddenly February 6, 2003. We had just found Bob the first year our web site was online. Just a month before the cookout Bob Cross and wife Cheryl put on in April, 2001, we made contact with Bob. He came to the cookout and visited with classmates he hadn't seen for over 40 years. It was a great event and we were delighted to have found Bob. He was very active in promoting the site and, in fact, had found a few classmates and even visited with them and shared pictures with us. Bob and his wife Barbara were in the final stages of planning a fishing trip to beat ALL fishing trips for April 26th. Classmates were coming in from as far away as Indiana, Alabama and Virginia -- Tennessee and Georgia, included. After the outing a backyard cookout was planned at Bob and Barbara's house in New Smyrna. Some classmates commemorated Bobby's life and love of fishing on April 26th, 2003. A web page has been dedicated to Bob is on the web site.



The 75th Anniversary of WPHS - This event was celebrated in Central Park off Park Avenue on April 5th, 2003. Pictures and a short video clip can be found on our web site. Coach Orr showed up at this event and what a pleasant surprise it was to all of us to be able to visit with him. Julie Baldwin's uncle, Maynard Baldwin, was honored as being the oldest living WPHS graduate. Lynn Nidy's dad was at the event as well and must have been runner up to Mr. Baldwin.

Winter Park High School has a new Department of Alumni Affairs. Ms. Barbara Jones has been appointed to the position of Coordinator and she is in the process of building a web site for her department. They have recently released their first newsletter that can be viewed through her department web site or you may get a copy by contacting her office on the WPHS campus at (407) 622-3200 ext. 2252

Glenridge Junior High School (Glenridge Middle School) is close to completion of the construction of their new facility across the street from the old school. The current Glenridge administration is looking for stories and memorabilia for a 'memory book' they are assembling to be available for the dedication of their new facility. You can find out more about what you can do to help them with their project by contacting Glenridge. They are appealing to those who attended Glenridge in it's early years. Classmate Tom Tobin took a trip to the Glenridge campus in January, 2003 and shared pictures with us. A section has been dedicated on our alumni web site to his trip to their campus.

The phone number for Glenridge is (407) 623-1415...no mention on their web site as to whether the phone is staffed during the summer months. A web site with information pertaining to the 'memory book' can be found at http://www.glenridge.ocps.net/teachers/membook/glms_membook.html on the internet. There you will find an e-mail address of the person in charge of collection of memorabilia along with information pertaining to volunteers needed.

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

Since the posting of this new web site classmates who have been out of touch with one another have made contact. Some have not only connected via the internet but have traveled from one home to another to visit with and to talk about all the years in between since high school. Several shared their 'renewal' of friendships with us and we have posted their thoughts on the alumni web site.

We are looking for more pictures -- pictures and newspaper articles if you have any. The pictures and captions make the web site the success that it has become. We have encouraged classmates to dig into their stored boxes and look for picture albums that might hold memories from the past.

Our goal is to locate as many classmates as possible and invite them to join in and take advantage of the connectivity the internet has afforded us all. We look forward to your participation. If you are not computer active, consider getting involved. It is lots of fun. We hope to see you online next year!

CLASSMATES SHARING EVENTS OF 2002-2003



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