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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,

I came across a story I'd like to share with you:

One day a father and his rich family took his son on a trip to the country with the firm purpose to show him how poor people can be. They spent the day and a night on the farm of a very poor family. When they got back from their trip, the father asked his son, "How was the trip?" "Very good Dad!" "Did you see how poor

people can be?" the father asked. "Yeah" "And what did you learn?"

The son answered, "I saw that we have one dog at home, and they have four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of the garden, they have a creek that has no end. We have imported lamps in the garden; they have the stars. Our patio reaches to the front yard; they have the whole horizon." When the boy was finished, his father was speechless. His son added, "Thanks, Dad, for showing me how "poor" we are!"

Isn't it true that it all depends on the way you look at things? If you have love, friends, family, health, good humor and a positive attitude towards life - you've got everything! You can't buy any of these things. You may have all the material possessions you can imagine, provisions for the future, ect; but if you are poor in spirit, you have nothing.

Author Unknown

I guess as I became an adult I realized early on that having a positive attitude and positive thoughts would get me farther in life, well at least a happier life. And guess what I was right! I am happy, very! And, I'm happy that just in a few months I'll be

getting to see a lot of you at this years reunion. Please make plans to join us!

Peace,

~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!**

Checklist items:
 Registration
 Dinner
 Lunch
 Business Mtg
 Campus Tour

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 winter is here and we are locked inside the house by the weather again. I am almost through with my grand-daughter's car that she crashed last summer. I hope the super glue holds and the duck tape holding on the bumper will not fall off. I planted oats in the garden just to give it more nutrients and give the deer something to eat. It is time to break ground for the spring garden but still do not

know if I will have one this year. Liberty Hill football team went all the way to regional. China Springs whooped us like step children in that game. I was surprised that China Springs did not win State. I had to drive from Arkansas to attend that game. My youngest daughter told me around Christmas that she is expecting a baby around August. Can you believe it, another Borrego in the world? I can remember when I was the only one besides my sister Karen in my world. My oldest daughter's bathroom is still not finished. Not my fault. My son-in-law hunts deer and does not work in deer season. Glad I got the toilet and shower set before deer season. My father-in-law's bathroom started leaking and I had to go under and house and replace some pipes. I went hunting once this year but only saw does. I have a family reunion coming up sometime this Sumer in Colorado. I opened my big mouth and told the family it would be a Texas Bar-B-Que. The last one we had there was about 70 people 17 years ago. Not sure on the date yet.

Well on to the Home's business. This year the only name badges that will be printed will be for pre-registered guest only. We had problems printing names at the reunion last year. This and it takes a lot of time to print them. We will provide name badges that people can write their name on at registration. If you have an old name badge you are encourage to use that one. Also, all ex-board members please state if you held a position and the position you held on the registration form. I do not know if the form will have a place for this. I have only received one check for registration at this time. I am expecting

them to start coming in around February. Registration will only be opened at certain times during the reunion this year. They are forcing me to join in on the reunion and told me that I did not get to do as much as I should have last year. Please pay close attention to the schedule when it comes out for registration. I would like to extend a request that all of the ex-students from the 1970's come to this reunion. We always gripe that no one ever comes to the reunion that we know. Please make it a point to come. Get the people you know come. Every class should have one person that will contact everyone in that class and encourage them to come. Some may even need a ride to and from Fort Worth. Some may want to stay with each other to cut down on the cost. Do not worry how you have changed. I am over a hundred pounds since I left the home and gotten even uglier. Can you believe that? What I am saying is we have all changed. If you want to be proactive and be the head person for your class please call me at 512-913-4807 so I can see what classes will be represented. Oh by the way. This is a good ideal for all classes.

~ Stephen Borrego '74

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

	Date	Amounts	Bal
Beg Bal			12844.90
Deposits / DUES			25.00
Withdraws			
Digital Print (The News)	12/16/16	583.61	
Total Credits			583.61
Out standing Checks			
Current Balance			12286.29

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

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 '96



Hello sonics,

Can you believe it's almost reunion time again, time sure does fly when you are having fun. My little family has been busy gearing up for the major stock shows, as well as being pulled in many directions from sports, to activities to many functions, I'm sure many of you feel my pain. The

weather seems to be finally turning spring like a little early but I'll take it, I don't like the cold. Our board has been busy planning the next reunion we hope all of you are making plans to attend, as with everything bigger is better. We hope to make this the biggest year yet, help us set our goal. If you haven't been to reunion in a while, or

never, what's stopping you. You don't know what your missing come hang with familiar faces and maybe make some news friends. As always if anyone is interested in helping in any way please feel free to get in contact with a board member. We do have a spot opening up on the board if anyone is interested in running please let us know so we can add you too the ballot. Also don't forget we have a great silent auction as well, feel free to donate we always have such neat stuff turn up, I always look forward to checking out what I might be able to go home with. Remember 1990's kids I'm fixing to start bugging you , so you better make plans to attend would love to see all your faces.

Much love

Christie (Winters) Norwood '97

Editor/ Secretary's Message

Tamara van Gelder Cook '88



Hello Exes,

I'm hearing a lot of buzzzz of large groups coming to the reunion. Here is your reunion check off list! Make sure you reserve your room at the Hotel, and fill out and send in payment for your registration form. If you are not receiving the newsletter please fill in the designated section. **Remember**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dinner
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lunch
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hotel

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 next reunion: **June 23-25, 2017, Fort Worth TX**. This will be 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 up coming construction. There is a side door for handicap accessibility. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at editor.mhs@gmail.com.

Thank you and keep in touch!

Tamara Cook '88



ACH is excited to announce that the renovation of the Dining Hall will start in March, 2017 and be complete in about 9 months. The Dining Hall will become a training and meeting center and will be a hub of campus activity. The kitchen area will be converted to offices. The Girls dining side will become a ballroom/large conference room. The Boys dining side will be a large meeting room and a medium size training room. The ribbon cutting for the new building will probably be in December or January but we'll keep you posted as the date gets closer. We will have architectural drawings available at the Reunion if anyone wants to see more details about what is planned. We still have about 30 days before construction starts so if anyone wants to take one final tour of the building before renovations start, please call Julie Brown at ACH (817) 371-5110 and we will set up a time to take you through the building.

Wayne Carson

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*).

Notification of Students Passing No Obituary

- Class 1950- Mary Lou "Broyles" Morgan (Passed in September 2015, per Jerry Beck)
- Class 1955- Gwen "Burriss" Browning (Passed in 2016, per Jerry Beck)
- Class 1934- Nina Jensen (passed January 8, 2017, she had just turned 100 November 1st)
- Class 2000- Emily Hacker Passed away January 2017. Memorial TBA, information will be emailed/ FB when available.

Congratulations

This is great news for everyone, especially all Masonic Home Ex-students. At the annual meeting of Grand Lodge in Waco on Saturday January 21, 2017 fellow Ex-student Paul Underwood (1970) was elected as Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Texas. If Masonic tradition prevails Paul will serve as Grand Master in 2020.



Paul Underwood Grand Junior Warden at 2017 Grand Lodge

Paul will be the fourth Ex-student to attain this level of service to Masonry. Hugh Craig (1918) served as Grand Master in 1949, Johnny Bean (1931) served as Grand Master in 1960 and Tom Land (1941) served as Grand Master in 1981.

To my knowledge only one other Ex-student, Doug Lord (1945), has served as Shrine Potentate so this puts Paul in the unique position of being the first Ex-student to serve Masonry as both Grand Master and Shrine Potentate. This is a great honor for all five of these Masonic Home Ex-students.

There were several Ex-students in Waco for this memorable event including Jerry Beck, Billy Nichols, Robert Nichols, Billy Threlkeld, Lonnie Pace, myself and Bill Holt. It is a proud day for all of us and all Masons of Texas.

Paul's proud Brother twice,
David Underwood

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!!!



L to R; Jerry Beck, Sam Gibbins, Billy Threlkeld and Paul Underwood at Grand Lodge 2017



L to R; Billy Nichols, Paul Underwood and Robert Nichols at Grand Lodge 2017

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 (On Old MHS Campus/ location TBA)- **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>

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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.

10/31/16 (Reprint)

I had the pleasure of making a presentation the Fort Worth Genealogical Society in October. The topic was a brief History of the Masonic Home from the beginning to the present day Home and School. The presentation also contained information concerning records of students who were enrolled in the Masonic Home and School. Be sure to watch for more information in the Next Issue of the NEWS

Jerry Beck, Class 1960

Submitted by Jerry Beck- Verbally presented to FW Genealogical Society.

The Masonic Home and School of Texas

The Masonic Home and School of Texas evolved through the earliest days of planning by the Grand Lodge of Texas. By the early 1800's, the Grand Lodge began seriously thinking of a plan for helping distressed Masons, their widows and orphans.

In 1898 after many meetings a lot of investigations and travels, the Grand Lodge of Texas voted on and passed a resolution excepting a donation of 206 acres and monies for the direction of buildings. This donation came from Fort Worth Masonic Lodge number 148 AF and AM of Fort Worth, Texas. On October 6, 1899 the doors the Masonic Widows and Orphans Home were open to receive children. Appropriate dedication exercises were held on June 12, 1900. The Grand Lodge dedicated the Home "to the uses for which it was designed". It was a time of great joy. The dedication of the home brought the Masons' dream and realization for the plan to alleviate the stress of their brothers' children and widows for ages to come. The need for such an institution was revealed in the first report of the superintendent of the home. Dr. Frank Rainey's first report revealed that seventy-five children and one widow had been admitted during the year following the opening of the home.

In the year 1910, the windows were moved to the Home for Aged Masons of which later became the Texas Masonic Retirement Center in Arlington, Texas. The Masonic Widows and Orphans Home name was changed to the Masonic Orphans Home.

In 1913, the Masonic Orphans Home was declared an independent district and the campus became the Masonic Home and School of Texas.

In the early days of operation the home was a self-sufficient community.

It had its own water system, a power plant, farming, hogs, cattle and dairy farm. It processed the milk on campus, harvested it's crops, and had its own slaughterhouse.

With time, came change it to the Home. There was no need for a slaughterhouse and the farming of crops became a thing of the past. In the early 60's, the dairy process became extinct for the Home. The powerhouse for steam to heat the dormitories was closed.

Electricity and water Fort Worth brought many changes to the home's campus. And the 60's the new air-conditioned to Chapel and High School was built.

In May 2005, the last graduating class walked across the stage and the doors the Masonic Home and School were closed. The residential facility and the independent school district had shut down.

For over 100 years, the dream of the Masons of Texas existed, and the taken care of widows in the needy children of masons in the Masonic Home and School of Texas. The Masons provided an education, food, clothing, medical needs and housing for these needy children. This benevolence is a direct result of the generosity of the Texas Masons.

In the spirit of providing for all those in need still remain strong in the hearts of Masons. In 2007, a program began which is called Masonic Children and Family Services. It's mission is improving the quality of life for children and families in Texas.

In 2012, the operating name was changed back to the Masonic Home and School of Texas. It's function provides information, referral and financial support for qualified children or widows residing in Texas. Masonic affiliation is given priority.

References: McCaulay, W.R. (1935) The Masonic Home and School of Texas, The Masonic home and school of Texas "Our Story", and Masonic Home of Texas Ex-students Association

Submitted By Jerry Beck 1/7/2017

STUDENTS THAT HAVE EXCELLED:

- Hardy Brown Class 1942 Pro Foot Ball
- Ruth Sales Class 1958 Ft. Worth City Secretary
- Max Flatow Class 1933 Architect Built many Buildings in Midland & Odessa Texas
- Max Blankenship Class 1955 Lawyer

- Johnny Bean Class 1931 Supt. El Paso, ISD, MHS and Grand Master of Texas Masons
- Gary Ritchie Class 1970 Justice of the Peace, Precinct 6, Tarrant Co.

SCHOOL RECORDS

I have been asked several times about the SCHOOL RECORDS for those of us who attended SCHOOL at the home. These records are different than the records for admission to and service by the Home. School records are just what they say. They are the Educational records pertaining to our schooling toward high school graduation. If you graduated from the Home and School, these records were forwarded to the Fort Worth Independent School District. They can be contacted in the following manner: Fort Worth ISD, 100 North University, Fort Worth, TX 76107, 817-814-2000.

STUDENT RECORDS OF THE MASONIC HOME

These would be the records for ADMISSION TO AND SERVICES while a student on the campus of the HOME. These records are not to be confused with the SCHOOL RECORDS.

One would obtain a copy of these records by contacting: Masonic Home and School of Texas 338 Grapevine Hwy., Hurst, TX 76054, Toll free 1-817- 203-9111

12/15/16 Edward Hall (Class of '92) and Diana Diaz were married in El Paso Texas on November 26th 2016 at Jesus and Mary Roman Catholic Church. The Brides Uncle, Father Jorge Diaz officiated the Wedding.



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