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Want to receive the newsletter via email?

There are several ways to do this.

1. Email the editor with your name, year graduated (or attended), preferred email and we will sign you up.
2. Sign up online on the EX-Students webpage, "newsletter link".
3. Sign up on our new Facebook page

☆☆Reunion June 23-25☆☆ ☆☆☆Fort Worth Radisson Deadline- June 9☆☆☆

President's Message

Vickie Long Cruz '83



Hello all,

A popular speaker started off a seminar by holding up a \$20 bill. A crowd of 200 had gathered to hear him speak. He asked, "Who would like this \$20 bill?"

200 hands went up.

He said, "I am going to give this \$20 to one of you but first, let me do this." He crumpled the

bill up.

He then asked, "Who still wants it?"

All 200 hands were still raised.

"Well," he replied, "What if I do this?" Then he dropped the bill on the ground and stomped on it with his shoes.

He picked it up, and showed it to the crowd. The bill was all crumpled and dirty.

"Now who still wants it?"

All the hands still went up.

"My friends, I have just showed you a very important lesson. No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth \$20. Many times in our lives, life crumples us and grinds us into the dirt. We make bad decisions or deal with poor circumstances. We feel worthless. But no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value. You are special - Don't ever forget it!

As sonic brothers and sisters we are special to each other and many of us look forward to the time in June when we get to visit, share a meal and get caught up in each others lives. If you

have not been to a reunion ever or haven't attended in many years please, please, please come join us. Chances are you will know someone there, and if you don't you'll have more friends than when you came.

If you are interested in holding a position on the board please let us know.

If you haven't registered yet please do so and I'll see you there!

Love,

~Vickie Cruz '83

FREE

Your name will be entered to a drawing for a \$100.00 restaurant chain gift card (e.g. Olive Garden or Saltgrass Steakhouse type restaurant) with your Pre-paid Registration and Dinner for the 2017 Reunion.

PLEASE NOTE-
 Anyone entering must **Pre-register** and **pay** for dinner by **May 14th** to be entered into the drawing. You may register online and mail a check or m/o, but envelope must be **post marked** no later than **May 14th**. DRAWING will be during dinner- **MUST BE PRESENT to WIN!**

Please Note: All Letters are the opinion of the sender and do not necessarily represent the views of the Ex- Student Association.

Treasurer's Message

Stephen Borrego '74



Well Hello there. I do not believe how time passes so fast. It seems like I just wrote this letter last week. Before you know it we will be gathering together for the reunion. Since we had two three day weekends this month, I have been working overtime at my second job trying to pay down some bills before I retire from the state. I have a long way to go.

I have emails out asking for some people to contact their class mates telling them about the reunion. My sister Karen (Kay) is taking on the class of 1973. Dave Anderson is grouping the class of 1977. Robert Cloud is commandeering the class of 1978. Tesa Apponey is joining the class of 1966. I have more emails out to other classes and waiting to hear from them. I encourage all classes to find one person to lead the hunt to encourage their class mates to come to a reunion. If you feel this would be a good ideal do not wait become that person. It does not cost much. Most classes do not have over 10 in the class. I sent out over 40 Christmas cards this year just to ex-students. Boy did I get a lot of cards back and got some for Easter too. Most of the ex-students always tell me that no one ever shows up but no one is telling them that they are going to be there and they are trying to get others to show. Step up, if you thought you were popular at the home then you should do it. This is why we paid you to be popular! No one looks the same as when they were at the home. Well, excuse me Ms. Glick, I am still ugly, over-weight, and balding. You did not think I could get any uglier did you? You do not stay away from family because you look different than the last time you saw them or your life did not turn out the way you expected it to. Some people do not want to come because of funds. Offer to pay some of their expenses if not all. Get some class mates together to help pay. I remember sleeping on the floor with other class mates because we could not afford the expense. I remember having to sleep out by the swimming pool. We are all family and this is one great reunion. When do you want to do it after everyone has passed away? We had a small class and we have already lost some I was close to.

If you do not feel that this is for you, can I please ask that you contact two old classmates? Ask them to come. Also, ask them if they would call two other classmates. Just think of what this could do.

Would you like a new directory?

(*The most current directory is always online. Directories are printed once yearly during reunion pre-registration and are available until we run out. If you order a directory mid-year. You may wait for the up-coming reunion or receive an old one.)

Mail request & \$15.00 (payable to Ex- Students Assoc.) to:

Masonic Home Ex- Students' Association
 Stephen Borrego '74, Treasurer
 PO Box 1809
 Liberty Hill, TX 78642

Okay if this is not enough, I have an ideal. I offer a prize (tba) to anyone that gets the most people to the business meeting on Saturday. The deal is that the person invited cannot have attended a reunion for the last two years. The invitee needs to give me a piece of paper with their name and the name of the person that invited them at the business meeting. Remember there is no charge to attend the meeting but the lunch is \$15 and registration is required- if you intend to eat.

Another great idea is to have cell reunions at some other time to get people together. I know some people already have gatherings at Labor Day or Fourth of July when they invite other home boys and girls to it. I intend to have a Bar-B-Q this summer and invite the Williamson and surrounding counties to come it.

Okay I am getting off of my soap box. I planted a garden this spring. I had to put up a two foot high fence to keep out the rabbits. I may look like Elmer but I do not like to hunt rabbit. The six foot fence keeps most of the deer out but there still is one or two that find ways around it. I am already picking turnips. Liberty Hill lost their head coach to retirement this year. My sophomore grandson lettered in weight lifting along with football this year. He is also running track this spring. Boy his letter jacket cost a lot but it looks good on me. The football team did not make state but the girls' basketball team did. They lost the big game.

~ Stephen Borrego '74

MASONIC HOME EX-STUDENTS' ASS'N. FINANCIAL REPORT- WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL REPORT

	Date	Amounts	Bal
Beg Bal			12286.29
Deposits (Dues & Reunion)			860.00
Withdraws			
Digital Print (The News)	2/17/17	560.55	
Total Credits			560.55
Out standing Checks			
Current Balance			12585.74

Great Information Worth Knowing:

- School Transcripts (not diploma)- contact Fort Worth ISD, 100 North University, Fort Worth, TX 76107, 817-814-2000
- Shot Records or dates of enrollment- contact request in writing, include maiden name, DOB and copy of valid ID to the Masonic Home and School, 338 Grapevine Highway, Hurst TX 76054. Email (www.masonichometx.org) or Fax 817-503-1551
- We encourage any Ex- Students that are seeking assistance for higher education to contact the Masonic Home and School of Texas (www.masonichometx.org). McCaulay Fund closed 2015.

Want you Newsletter in COLOR?

The News is one of the largest expenses of the Ex Students Association. Receiving the newsletter via email will help keep our cost down. So, think about it? Maybe save a tree! Sign-up online, message editor.mhs@gmail.com or on our new Facebook page.

Also, remember it is imperative that all email address are kept current. So, shoot us a quick email with the update.

Send changes to: editor.mhs@gmail.com

Vice President's Message

Christie Winters Norwood '97



Hello Fellow Sonics,

Hope everyone is doing well these days, I am so glad it's spring and the weather is finally warming up some. Busy stock show season is finally over for us and we are gearing up for the next show season already. The kids already have cute new babies in the barn, always such a fun time

with the kids traveling and making memories throughout the year. With that being said let's make some memories in June.

Guess what time it is? ALMOST REUNION TIME... I hope everyone is making plans to attend, the board has

been working hard to make these reunions memorable, help us do that by attending. Let's make this one the biggest and best yet. I mean who can pass up good food, good music and good friends. Hope to see you there.

As always if you are interested in helping out in any way feel free to contact one of the board members. Don't forget we will have a silent auction so donate, donate, donate. Also remember we will have the hospitality room, and will be needing snacks and drinks throughout the weekend as well. See you in June.

Much love

Christie (Winters) Norwood '97

Editor / Secretary's Message

Tamara van Gelder Cook '88



Hello Exes,

The end of the school year is quickly approaching!!! I am NOT ready. My baby boy just achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. We are very Proud! His Court of honor is in a couple of weeks followed by High School graduation-then off to college. This is my last child at home- "Where has the time gone!"

I am seeing a lot of activity about the upcoming reunion. I am so excited about all the interest! I hope all of you go a head and make your reservation at the hotel, plus fill out and send in payment for your registration form. I have spoken with the hotel and not many rooms have been booked at this point- SO LET'S GET BUSY!!! Hotel block is only guaranteed until June 9th and the dinner deadline is May 29th. These deadlines are set by the hotel. **Remember anyone pre-registering and paying for dinner by May 14th your name will go into a drawing for a \$100.00 restaurant chain gift card** (e.g. Olive Garden or Saltgrass Steakhouse type restaurant). So, Don't forget to send in your money today!

Make sure you mark your calendar for the reunion: **June 23-25, 2017, Fort Worth TX**. This is a meeting year, so if you are interested in running for a position or would like to nominate someone. Please send your name or the names you wish to nominated to any officer (note-person must want to run). We

will have lunch and a tour at the old campus, but the lunch will be in the old elementary gym due to the Dining Hall renovation (pictures- next printed newsletter). There is a side door for handicap accessibility in the gym. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at editor.mhs@gmail.com or any other board member for questions.

Thank you and keep in touch!

Tamara Cook '88

Article III Membership -All Ex-Students of the Masonic Home & School shall become members of the Association automatically and membership shall in no way depend upon the payment of dues or contributions of monies for any purposes. Non-compulsory dues shall be TWENTY- FIVE (\$25.00) per member annually, which shall help defray the costs of the newspaper, memorials and such other costs properly incurred by the Association.

Note: You may also contribute by printing the "contribute form" online and mailing your payment.

Dues and/or donations should be mailed to:

Masonic Home Ex- Students' Association
Stephen Borrego '74, Treasurer
PO Box 1809
Liberty Hill, TX 78642

Thank you for your contributions!!!

Want to help with the reunion

If you would like to help out, but do not wish to be on a committee- here is how you can help:

- bring food and/or beverage items to share with the exes in the Hospitality Rm.
- donate items to the auction (alcohol is not allowed for auction due to current TABC rules. If someone would like to pay for the needed permit, we can talk)
- donate funds to reunion to help cover overall reunion cost (i.e. entertainment/ dance floor, misc. supplies, water)

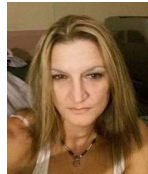
Editor Quarterly Newsletter main focus: August- pictures of the reunion, November- compiled list of who attended and possible release of reunion date if finalized, February- release of reunion dates and more detailed hotel information when available, May- all reunion issue (registration/ repeat of hotel information)

In Memory of

NOTE: When sending news of EX's passing's; feel free to mail, call or email any officer.

If possible please send us the Ex's full name and city where the obituary or funeral will be located. We should be able to find the link to the paper (example: legacy.com).

EMILY A. HACKER 2000



Emily Anne Hacker, 34 of Rockdale, passed away Thursday, January 19, 2017 in Rockdale. Memorial services are scheduled for 2:00 pm, Sunday, February 26, 2017 at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale. Sheila Trout Sager and Brad Owens will officiate. A dinner will follow at the Rockdale V.F.W. immediately after the services.

Emily was born May 26, 1982 in Houston, Texas to Teresa Lynne Hacker. She graduated in 2000 from Lakenheath High School in England. After graduation, she moved to Rockdale where she worked at various local establishments. In her spare time, she enjoyed sports, fishing, crafts and spending time with her children, family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Barb and Paul Garbet; grandfather, Wayne Hacker; uncles, Nathan Hopkins and Michael Johnson.

Emily is survived by her two sons, Levi Matthew Clark and Dylan Michael Clark both of Rockdale; her parents, Teresa and Jason Wilson of Rockdale; a brother, Steven Wayne Hacker of Taylor; cousin Cassie Mills Galbreath of Alvin; two grandmothers, numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and close friends.

Memorials may be made to the "Emily Hacker Memorial Fund" at the Rockdale Federal Credit Union, 1821 West Cameron Avenue, Rockdale, Texas 76567. (source- Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home, Rockdale TX)

ERNEST LACEY BRADY '40



A Mass for Ernest Lacey Brady Sr., 94 of Tyler will be held at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Flint, Texas on Saturday, February 11, 2017 at 10:00 A.M. , with Reverend Father Timothy Kelly officiating. Visitation will be Friday, February 10, 2017 from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. at Lloyd James Funeral Home. Burial will be at Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery in Tyler under the direction of Lloyd James Funeral Home.

Mr. Brady passed away, Wednesday February 8, 2017. He was born April 17, 1922 in Newark, Texas. He was raised and graduated from high school at the Masonic Home and School in Fort Worth, Texas. After graduating from high school he attended the University of Texas at Austin, but was interrupted by World War II, thusly joined the Marine Corp serving in Pensacola, Florida training pilots. Then he completed college at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas. He eventually moved to

Tyler as Branch Manager of General Motors Acceptance Corporation.

Mr. Brady was preceded in death by his wife of 45 years, Faye Saxon Brady and grandson, Ernest Lacey Brady III (Trey).

He is survived by a son Dr. Ernest Lacey Brady Jr. and wife Darby Brady, daughter Cindy Brady Scarborough and husband David Scarborough, four grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren and brother Homer Thomas Brady.

Special thanks to caregivers Emma Joyce Gatewood, La Mesa Johnson, Casandra Ware, Shirley Perry and Hospice of East Texas.

If desired, memorials may be made to St Mary Magdalene Food Pantry, 18221 FM RD. 2493, Flint, Texas 75762. (source- obituaries.tylerpaper.com)

VERN B. ELLIOTT '70

Vern Brownfield Elliott went to be with the lord on February 12, 2017. He was born in Sierra Blanca, TX August 28, 1952. He began first grade at the Masonic Home School in Ft. Worth and graduated from there in 1970. He worked in and around Sierra Blanca until he entered the US Army from 1972 until he was discharged as a Spec 4 in 1974. He worked on several ranches before he began his college career, first in San Angelo at Angelo State University for two years then he moved to Alpine to attend and graduate from Sul Ross State University in 1979. He worked part time for Cato Gage while attending college. In the summer of 1979 he began working for Lance Sears at the Sears Ranch in Alpine where he worked until his death.

Vern enjoyed his life living on the Sears Ranch, being with his kids playing baseball, softball, stock showing, and rodeoing. There are many great stories told of the fun times playing golf and fishing with his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Ginger Elliott; a daughter, Rexann Johnson; a son, Brian Elliott; two granddaughters, Madison Elliott and Hadley Johnson; a sister, Patricia Bramblett; two brothers, Jack Allen and Bill Elliott; a mother in law, Ellen Tidwell; several cousins, nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his Mother, Deed Elliott; father, Vern Elliott Sr.; and two brothers, John Allen and Dean Elliott.

Memorial Services will be at the Sears Ranch on February 18, 2017. (source- acreswestfuneral.com)

DAVID A. DIEHL '40



David A. Diehl Sr., 73, of Tullahoma, Tennessee passed away on Feb. 20, 2017 at Tennova-Harton Healthcare in Tullahoma.

He was born Nov. 15, 1942 in Brady, Texas to the late John Andrew and Mary Louise Boyd Diehl.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years Janice E. Overman Diehl of Tullahoma. Surviving sons are David A. Diehl, Jr. and his wife Jo H. Diehl of Manchester, Tennessee and Alvin D. Diehl of Tullahoma, Tennessee. One daughter Teri E. Diehl Adams of Tullahoma, Tennessee also survives. Surviving siblings are James M. Diehl of Texas, Glenn R. Diehl of California and sister Glenda K. Turner of Texas. Six grandchildren and six great grandchildren also survive.

Mr. Diehl was a beloved husband, father and grandfather that never met a stranger and always put his family ahead of himself. He was a proud member of the United States Air Force from 1963 until 1967 and continued to support the military in later years by being a faithful member of VFW Post 1893 in Franklin County. He raised his family by being a hard working truck driver for 28 years.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2017 from the chapel of Daves-Culbertson Funeral Home. Visitation will begin prior to the service at noon. (source- davesculbertsonfuneralhome.com)

BARSHEBA C. WYNNE '34



Barsheba "Bobbie" Wynne went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, March 17, 2015.

Bobbie was born to parents Oliver and Mattie Jones Crocker in Montalba, Texas on May 23, 1919. She was raised in a Masonic

home. She retired from Civil Service. Bobbie also taught Sunday School at Gideon Baptist church.

She is preceded in death by her parents and husband, Giles Wynne.

Survivors: four children; Susie (Bill) Honeycutt, Warren (Lou Ann) Wynne, David (Shirley) Wynne and Mary (Robert) Wardup; 17 grandchildren; 48 great-grandchildren; 21 great-great-grandchildren; sister, Anna Mae Claunch; numerous extended family and friends. (source- obits.dignitymemorial.com)

If you would like to send any thoughts or memories on our Exes who have passed on, please submit your letter to the MHS newsletter at editor.mhs@gmail.com or mail them to:

Tamara Cook
10703 E. Rocky Creek Rd
Crowley, TX 76036

Hotel Information (Hotel Reservation DEADLINE- June 9th, 2017)

Radisson Fort Worth- South

100 E Altamesa Blvd, Fort Worth, TX 76134

Hotel Phone: 1-817-293-3088

Group Rate: **Ex Students Reunion 2017:** (Room rate valid to 6/9- afterwards is subject to availability)

Standard- Double- \$89.00* (Kings subject to availability/ same rate)

This rate is valid days during the event- BUT only if made through the Hotel and made by the deadline.

We have negotiated some special perks for our association who book through the Hotel with our group:

*Complimentary wifi for staying guest and breakfast voucher (\$9.99)/ 2 (max) for King rm or up to 4 (max) for double room **depending on occupancy.**

Friday, June 23rd, 2017

Hotel Check-in Time is **3:00pm**

3:30pm to 10:00pm – Registration & Hospitality Room Open. Food/ drinks are available in the Hospitality Room.

(Registration) will be in the Hospitality Rm and more firm times will be posted on the door during the reunion)

Saturday, June 24th, 2017 (Dinner Deadline- MAY 24th, 2017- Hotel requires 30 days)

- 12-3pm - BBQ Lunch, Business Mtg & Tour at the ACH (Old Elem. Gym)- **Registration available on site.**
- 5:30-6pm- **Registration** Outside Ballroom.
- 6:00pm - Dinner and “Party” at the Hotel. Cost is \$35 per person plus silent auction and raffle. **Hospitality Rm will be closed during Dinner and Party.**
- 7:30-8:30pm- **Registration** Outside Ballroom.
- 8:00pm-11:00pm- “Party Only”. Music and dancing! If you choose to skip the dinner but want to join party afterwards, the cost is \$15. **Hospitality Rm will be closed during Dinner and Party.**

Sunday, June 25th, 2017

Check-out Time is 12:00 Noon

WE NEED YOUR HELP!! Please consider one of the following committees:

- **The Registration Committee:** Assist with on-site registration, gives out the name badges, directories, tickets to dinner and auction check-out. Call Stephen Borrego at (512) 913-4807/ stephen.borrego@dfps.state.tx.us.
- **The Hospitality Committee:** Assist with running the Hospitality Room, arranging and food set-up, beverages and paper supplies. Call Christie Norwood at (817) 807-6582/ norwood41101@aol.com, Vickie Cruz at (817) 729-6709/ vickieams@att.net, Tamara Cook at (817) 313-3370/ editor.mhs@gmail.com or Stephen Borrego at (512) 913-4807/ stephen.borrego@dfps.state.tx.us.
- **Auction Committee:** Helps with gathering auction items at reunion, arranging items prior to reunion, assistance with bid sheets, raffle ticket sells at reunion dinner and assist w/ auction check-out. Call Christie Norwood at (817) 807-6582/ norwood41101@aol.com or email Vickie Cruz at (817) 729-6709/ vickieams@att.net.
- **Business Lunch:** If you would like to help Christie Norwood organize the Saturday afternoon business meeting or just help set-up the day of the lunch meeting. Call Christie Norwood at (817) 807-6582/ norwood41101@aol.com.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!

Please fill out your registration form. This form is also on our website <http://www.masonichome-exstudents.org> (downloadable, printable version and register online). We need a head count for dinner by **MAY 24th, 2017**, so it is important that you return the registration form as soon as possible!



Name _____ Class Year _____

Guest (s)/Spouse _____ (MHS) Class Year _____

Address _____ Tel # _____

Tel # _____ Cell Phone # _____

City, State _____ Zip Code _____

Email Address _____ Spouse Email _____

Names and relationship of other attendees (Add Spouse Above): _____

Newsletter and Directory information– Please choose your preference: **(Deadline June 2nd for print)** (Please remember to keep us updated on any change of addresses)

- Hard copy (News via USP mail)** **Directory (“YES” publish my info)**
 E-mail (News via email- click on link) **Directory (“NO” keep my info private- Officers ONLY)**

You can also register online at: <http://www.masonichome-exstudents.org/reunion.html>

<input type="checkbox"/> NO, I will Not attend the reunion this year! List Items For Which You Are Attaching Check: <table border="0" style="width:100%;"> <tr> <td style="width:30%;">Price/Item</td> <td style="width:30%;">Amount Submitted</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Dues \$25.00</td> <td>\$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Directory \$15.00</td> <td>\$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Reunion Donation</td> <td>\$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> General Fund</td> <td>\$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total this side</td> <td>\$ _____</td> </tr> </table> (Make payable to Masonic Home Ex-Students' Assn.)	Price/Item	Amount Submitted	<input type="checkbox"/> Dues \$25.00	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Directory \$15.00	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Reunion Donation	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> General Fund	\$ _____	Total this side	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> YES, I Will attend the reunion this year! List Items For Which You Are Attaching Check: <table border="0" style="width:100%;"> <tr> <td style="width:30%;">Price/Item</td> <td style="width:30%;">Amount Submitted</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Dues \$25.00</td> <td>\$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Registration \$5.00</td> <td>\$ <u>5.00</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Directory \$15.00</td> <td>\$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Reunion Donation</td> <td>\$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> General Fund</td> <td>\$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total this side</td> <td>\$ _____</td> </tr> </table> (Add Pre-reunion total to below)	Price/Item	Amount Submitted	<input type="checkbox"/> Dues \$25.00	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Registration \$5.00	\$ <u>5.00</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Directory \$15.00	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Reunion Donation	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> General Fund	\$ _____	Total this side	\$ _____
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Send to: Stephen Borrego, Treasurer
 PO Box 1809
 Liberty Hill, TX 78642

Registration by mail (address above), phone or email to Stephen:
 (512) 913-4807/ stephen.borrego@dfps.state.tx.us - contact him with any questions you might have.



Dear Editor and ex-students
This has been an exciting year for our family.

Received word that our Grandson Matthew Davis (Sherry's kid), has been accepted as the newest member of the Silsbee High School National Honor Society. We are so very proud of him. He will be a senior next year and has big plans for his future.

Another proud occasion will be when he receives his Eagle Scout in the next few weeks. He has been working on that for a long time and it is a great achievement. We also have become the proud great grandparents of yet another little boy. Cody Davis (Sherry's middle child) is now the proud father of Wyatt Jacks Davis, born January 18th. Our family just keeps getting larger, and to think that just the two of us started all of this.

We went and visited with Larry Scoggins in Bryan, TX for a few days in February. He has lots of health problems, stemming from a car accident he was in several years ago. We enjoyed visiting with him and his family. We reminisced about the time we were together at the Home. He remembers all of these things very well, spoke of Mr. Avery, Ms Swope, Mr. Remmert, Mrs. Spain. The time he was locked in the closet and stuck his finger in the light socket, only to find there was no light bulb to turn on. The time he set the back pasture on fire and had to put out the smoking cow patties with a coffee can. Us guys could not help him, but had to watch him out the window carrying the water back and forth in that coffee can. It took him hours. Funny how he can remember these things so well and can't remember recent happenings. He will try to make Homecoming again this year if he can. His wife Bobbye encourages him to get out among his friends from the Home. Talked to BC Hathaway in Florida, trying to make a trip out there to see him, but too

many things have been in the way. Maybe later this year.

For certain, God willing, we will be at Homecoming. We had such a good time last year and would not want to miss seeing all of you.

Sonic Love,
Roy Milton Jacks (59)



Hello Editor and MHHS Ex Students,
WOW, this year at the reunion will be the 40th Anniversary of the Class of 1977! Really??? Are we really that old??? Well, the class of '77 is celebrating and attending big time! Not only the class that actually graduated but several former students, that left The Home before graduating, have committed to being there together.

We are putting out a challenge, a strong invitation and encouragement, that all graduates, and former students, from the years 1974-1980 to PLEASE join us and your friends at the reunion this year! Let's make a strong attendance and show of celebration from those years! Call your classmates and let's see which class has the highest % of participation! Where are all those we have lost touch with? Do you know?

Contact them please! The reunion is not just those that graduated in a certain year but for ALL former students! Thanks Board for all ya'll do for a great weekend for all of us! This year is going to be THE BEST!!!

Dave Anderson, Class of '77
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The Memories of our Music

What was your Senior Class song of what year? What songs and music brings back the best memories of your time, in school, at The Home? What song do you remember that you and your friends would turn up the radio a little louder or girls would dance around to? And those same songs flood great memories back to your mind when you hear them today?

At the MHHS Reunion each year, one of the high points has always been the dinner and dance on Saturday night. There are some of the high energy and most popular songs played and enjoyed. So, what requests would you have to hear and get to dance again to? Think back to a time when the music of our youth made such a great difference to us! Let's hear those songs and re-celebrate them together!

Please read the questions at the beginning of this article. Jot down your answers. Then, you can reply, and share, your memories of music on Facebook on several of the Masonic Home & School Ex Students pages, or you can email Dave Anderson (Class of '77), daveandersontx@aol.com, who is compiling a list to submit in advance to the awesome D.J. for consideration. If you don't have email, or Facebook feel free to call Dave at 817-521- 2386.

What are the memories of YOUR music? Let's relive them...and together celebrate them.

Dave Anderson, Class of '77

HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

Class of 1987- 30th Reunion

This is a REMINDER that this is the 30th Reunion for the Class of 1987. Mark your calendars and plan to be there! Feel free to contact me at rebecca@rebeccagroom.com or 214-945-5808.

Rebecca Landers Groom, Class of 1987

Obituaries continued...

ELIZABETH P GRIFFIN '25



Elizabeth "Tootsie" Griffin, 92, of Wake Village TX died Saturday December 24, 2011 in a local hospital. She was born on August 5, 1919 in Texarkana, TX. Mrs. Griffin was a member of Hardy Memorial United Methodist

Church and was a member of United Methodist Womens.

She is preceded in death by her husband J.E. Griffin.

Survivors include two daughters Mary Lou Blalock of Wake Village, TX and Locksley May of Wake Village, TX, four grandchildren and their spouses Cliff and Kim Blalock of Redwater, TX, Lisa and Sean Nolen of Wake Village, TX, John and Tara May of Texarkana, AR, and April and Jason Gray of Luxora, AR, 7 great grandchildren Ashley Chookas, Braden May, Caroline May, Burke Flowers, Logan Gray, Connor Gray, and Wesley Gray, one great great grandchild Isabella Chookas and a number of nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 2pm Wednesday December 28, 2011 at East Memorial Chapel-Downtown with Rev. Preston Greenwaldt officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Memorial Park under the direction of East Funeral Home-Downtown. Family will receive friends from 6 to 8 pm Tuesday December 27, 2011 at East Funeral Home-Downtown. (source- obits.dignitymemorial.com)

Notification of Students Passing No Obituary

- Class 1959- Joseph Sinclair (Passed in February 2016, per Jerry Beck via Billie (Sinclair) Thompson-sister of Joseph).
- Class 1920- Octavia (Canon) Webster (Passed November 4, 1997).
- Class 1923- James Evans (Passed January 11, 1998).

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