

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL, SIOUX FALLS, SD
Serving The Classes of the Great '50's Decade. Photos & Stories Welcome!
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***Everything you ever
wanted to now about the
2015***

All School Reunion

Sept. 18, 19, 20, 2015

NOTE: Some events begin on Thursday, Sept. 17th

Registration & Schedules

WHS ALL-SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Sept. 18,19,20, 2015

Names: _____ Class Year: _____
Maiden Name: _____ Spouse or Guest: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
Weekend Cost, \$50.00 per person – Number attending: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, September 18th

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Registration: Sioux Falls Convention Center (Hallway)
5 p.m. - Kickoff Homecoming Football Game (WHS vs. O’Gorman): Howard Wood Field
\$5.00 per person Number of tickets: _____ (Please add this amount to check)
7 p.m. Heavy Appetizers – Cash Bar - Sioux Falls Convention Center **Exhibit Hall 1**
8 p.m. – 12 a.m. Visiting, dancing, getting reacquainted

Saturday, September 19th

10 a.m. Continuing Registration – Sioux Falls Convention Center (Hallway)
1 p.m. to 4 p.m. “Just Visiting” will be available in venue to be announced. # _____
Trolley rides – downtown Sioux Falls and The Falls # _____
NOTE: Tours of the Pavilion (Retired teachers/staff present in Alumni Hall) # _____
Multiple Tours Destination tours Include: (Rotating Buses will be stopping at all 5 destinations)
May Be Signed “New” Washington High School # _____ Sanford Sports Complex # _____
Up For. Veteran’s Memorial Park # _____ Joe Floyd’s Ford Car Collection # _____
Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum # _____

5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Social Hour – Cash Bar - Sioux Falls Convention Center **Grand Ballroom**
6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Dinner (Seated by year of graduation)
Please check _____ Oriental Glazed Chicken _____ Glazed Pork Tenderloin
7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. – Cavern Beat (Chicago, IL) Tribute to the Beatles (Concert)
10:30 p.m. to midnight – Visiting

Sunday, September 20th

10 a.m. – Continental Breakfast (Venue to be decided) Please Indicate number attending: _____

Blocks of rooms:

Sheraton Hotel	Comfort Inn and Suites	Holiday Inn City Center	Ramada Hotel & Suite
605-331-0100	605-275-9577	605-339-2000	605-275-2702
\$119	\$109 Single/Double	\$119	\$118
8/28 Cutoff	\$119 Suites	9/19 Cutoff	8/18 Cutoff
	9/1 Cutoff		

May stay at any of the other motel/hotels/campgrounds of your choice.

Make Check Payable to: WHS All-School Reunion and Send to:
Marlys Hohman, 1127 North Covell Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57104

Registration Deadline: September 1, 2015

No refunds after: September 1, 2015

Any questions: Marlys at 605-271-9084 or marlysanna@aol.com

FOR INDIVIDUAL CLASS GET TOGETHERS SEE LIST BELOW.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Anyone with special dietary or wheelchair transportation needs, please contact Marlys.

Venues will be available Friday and Saturday afternoons for visiting.

DESTINATION TOURS:

The “New” Washington High School, students will be available to give tours.

Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum is a historic 115-acre plot rich with evidence of the past - stone quarries, rail lines, building foundations, town roads, and more, which began as a dream. A local visionary for the environment, Mary Jo Wegner imagined a natural haven in Sioux Falls with wetlands, gardens and native plants. The Arboretum provides recreation and education. A living link to the past and a great stake in our future: the Arboretum will help future generations foster a relationship with the environment while sharing the story of how earlier cultures interacted with the natural world. 1900 South Perry Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57110

Sanford Sports Complex is 162 acres that will serve and excite people of all ages and all walks of life. If you can play it... it will be available on this complex.
2210 West Pentagon Place, Sioux Falls, SD 57107

Veterans’ Memorial Park - The dream of a veterans' memorial that recognizes the military history of our community and allows for a place to reflect on the sacrifices that all veterans made has been realized.

First inspired by Msgr. James Andrasckho of Holy Spirit Church, the vision became reality as the City of Sioux Falls and veterans organizations embraced the idea. A committee began by researching various ideas, meeting with designers, veterans groups and the public. A professional design team refined those ideas and a master plan was developed for the Park.

The US Army Air Corps used the selected site, North of Terrace Park, during World War II. The park, which was dedicated on September 9, 2006, includes an entryway with flags, plazas, walls, and an amphitheater. The design of the park allows for memorials to be built over time in various spaces. 1021 West Bailey Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57104.

Joe Floyd Ford Car Collection – There are about 30 cars in the collection. The majority is the 1936 Ford. We do not have a complete collection of restored models. We have one of all the models Ford made that year (14). Then we have some examples of the Ford, Lincoln and Mercury “shoebox” design popular in 1949 thru 1951. Some trucks from the 1930’s and 1948 all Fords. Plus a FORD Model A sport coupe. We have a 1967 and 1958 Chevy convertible. The shop is located at 200 Industrial Drive in Harrisburg just behind the new sports complex. Take the drive marked Harrisburg Public Storage just to the rear of the sports complex.

Anyone interested in a tee shirt or sweatshirt may purchase such on: **Washington High School Warriors Apparel Store** Website.

Individual Class Activities

Many individual classes are planning a “get together” for just their class during the 2015 All School Reunion. The O&B is most happy to list and help promote each of the class events. If your class has something planned and you do not see it on the list below, please let the O&B know.

Class of 1950: A true story: Two girls met the first day of college at Augustana in 1977. They became lifelong best friends. They soon realized that both their dads were graduates of the class of 1950 WHS! They are me - Kristi Erickson Clark (daughter of **Charles Erickson**) and Cathy Qualseth Bernard (daughter of **Don Qualseth**). We got together recently and decided to have a reunion for our dads and their classmates. Here are the details: We are doing it in conjunction with the all school reunion this fall.

Friday Noon, September 18, Sioux Falls Convention Center: Luncheon, \$25 per person.

RSVP and check made out to Cathy Bernard and sent to: WHS 1950 Reunion c/o Kristi Clark, 16516 Marais Drive, Olathe, Kansas 66062: Phone #s, Kristi, 760-525-4832 or Cathy, 507-213-1883

Class of 1952: A brunch will be held at 11 am on Saturday, Sept. 19, 2015 at Beef O Brady's Family Sports located at 2210 W. 69th St. in Sioux Falls. You will order from the menu. For more information, and/or a ride, contact, **Betty Holmoe Pfieffe '52 at 728 E. Greenbrier Place, Sioux Falls, SD 57108. Phone is 605-310-8687. Email, waltleyse@hotmail.com**

Class of 1953: On Apr 24, 2015, **Sharon Frank Johnson '53** <shrnfaye@sio.midco.net> wrote:

Hi Jack, Thanks for your call and efforts to get our reunion news into the O&B. Since we did not have a 60th reunion, we're calling our gathering an “80th Birthday Party for the Class of '53”.....seemed fitting, as we are all there or will be shortly. Plans are not totally finalized, but we have reserved Minnehaha Country Club for a brunch at 10:00 on Saturday Morning, Sept. 19. The cost will be about \$15 and **Joanie Hobson Keuser will be taking the reservations and checks (separate from the reunion itself.)** Her address is **2425 S. Main Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57105. Her email is dj.keuser@sio.midco.net for anyone who has questions, or my email is shrnfaye@sio.midco.net.** That will give everyone time to attend the afternoon tours, which, I believe they will find interesting. Marlys has done a great job of getting things organized!

Thanks again.

Sharon Frank Johnson '53

Class of '54: A Class of '54 dinner will be held on Thursday, Sept. 17, 2015. The venue and all other details will follow later. There will be a no host cocktail party from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm followed by dinner at 7:30 pm. Hopefully all out of town '54 classmates will plan on arriving in Sioux Falls by at least Thursday, the 17th, so you can attend this Thursday night dinner. We are still looking for a chairperson for the event.

Other Classes: Hopefully, there will be more classes organizing a get together over the All School Reunion weekend and they will send their information to the O&B.



**GO
WARRIORS**

THE MUSIC SCENE WAS CHANGING, BIG TIME (THE BRITISH INVASION)

Part Nine In The Series On

Myron Lee and The Caddies

By Myron Lee Wachendorf '59



Myron Lee Wachendorf '59
WHS Senior Photo

We were invited back to do another Dick Clark Caravan of Stars Tour in 1965. We all met in New York City again to rehearse and start the Tour. We had done a lot of work on the songs we would be doing before we left Sioux Falls so rehearsal was pretty easy except for the group **Little Anthony and the Imperials** whose hit songs had more difficult arrangements. All their songs had more than three chords except for their first hit *Tears On My Pillow*. Other

acts on the show were headliner **Bobby Vee**, **The Hondells**, **Freddie Cannon**, **Billy Stewart** and **The Iketts**. The British Invasion had started and

we had a group from England on our show too by the name of **Herman's Hermits** with their big hit

song *Mrs. Brown You've Got A Lovely Daughter*. It was our job to back up all these people and each night we would open the show with a song, I would introduce Dick Clark, and on with the show.

When we played the larger cities many times the promoter would add an extra group or two and I remember playing Philadelphia when **The Rolling Stones** joined us. There must have been 20,000 people packed in this large auditorium. When the show was over we had to walk about 100 feet to get to our two busses in the back of the building. The police formed two lines with an aisle between them and as we walked down the aisle there were hundreds of fans reaching between the police to grab or touch us. It was like a mob scene almost and very scary as I remember.

Before the Tour started, I had gotten permission to drive my station wagon pulling a trailer. My wagon was a brand new red 1965 Pontiac and we thought it would be cool to do this because we were more in control of our time and not be confined to a bus all the time. Some of the guys wanted to be on the bus though, so that left room for Bobby Vee to ride shotgun with me. As it turned out, it wasn't such a cool idea after all because one time we slept in and left an hour later than the busses. We were booked in Fort Wayne, Indiana that night, but didn't account for road construction. When we realized that we would be late, we stopped in some little town to make a phone call and thank God we were able to talk to a person in charge at the auditorium where we would be playing. This person told me that he would arrange for a highway patrolman to



Dick Clark with Myron Lee & The Caddies



Bobby Vee & Myron Lee

watch for us as we approached Fort Wayne and that he would escort us to the auditorium. So there we were, driving into the big city with an escort with his lights flashing. It made us feel kind of important. We arrived one hour after the show was suppose to start. We set up the equipment and tuned up as quick as possible. There were plenty of people there to help carry in the equipment. I introduced Dick Clark ... and away we go.

Later, I was told that Dick Clark walked on stage on time and told the large crowd what had happened. He then sat on a stool and entertained the crowd for 45 minutes all by himself. What a trooper, and they loved him. When they pulled the curtains and we took the stage we got a standing ovation. Dick Clark never

mentioned anything to me about what had happened, but I got a look from his road manager, Sarge, and I knew that we had better leave with plenty of time to spare from then on.

When we had a rare night off, Dick Clark would throw a private party for all of us with all the food and drinks. Those were fun times I'll tell you about it next time. You can go to my website, myronlee.com, or put Myron Lee in YouTube and see the private Dick Clark parties from my home movies with music and narration in Part #1 through Part #6.



**1947 Photo of Longfellow Grade
School, Class of '49**

More Great Photos From Jim Ward '53

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Jim Ward '53

WHS Senior Photo

On Feb 11, 2015, at 8:49 PM, **Jim Ward '53** <J-CWard@charter.net> wrote:

Jack, thanks again and again for your efforts. Having seen the last edition where one of your contributors sent a picture from pre-high school days I realize I have more pictures you might like. These are from Longfellow Grade School. I will hold down the number. The first photo is of our Longfellow class in 1947. These stellar looking students would have mostly ended up in WHS class of '53. I see Sandy Marsh, Connie Roth, Jack White, Al Borgen and many others. I must have been in there as well but I don't readily see myself. The second picture is of the "heavyweight" basketball team at Longfellow in '49. These super athletes would have ended up in WHS class of '53. I see myself, Al Benson, Jack White, Billie Greenough, Al Borgen, Jack Cullen, Bill Baker, Bill Simpson and others (I think I have all the names listed somewhere if you want them). The third photo is of the Longfellow cheerleaders, most of whom I assume ended up in WHS '53 or '54. I see Connie Roth and Sandy Marsh and others whose names elude me. Be careful what you wish for but I have more pictures from Longfellow if you would like to see them. Thanks again.

Jim Ward, WHS '53



Longfellow basketball team (48/49). Pictured standing are left to right: Coach Bob Evans, Bill Baker, Jack White, Jack Cullen, Eugene Delang, Bill Simpson, Don Renner, Alfred Borgen, Bill Greenough. Kneeling in front are left to right Jay Thorpe, Johnny Winters, Jim Ward and Alan Benson. If they went on to WHS, I think all of these boys would have been in the class of '53 except for Don Renner, '54.



Longfellow Cheer Leaders '48/'49

On Feb 13, 2015, **Shirley White Peterson '59** <petersons@proaxis.com> wrote:
 Jack, I appreciate your time and effort involved in producing this newsletter. Attached
 is my contribution that you may run.

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Shirley White '59
WHS OLD Queen



Spencer Peterson '57
WHS Senior Photo

Some months ago I noticed a small royalty picture in the newsletter of homecoming coronation 1959 of John Hegg and me setting on the throne chairs. It was a “laugh out loud moment” for me when I read the caption explaining that was the only time when a substitute chair was used for the Coronation. I have to say this is the first time I looked at the picture and saw it through different eyes, “Eyes Wide Open”. You see, when I was growing up in Sioux Falls no one in my family mentioned to me that I was vertically challenged! I heard that comment many years later. I always stood tall!

I have lived and worked in Corvallis, Oregon since 1971. We moved with two small children after my husband (**Spencer Peterson '57**) received his PhD from the University North Dakota and began working for the US Environmental Protection Agency as a research ecologist. He retired 4 years ago after 42 years of government service, including military. Today I continue working as a Real Estate Principal Broker serving my friends and clients for almost 35 years. I love what I do and have been blessed with good health and energy to match the younger brokers.

In addition I have chosen a lifetime of volunteering: Recently, I completed my role as Chair of the Board of Directors for Samaritan Health Services, a non-profit of 5 surrounding hospitals who have survived with creative and innovative ideas. This position has kept me informed, challenged and full of questions while health care is in transition. SHS has opened a new sports medicine center on Oregon State University campus and is building a "state of the art" cancer center at the Regional Medical Center in Corvallis. I am proud to say my name is on the plaque of the Heart Center in Corvallis and on the first Medical School built in Oregon in 100 years, Western University of Health Sciences (Lebanon, OR) which offers AOA-accredited graduate medical education programs in: Cardiology, Family Medicine, General Surgery, Internal Medicine, Orthopedic, Surgery, Psychiatry, and Traditional Rotating Internship. These programs are designed to create a legacy of quality physicians and lifelong learners through a rigorous academic program integrated with clinical practice. Check website: meded.samhealth.org. If you come our way, give me a call and I will give you a tour.



I was humbled in 2012 to be named by the Corvallis Chamber of Commerce as First Senior Citizen and in fall of 2011 recognized publicly at Oregon State Football game as Community Champion for Volunteer Work. I continue my service as past President of Rotary Club 5110, Assistance League of Corvallis, PEO Chapter BP, and serve on the Board of Trustees for the Oregon Idaho Conference for Methodist Church. In August for the third year in a row we took our Grandchildren, 11 and 12, to Grand Camp Magruder for a weekend stay on the Oregon Coast near Tillamook, Oregon. It is between a fresh water lake and Pacific Ocean. We have signed up for a fourth year.

If you are in the area, call, visit, or send email: petersons@proaxis.com. Office: 541-757-1781. Many of you may remember my parents: Mary and Joe Kucler who hired many high school vendors to work for them at their concession stands at Drive In Theaters, Swimming Pools, (Terrace Park & Drake Springs), Zoo, Race Tracks, Farm Show, Fair, and the National Corn Picking Contest which hosted Presidential Candidate: John F. Kennedy. I was the one who was working in the back room popping popcorn while standing on a wooden grate which had previously held glass Coke bottles. My husband worked for my parents, as well: often, we had to peel a big bucket of potatoes for French Fries before we could go on our date. I noticed my Mother kept fixing him a big serving of French Fries. He kept coming back; we will have been married 54 years September 16th, 2015.

Shirley White Peterson '59

On Feb 13, 2015, **Joan Hansen Stark, Cathedral '58** <flaioan@hotmail.com> wrote:

Reading the O&B always reminds me that I owe you a photo for your files..If I lived in CA I would frequent the Crocodile....I hope your family keeps it going for a long time...I grew up working at the Arkota for my Dad .Your newsletter takes me right back to those happy growing up years....aren't we lucky to have memories that make us smile all day??

Your hard work is appreciated!!

Joan Hansen Stark,Cathedral '58

See next page for Joan's 2nd letter and a great Argus Leader story on the ever popular Arkota Ballroom.



Joan Hansen '58
Cathedral Senior Photo



On Feb 13, 2015, at 5:17 PM, **Joan Hansen Stark, Cathedral '58** <flajoan@hotmail.com> wrote:

Dear Jack,

My dad, Mag Hansen, managed the Arkota from 1950 until it was sold to the Shriners in 1985. It was built and owned by the Archer Ballroom Company based in Des Moines and one of a chain of ballrooms around the Midwest. It was our family business (even tho we didn't own it) and as you know, everyone pitches in. The six of us kids were usually working at the ballroom when it wasn't operating...cleaning, sweeping, finding lost items under booths etc...the incentive being finding loose change on the floor...ha. We answered the phone and took reservations. The ballroom sold only set ups but everyone came in to the dances with a "paper bag" and you had to be 18 to get in. When I was tall enough to see over the check room counter, I started working there, checking coats. On school nights my Dad would drive me home at intermission but if no school I stayed until the dance was over to give people their coats. It got very interesting by the end of the night when people couldn't remember where their coat check was. My mom wouldn't let me waitress but I got asked to dance often and it was exciting to see and hear those name bands, playing in Sioux Falls for one night only. My brothers worked behind the bars sometimes and we always worked on New Years Eve, double checking those coats, hats and gloves....two to a hanger, and hundreds and hundreds of them.

Didn't mean to write so much but nobody ever asked me about those high school years....See what you start with one question???

Joan Hansen Stark, Cathedral '58



Early Photo of The Arkota Ballroom

The Arkota Ballroom opened on

Nov. 11, 1925, at the corner of 13th Street and Phillips Avenue. It was Armistice Day, and Sioux Falls residents still were celebrating the end of World War I seven years before.

There were dances at such venues as The Coliseum, Electric Palace and K.C. Hall the same night, but residents were eager to check out the new Arkota Ballroom. Owner Thomas H. Archer was still putting the finishing touches on the ballroom, its name derived from Archer's and that of our state.

The Arkota had a 1,500-square-foot dance floor, and its opening act, Vernon McDonald and his Harmony Kings, was presented on a platform before a background of mulberry plush velour. The interior walls were not yet painted because of the freshness of the plaster, but there were plenty of wicker chairs for the comfort of the patrons placed along the side wall.

Through the years, the Arkota served as host to amazing acts from the big band and swing era as well as rock 'n' roll acts. Performers of note include Count Basie, Gene Krupa, Artie Shaw, Duke Ellington, Tommy and Jimmy Dorsey, Frank Sinatra, Lawrence Welk and Guy Lombardo and Dion and the Belmonts, as well as local music legends Myron Lee and the Caddies.

The popularity of the Arkota facilitated two expansions of the building through the years, bringing the size of the dance floor to 6,600 square feet.

The dance floor was replaced once in the 1950s, and its replacement stands to this day. The Arkota's last manager, Magnus "Mag" Hansen, had a special means of caring for the fabled dance floor, using a combination of Parawax and corn meal. Hansen ran the Arkota from 1945 till its end more than three decades later.

Tom Archer, however, did not stop with the Arkota. He opened many more ballrooms in the area, including the Chermot Ballroom in Omaha, the Tromar in Des Moines and the Tomba in Sioux City, Iowa, among others. Archer died in 1963 and is buried in a family plot in Des Moines. His wife, Frances, took over the family ballroom business for many years after his death.

The Arkota still was keeping busy when it closed. Local dance groups that gathered at the Arkota to the end included The Arkota Polka Club and the Mr. and Mrs. Club, which had rented the floor since 1945.

The level of business wasn't the only consideration; Frances Archer had been living in Des Moines for years, and the distance made things difficult to maintain.

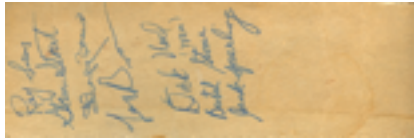
The Arkota Ballroom entertained with Sammy Jonsen and Mearl Lake on Sept. 27-28, 1980, then handed the keys over to the El Riad Shrine. El Riad still maintains the building and plays host to performances and wedding dances.

The memories of the Arkota run deep in Sioux Falls. Many couples met and formed the foundations of their relationships on its dance floor through the years.

Email jthaden@argusleader.com.

Editor's additions: Do you remember the booths we all sat in? In the photo to the right, in booth #125 and appearing to be thoroughly enjoying their Arkota evening are Jack White '53 deceased, Sharon Roggen Batten '53, Jaroline Johnson White '53 and Jim Ward '53.

And, do you remember the card board "RESERVED" signs provided by the Arkota to reserve your booth? They were excellent to get the performing band's autograph. Here is one I used for Les Brown and his band's autographs.



I learned a couple of interesting things while doing the research for this Arkota story and Joan's letter. One was that Frank Sinatra performed at the Arkota on March 23 1942. The other item that pleased me a great deal was when I learned that the Arkota is still offering big band music. The "World Famous Glenn Miller Orchestra" will be appearing at the Arkota on June 15th of this year, 2015.

Thanks Joan, for helping us all recall some wonderful memories. And thanks to your Dad too.



On Mar 26, 2015, at 12:08 PM, **Donald Brown '53** <don@chubrown.com> wrote:

Dear Jack,



Don Brown '53
WHS Sophomore Photo

Many people who have sent you materials have mentioned their hobbies, which I have enjoyed reading about. My hobby is growing orchids. It started after my wife and I moved to Santa Barbara and found some ratty looking plants in an arbor in the back yard. I tossed them into a pit where a tree had been uprooted. A year later my neighbor leaned over the fence and asked why I had thrown those orchids in that pit. I said I did not know they were orchids and they had looked dead to me. He said they were not dead and he showed me how to care for them. We re-potted them and they bloomed that winter. In the meantime I had picked up some free-flowering plants often growing in peoples' front yards and often available at garage sales here. Those too turned out to be orchids.

With that I decided that maybe orchids are easy to grow, and that I should visit a local orchid nursery, which turned out to specialize in the kinds that readily grow outdoors in Santa Barbara. In short order I was hooked.

Decades later a monster I had grown in my back yard had gotten so big I could not move it. The nurseryman who first sold me orchids offered to buy it. I sold it to him and he promptly showed it at the Santa Barbara Orchid Show (1998). He got "Best of Show" but he named it for me and, according to American Orchid Society who-grew-it rules, I got the awards it gave out. It was the highest score ever given



Carrie and Don Brown '53 sitting in front of his magnificent and award winning, "Dendrobium speciosum var. hillii 'Don Brown' "

at that show before or since. My wife and I are sitting in front of it in the first photo. It was 8 feet across. The name "Tar-beri" is the Australian native term for the species (Dendrobium speciosum var. hillii).

This year I straightforwardly won Best of Show at what is now called the Santa Barbara *International* Orchid Show (one of the two largest in the U.S. at present). It was for Dendrobium papilio 'Rosminah' (the latter is my daughter's name). That species' native habitat is the Philippines. The second photo shows the plant and the third photo is of my display.

Many of the orchids I have grown outdoors can be seen on this website: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/14396340@N02/sets/72157603770301161/>

With many thanks yet again for your extraordinary generosity and effort in putting out the WHS Newsletter,

Don Brown ('53)

Editor's Congratulations: WOW Don! I know so little about flowers and especially about orchids, but I'm overwhelmed with what appears genius to me resulting from your hobby of growing orchids. Needless to say, they are spectacularly beautiful! Don, you continue to impress me with the so many sides and talents I continue to learn about you. Thank you so much for sharing this truly beautiful and artistic side. Jack

Two more photos of the beautiful results of Don's incredible hobby can be seen on next page.



Dendrobium papilio 'Rosminah'



Don Brown's '53 Display, March 2015



**Eric Gustafson '58
WHS Senior Photo**

On Apr 4, 2015, at 9:40 AM, **Eric Gustafson '58** <egustaf@me.com> wrote:
Hi Jack,

Just got the O&B and it reminded me to ask a favor. I am not sure whether you have the time or the inclination but I am on a small mission to try to further my efforts to find people in the Class of '58 who we have never gotten in touch with and you may be able to help.

Can you go through the attached listing and see if you might have them on your contact list? If there is room on the next O&B maybe you could even publish the list and see if others might know the whereabouts of these missing classmates.

If you either don't want to be involved or you don't have the time please don't hesitate to say NO. I would totally understand as you have enough on your plate already.

Thanks,

Eric Gustafson, Class of '58

Editor's response: Eric, I have been able to locate the following 9 people from your list of 97 lost classmates. I have sent their corrected contact information to you.

**Darwin Anderson
Margaret Anderson Neal
Helen Badker Hanisch**

**Lorraine Brewer Breen
Jacob Brinkmann
Lloyd Buchholz**

**Mary Casperson Harris
Arden Holliday
Bill Rathburn**

The entire list of 97 lost classmates from the Class of '58 is published as requested on the next two pages. If any of you have any information on the location of anyone on this list please send it to Eric Gustafson '58 at egustaf@me.com.

1	SIR Name	First Name	Last Known Name	Street Address	City	St	Zip
2	Anderson	Darwin	Darwin Lee Anderson		Rosamond	CA	93560
3	Anderson	Margaret	Margaret Neal		Clark	SD	57225
4	Anderson	Sylvia	Sylvia Anderson				
5	Andrus	Linda Baird	Linda Case		Renner	SD	57055
6	Bachman	Sharon	Sharon Leonard				
7	Badker	Helen	Helen Hanisch	608 S. Thompson	Sioux Falls	SD	57103
8	Brewer	Lorraine	Lorraine Breen	24940 47th Ave	Baltic	SD	57003
9	Brinkman	Jacob	Jacob Brinkman		Sioux Falls	SD	57105
10	Buchholz	Lloyd	Lloyd Buchholz		Sioux Falls	SD	57105
11	Burt	Mary Ann	Mary Ann Meyer		Madison	WI	53711
12	Byg	Bernadine	Bernadine Rossow				
13	Byington	Bev	Bev Byington		Fairbanks	AK	99702
14	Carson	Karen	Karen Lamp				
15	Carter	Sheila	Sheila Carter				
16	Casperson	Mary	Mary Harris		Long Beach	CA	90805
17	Clausen	Donna	Donna Pritchard		Mesa	AZ	85205
18	Clayton	Bill	Bill Clayton	2314 S. Van Eps	Sioux Falls	SD	57105
19	Crangel	John	John Crangel				
20	Dempster	Tom	Tom Dempster				
21	Dibble	Nadeen	Nadeen Smith				
22	Dobbs	Don	Don Dobbs		D'iberville	MS	39540
23	Engel	Lyle	Lyle Engel				
24	Farrell	Judith	Judith Alley		Isabel	SD	
25	Fisher	Mary	Mary Jirschele		Arlington Heights	IL	60005
26	Freeman	Hope	Hope Carnicle	3628 W. Beryl Ave.	Phoenix	AZ	85051
27	Gallagher	Francis	Francis Gallagher	14059 Rabbit Rd	Sylmar	CA	91342
28	Geiss	Beverly	Beverly Geiss				
29	Gers	Trudy	Trudy Gers				
30	Gieser	Duane	Duane Gieser				
31	Grav	Jo Ann	JoAnn Hovaldt				
32	Green	Bill	Bill Green				
33	Hage	Laurie	Laurie Schempp	P.O. Box 2003	Sioux Falls	SD	57105
34	Hansen	Donald	Donald Hansen				
35	Hansen	Larry	Larry Hansen				
36	Hanson	Bonnie	Bonnie Wright		Camarillo	CA	93010
37	Hanson	Gerald	Gerald Hanson				
38	Harris	Dudley	Dudley Harris				
39	Holliday	Arden	Arden Holiday	803 So Rail Road Ave	Atwood	KS	67730
40	Horton	Josephine	Josephine Penning	3247 Shadow Bluffs Ave	Las Vegas	NV	89120
41	Houk	Jim	Jim Houk	2420 Stanton Dr.	Sioux Falls	SD	57103
42	Ingalls	Gerald	Jerry Ingalls		Burke	VA	22015
43	Ingalls	Janice	Janice Ingalls		Rosemount	MN	55068
44	Israel	Marvin	Marvin Israel				
45	Jortzik	Helga	Helga Jortzik				
46	Kane	Larry	Larry Kane		Rapid City	SD	57701
47	Kaufman	Kathleen	Kathleen Kaufman				
48	Kemnitz	Warren	Warren Kemnitz				

49	Kildal	Ardene	Ardene Downing	8489 Hwy. 65-69	Indianola	IA	51205
50	Kirk	Bonnie	Bonnie Kirk				
51	Klith	Pat	Pat Klith				
52	Kolthoff	Lois	Lois Delfs				
53	Kondert	Irmtraut	Irmtraut Rey				
54	Leitheiser	Madonna	Madonna Rath		Esterville	IA	51334
55	Lens	Barbara	Barbara Masga				
56	Lewis	Bill	Bill Lewis				
57	Lewis	Darrell	Darrell Lewis	2512 S. Willow Av	Sioux Falls	SD	57103
58	Lugg	Lois Ann	Lois Ann Gortmaker				
59	Marx	Dan	Dan Marx				
60	Maus	Sally Lee	Sally Beach				
61	McFarland	Judy	Judy McFarland				
62	Meester	Joanna	Joanna Ersman				
63	Michaelson	Karen	Karen Lampher	Box 212	Carver	MN	55355
64	Millage	Betty	Betty Millage				
65	Mitchell	Larry	Larry Mitchell				
66	Nelson	Judy	Judy Nelson				
67	Otto	Frank	Frank Otto				
68	Parks	Sheril	Sheril Atkinson		Pembroke Pines	FL	33312
69	Pease	Bonnie	Bonnie Hennings				
70	Peck	Dick	Dick Peck				
71	Pett	Robert	Robert Pett	31063 Franklin Rd.	Franklin	MI	48025-1350
72	Pollmann	Barb	Barb Pollmann	2505 S. Kiwanis Ave. Apt 24	Sioux Falls	SD	57105
73	Polzin	Peggy	Peggy Samuelson		Apple Valley	MN	55124
74	Rathburn	Bill	Bill Rathburn	47724 Park Avenue	Corona	SD	57227
75	Rieger	Gary	Gary Rieger		Las Vegas	NV	89110-1882
76	Riemann	John	John Riemann		Orcutt	CA	93455
77	Rott	Carol	Carol Rott				
78	Rousseau	Deatta	Deatte Rousseau		Aberdeen	SD	57401
79	Schroeder	Henry	Henry Schroeder		Denver	CO	80220
80	Sherron	Thelma	Thelma Sherron				
81	Shrader	Joan	Joan Shrader				
82	Simons	Lonnie	Lonnie Simons				
83	Snook	Doug	Doug Snook				
84	Sorensen	LuVern	Luvern Sorensen				
85	Strecker	David	David Strecker				
86	Thompson, Jr.	Richard T.	Richard Thompson		Las Vegas	NV	89103
87	Thorson	Elaine	Elaine Rowenhorst				
88	Updegraff	Randy	Randy Updegraff				
89	Updegraff	Ronnie	Ron Updegraff		Salinas	CA	93901
90	Van Houte	Jackie	Jackie VanHoute		Hartley	IA	51346
91	Walker	Dennis	Dennis Walker				
92	Wallin	Rosemary	RoseMary Wallin				
93	Whitaker	Betty	Betty DeHolt		Galveston	TX	77550
94	Wikholm	Douglas	Douglas Wikholm				
95	Williams	Wilma	Wilma Hunt				
96	Wilson	Judy	Judy Wilson				
97	Wittrock	Ron	Ron Wittrock				

INCORRECT O&B EMAIL ADDRESS BEING USED

An unknown number of you have been using the wrong email address in trying to reach me and/or the O&B. I have received the following two emails from a very nice, unknown person, also by the name of “Jack”, telling me that he had been receiving a “good number of messages from WHS Alumni”. Of course I thanked him profusely, apologized and assured him that I will ask my subscribers to be more careful.

On Apr 14, 2015, at 1:06 PM. This nice, but unknown man wrote.

Hi Jack, I've been receiving a good number of messages from WHS alumni that I think are trying to contact you. Do you mind letting me know if you are the person they are trying to contact? If so, would you mind if I forward emails directly to you and is this the best e-mail address to use? I usually write back to people explaining the mix up but some continue to send to me. Anyway, I just want to help.

If I have the wrong person, I'm sorry.

Thanks, Jack (the other Jack)

On Apr 14, 2015, at 5:03 PM, jack@jackphillips.com wrote:

Jack, It was really no big deal. I just felt bad that people might be missing out on your newsletter! After receiving the first half-dozen e-mails, that I thought were simply spam, I googled WHS and Jack Phillips. It lead me to this page: <http://sfwhshc.org/Student-Alumni.php>. In the PDF on the page was your e-mail address.

Alright, I'll pass along the few e-mails I've received recently and will continue moving forward.

As for the domain name, I waited about three years for the name to come free. I even had my web hosting provider keep tabs on it. About 15 years ago it freed up, I got the notice and made payment quick.

As for me, I'm 45 year-old American who's working in Toronto, Ontario.

I'm happy to hear about the success of your newsletter and happy as well to help connect alumni with you.

Keep up the good work,

Jack (the other Jack)

His email address is the same as my O&B address except my address has my middle initial of “m” in it. The “m” is for “Milton”. So my address is simply, jack@jackmphilips.com. I now ask that you please be careful to include the “m” if you should write to me in the future. If you have written and did not receive a response it is possible that you didn't use the “m”.

But this is a good time to apologize to you if you wrote, did use the “m”, but still have not received a response. As I have told some of you, I now usually receive upwards to 200 emails a day and I have just simply not had the time to write replies to everyone I would like. The biggest part of my problem has been that my personal businesses have been demanding much more of my time than usual. And of course, the first 3 months of every year requiring such a great deal of time for tax preparation hasn't helped this year.

So if you wrote and didn't receive a reply I may have not received your email, but I also may have just not had the time to respond and I am deeply sorry for that.

There is one more thing I feel I should say on kind of a related subject. For those of you who have invited me to join you on Facebook, LinkedIn, etc., or you wanted us to write on each others walls (I got spanked for doing that growing up.), or for us to tweet each other, I just don't participate in any of those “social” mediums. It is not personal, I just don't have time for them. I hope you will understand. I haven't had time to play a round of golf in 3 years, so if I can't find the time to play golf I definitely don't have time to write on other people's walls.

Sincerely, Jack **M.** Phillips '54



Linda Brasel '55
WHS Senior Photo

My Sincere Thanks To Linda Brasel Hall '55

Linda, recently mailed me the 1943 Warrior that belonged to her sister, Beverly Brasel Gillespie. Beverly, who was in either the class of '44 or '45 gave Linda permission to donate the treasured yearbook to the O&B.

I dearly love reading through these old Warriors, especially those from the "War Years". The dedication in this '43 Warrior was, ***"To those of our fellow students who have left us to carry on the battle that our institutions of learning be preserved, we dedicate this book."***

In this '43 yearbook, Mr Ken Kessinger was OLD Marshall and Charlotte Iseman was Queen. As so many of us know, Coach Kessinger was such a highly respected teacher and coach at Augustana for many years. He is also well known as the author of his wonderful book, ***"Sioux Falls Washington High School Sports Heritage 1899 - 1989."*** I dearly hope to feature Coach Kessinger in a future O&B and the '43 Warrior that Linda sent me will provide some wonderful photos for such an article. Thanks again, Linda and Beverly. Jack



1942/1943 OLD Queen Charollet
Iseman & Marshall Ken Kessinger



On Apr 4, 2015, **Jim Carlson '58** <pegandjim@sio.midco.net> wrote:

Hi Jack, Thanks from me , like all the others who appreciate your great efforts. I am not real teckie so will see what I can send you might take two separate e-mails. I ran across this photo of my 1951 Jefferson grade school class, Morrell tour. I am second from the left middle row. 5th from the left front is Dennis Brown my best friend. While going to law school in Vermillion, Dennis came to Sioux Falls, asked me to go around looking for car.

When he bought a Edsel I thought he's not going be very successful in life. Dennis went on to cofound the successful Super 8 Motel chain. Guess he showed me. Should have invested with him at that time. Unfortunately Dennis died of cancer in 1987. Next to him is

Jerry May, than Chuck Fritz. Dennis ,Chuck and myself put on a play "Pecos Bill" for our school project. I still have the handmade puppet " Pecos Bill " made in 1951 Note, Dennis moved to Madison , SD in 1956 where his Dad headquartered the Al Brown Carnival show. Dennis was class of 58 at Madison High School, we did remained close. We always joked as kids, when one of us was about to drown at the YMCA pool who saved who.

The second picture is my 8th grade class at Mark Twain grade school. Included is two pages of classmate names. Principal at that time was Milt Simons a great guy. I only got sent to him by Miss Bleedhorn once. Later in life I ran in to Milt a lot, always enjoyed visiting with him. Dale Larson is in the front row 4th from the right, behind him is Jerry Cowman. I am right behind, Jerry hiding again. Hope whoever, from the class of 1954, see's this photo will find themselves.

Thanks again for your work I enjoy the stories and old pictures. I am current president of the Minnehaha County Historical Society so you know I enjoy history. Local and out of town people are always invited to our second Thursday 7PM meetings programs are on local and area history, September –May at the Old Courthouse Museum. We have had programs on Fenn's "that good ice cream", Morrells, Stockyards, Dilliger Gang robbery, High Pockets etc. Coming up a program on the Kevin Costner movie "Dancing with Wolves" filmed in South Dakota 26 years ago. May program will be on local Civil War Veterans from and who settled in Minnehaha County and area.

Jim A Carlson class of 58



Top Photo: 1951 Jefferson
Grand School class touring
John Morrell & Co.

Photo at the top of the next
page is Jim's 8th grade class at
Mark Twain.

To the right are the two lists of
the people in the Mark Twain
photo.

Boysen, Karen
Carlson, James
Daly, Lana
Dempster, Tom
Gallagher, Francis
Gibson, Janet
Greenlee, Robert
Jord, Juan
Hurwitz, Nancy
Kohoutek, Don
Lawrence, Sharon
Lins, David
McDermott, Mark
Ordal, Andrew
Pierson, Robert
Pechop, Rollin
Pratt, Linda
Prouty, Robert
Aleman, John
Seyerson, Frank
Stahmann, Robert
Steen, David
Thompson, Jane
Tuttle, Karen
Vosika, Russell
Davies, Nan
Rogach, Annie
Walker, Sandra

Anderson, Lila
Archen, James
Brown, Dennis
Byg, Bernadine
Byington, Beverly
Carson, Karen
Danks, Gerald
Ferguson, Ronald
Foss, Ardeen
Hart, Sara
Hewlett, Beverly
Hill, Rose
Hillgren, Annette
Kelly, Richard
Larson, Dale
Lugg, Lois
Mosby, Kay
Myers, Patty
Oltman, Steven
Rishoi, Robert
Robinson, Curtis
Robinson, Mona
Schirmer, Mike
Seeman, Larry
Simons, Lonnie
Stoneall, Kathryn
Uttesch, Dixie
Van Lier, Herman



Reminder of The New 2015 O&B Newsletter Format

The Orange & Black is still battling file size limitations on all O&B mailings. In on going efforts to limit and control unwanted "Spam" mailings now are allowed to be a maximum file size limit of 5 mb. There is never a problem with Special Edition mailings because they are so small, usually only one or two pages. But because the O&B Newsletter is so much larger it has been exceeding the 5 mb limit for sometime now. I have tried numerous solutions of compressing the file but none have been satisfactory.

It seems, the only solution for now that doesn't sacrifice the quality of the finished product to an unacceptable degree is to just make each newsletter smaller in size.

Therefore, "Letters To The Editor" are now occupying their own newsletter and then that newsletter will be followed up with a 2nd newsletter that will contain news and feature stories. To make it easy for you to know which mailing is which, I will add, "Ltrs." after the issue # in the subject line for the issue containing the editor letters.

Unsubscribing By Mistake

Over the past few months there have been quite a few of you that have "Unsubscribed" to the O&B by accident. Usually I become aware of the accident when the subscriber eventually writes to tell me that they are not receiving the O&B. I then check and sure enough they have accidentally hit the "**SafeUnsubscribe**" button at the bottom of the email you receive each time you are notified that you have received a new O&B mailing. This is the email that you have to click on to open the actual O&B. Unfortunately, I am not allowed to reinstate you. You are the only one that can resubscribe.

In the 6 years I have been publishing the O&B I have only had two subscribers unsubscribe intentionally, so I am always glad that the unsubscribes I receive are almost always mistakes. I now writing just to ask everyone to be careful and avoid hitting the "**SafeUnsubscribe**" button. But, if you do hit it by mistake please don't hesitate to let me know right away. It is easy for you to resubscribe.

Jack

For Those of You Who Know & Enjoy Las Vegas The Riviera Hotel & Casino Is Closing May 4, 2015

Debra and I attended a Las Vegas historical evening last Saturday night, April 25, 2015 as the Riviera Hotel & Casino celebrated both its 60th Diamond Anniversary, AND simultaneously, it's sad closing on May 4, 2015. The party was held in the famous Le Bistro Bar and it was absolutely packed with entertainers who had entertained in The Riviera over the last 60 years. They had gathered to perform one more time on this wonderful, and that night, an almost reverent stage.

The Riviera Hotel & Casino opened April 20, 1955 and offered all the classic shows that define Las Vegas. It was a former home to Frank Sinatra, Barbara Streisand, Elvis Presley, and Liberace and it would be difficult to name a big name talent that did not perform there during its 60 year run. The most frequently reminisced about last Saturday night were the wonderful memories of the "Rat Pack" performing that stage in The Riviera's early years. Dean Martin actually owned a piece of the Riviera at one time. The hotel and its over 2100 rooms will be imploded soon after its closing one week from today.

Other great hotels that have preceded The Riviera's fate in recent years have been, New Frontier, Stardust, Boardwalk, Desert Inn, El Rancho, Aladdin, Hacienda, Sands, Landmark and Dunes. All were imploded since 1993.



Photo Above: Dean Martin, George Jessel, & Jack Benny.



Photo Left: Engelbert Humperdinck and Elvis Presley At The Riviera May 25, 1972

