

**WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL, SIOUX FALLS, SD**

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**2010 All School Reunion**

Continued Coverage from O&B #8-10  
 Photos appear in order taken.

**Unofficial Friday Breakfast Get Together**



*Mary Lou Jewett Kleist '55, Barb Baker Galland '57  
 & Margery Thompson*



*Mary Lou Posz Altman '54, Lorraine Fremming Forslin '54  
 & Sandy Taylor Bauman '54*



*Mavis Larson Carl '55 &  
 Willeen McDermott Langdon '55*



*Marilyn Rush Simmons '56  
 & Tom Simmons '55*



*Denny York '55 & Dolly Tague Wait '55*

My wife said, "Watcha doing today?"  
 I said, "Nothing".  
 She said, "You did that yesterday".  
 I said, "I wasn't finished."



# Unofficial Friday Luncheon Get Together



**Dick Erickson '51, Anne Fuller '54 & Ron Veenker '54**



**Marcia Kittelson, John Kittelson '54  
& Mary Kay Houston Moen '54**



**Jeannie Redfield Kracht '54 & Larry Kracht**



**Chad Hoyme '52 & Carolyn Robson Hoyme '54**



**Front row: Sandy Taylor Bauman '54, Lorraine Fremming Forslin '54. Back row: Sharon Moreen Reynolds '54, Connie Hammitt Zimmerman '54, Mary Lee Posz Altman '54 & Jeannie Wold.**



**Bill Frank '52, Sharon Johnson Frank '54**



**Roslyn Lewin Bryner '54 & Fred Bryner**



**Marilyn Hill Viehweg '54 & Dick Viehweg '53**





***Karen Gurley Brown '54  
& Sheila Woolums Hoffmann '56***



***Paul Clare '55***



***Sandy Sona Ellis '54 & Bob Ellis***

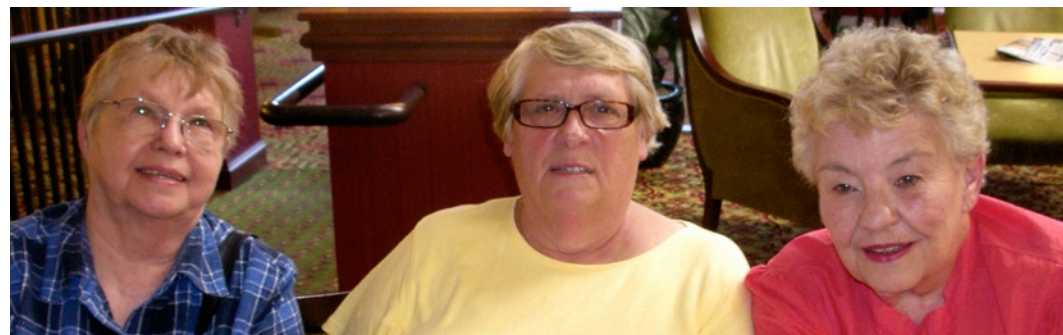


***Left clockwise: Connie Hammitt Zimmerman '54,  
Ron Veenkner '54, Sharon Moreen Reynolds '54,  
& Sheila Woollums Hoffman '57***



***Lois Rossow Gellerman '54 &  
Jeannie Redfield Kracht '54***

## **Unofficial Friday Afternoon Get Together**



***Sheila Benning '55, Mavis Larson Carl '55 & Julaine Johnson Cook '56***



***Jane Winnett Rudis '54 & Jo Frazze Winnett '56***



***Left; Sandy Taylor  
Bauman '54, Gerry  
Bethke '53 & Lorraine  
Fremming Forslin '54***

***Right; Bob Huhn '50  
Russell Huhn '55***







**Julaine Johnson Cook '56 & Leon Cook '55**



**Lee Lehman '47 & Dolores Lehman Parker '45**

## Official Friday Night Cocktail Party & Barbecue.



**George Bogdos '49**



**Duane Leach '53 &  
Lorraine Bakke Leach '53**



**Jack Hamilton '50  
& Judy Jacobson Hamilton '52**



**Tom Lemonds '52**



**Floy Brown Newman '54 & Don Brown '53**



**Claude Hone '38 (father) &  
Nancy Hone '67 (daughter)**



**Karen & Dale Pearson '77**



**Kay Severson Prout '55 &  
Kathryn Carnahan Berretti '53**



**Caren Straat Meyer '59  
& Glen Meyer**



**Mick McCahren '53 &  
Nancy Hoy McCahren**





**Jane Fellows & Fred Fellows '57**



**David Dinsmore '53**



**Evelyn Colwill Mehlhaff '54  
& daughter, Marcia Mehlhaff**



**Alyce Merrill, (sister in law)  
& Dick Merrill '51**



**Raymond Cross &  
Karen Smith Cross '70**



**Darlene Skovly Inglis '55  
& Howard Inglis '53**



**Brother & Sister;  
Howard Inglis '53 & Violet Inglis Haraldson '54**



**Shirley Peterson Struyk '54,  
Judy Nelson '59 & Gail Chambers '63**



**Mary Eide Boyd '62  
& Bruce W. Boyd '62**



**Jan Schneckloth '53 &  
Joan Gustafson Brown '52**



**Julie Bee '59 & Haskell Bee**



**David Paulson '53 & Don Erickson '41**



**Donna Erickson Collingwood '72  
& Jim Collingwood**





**Ron Rossing '64**



**Mary Lou Savold '59  
& Mike Savold '59**



**Virgene Schrader &  
Buck Schrader '59**



**Doris Buswell '46 & Howard Buswell**  
(Doris publishes the wonderful '46 Newsletter)



**Lois Bjerk Fritz '58 & Daryl Fritz '55**



**Barb Harding Hines '50**



**Bob Berguin '53 & Tom Simmons '55**



**Ted Belbas '47**



**Linda Munson & Ex Sioux Falls  
Major, Dave Munson '60**



**Jon Sunde '56**



**John Stadheim '53 & Lonny Ikmanis Stadheim '56**



**Don Knutson '54, Jane Winnett Rudis '54, Marcia Kittelson &  
John Kittelson '54** (photo courtesy of Jane Rudis)



**Loren Hanson '47, Lorraine Bakke  
Leach '53 & Duane Leach '53**

**NEXT ISSUE:  
Saturday  
At The Reunion**



## REUNION HUMOR

My wife and I were sitting at a table at her high school reunion, and she kept staring at a drunken man swigging his drink as he sat alone at a nearby table. I asked her, "Do you know him?" "Yes", she sighed, "He's my old boyfriend.... I understand he took to drinking right after we split up those many years ago, and I hear he hasn't been sober since." "My God!" I said, "Who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?"

And then the fight started...

## Fred Cloudon Honored As Oldest WHS Staff Member.

Mick Zerr, WHS teacher who retired after 42 years, and now serves as chairman of the WHS Historical Committee, informed me that Fred Cloudon, 92 years of age, was determined to be the "Oldest WHS Staff Member". It was announced that Mr. Cloudon held that distinction during the recent All School Reunion at a ceremony held on Saturday, June 26, 2010. Regrettably, I was unable to attend and do not have any photos of the event. I would sincerely appreciate anyone having photos of Mr. Cloudon and the event to please send them to me for publication in the next O&B. [jackmp@me.com](mailto:jackmp@me.com)

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### " THE BOY'S of '57"

#### PETE HEGG EXPANDS HIS RANCH INVITATION FOR 2011.

Jack: Enjoyed our conversation this evening. Thanks for what you do for all of us at WHS. Regarding our group from the class of 57 we would like to expand our invitation to The Circle H Ranch event (3 days, 2 nights) which we have held each summer for the past 10 years. The invitation is open to any male in our class and if they would like to be added to the invite list just have them send me their email address. We call the group the "boys of 57" and we generally have 15 to 18 show up each year. Next year we are adding another building which will double our accommodations. The ranch is located near Gregory SD and you can look us up at [www.circlehranch.com](http://www.circlehranch.com). My email address is [peterhegg@heggcompanies.com](mailto:peterhegg@heggcompanies.com). Pete

Editor's Note: The prior issue of the O&B, #8-10, contained photos and names of those who have enjoyed Pete's wonderful hospitality in the past. I have been asked to add Bob Miller '57, David Eleeson '57 and Frank Alvine '57 to that list of happy visitors.

Thanks to Eric Gustafson '58 for sending the following obituary on Larry Todd '58.

### Larry L. Todd; WHS Class of '58.



Larry Todd '58



Todd, Larry L. Age 71, of Eden Prairie, passed away July 22, 2010. He accepted his illness and faced it with dignity and grace. Born in Watertown, SD. Retired from NSP. Survived by his wife of 50 years, Judy; children, Greg (Leslie) and Deb (Randy) Bunnell; grandchildren, Brandon, Andrew, Nicole, Michelle; great grandson, Jordan; parents, Orville and Lorraine; brother, Kent (Kim); other relatives and friends. Graveside Service Friday, August 20th, 2:00 pm at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery, 7601 34th Ave. South. Many hearts will feel empty with Larry's passing. Cremation Society of MN Edina 952-924-4100

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



**Lorraine  
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1958 Yearbook Photo.

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**2nd WHS 1958  
graduation photo**

Dear Jack,  
In 1995 I was asked to represent South Dakota at the Ms National Senior Citizens Pageant held in Joliet/Elgin, IL. It was something very different and new for me as I had been mostly a housewife with some foster parenting. My late husband and I did travel with his work in the Navy, so I was able to make the arrangements without too much trouble. We did have some expenses such as the evening gown; interview suit; better dress ( church outfit) and our talent costume. We did not have a bathing suit event.. Our own Mr. Ray Peterson helped with the costume and a beginning sign language instructor helped with the signs for the song , "God Help the Outcast". I had begun lessons at the Sioux Falls Services for the Deaf soon after completing my Master's degree at SDSU in 1993. It was at the pageant that I learned many embellishments and even took a few liberties in my formal strict signed version.

No, I didn't win. I did find out how difficult it is to perform on a stage. I had a great time, met a wonderful and supportive group of ladies from all over the United States, and I invited them all to come to SD for a visit . I carried lots of Brookings and South Dakota advertising our Great Faces Great Places. Even McCrory Gardens ice cream cone party in August was mentioned as must see event .

My picture and particulars appeared on the front page of the local newspaper in Elgin, IL and I was introduced to the mayor. On July 15, 2001 we had the last pageant due to the 9/11 horror.

Now, I read the OLLIE schedules that list a variety of classes without grades. Yes, this has been just a thumbnail sketch of some very, very good memories .



**Lorraine practicing "God Help The Outcast" for her talent competition.**



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**Below are excerpts from two different letters Mike Clark '58 wrote.**

Jack,

I'm in the class of '58. You graduated when I was a Freshman in WHS. I'm a retired petroleum geologist. I went into the Navy upon graduating from WHS.

I went to Macalester after completing the tour in the Navy and went to UND in Grand Forks completing my Masters in Geology. My wife comes from Herman, MN and I meet her at Macalester. We have two sons: one lives in

Destin (Coast Guard career) and the other lives in Destin, FL (medical doctor). We have four grandchildren (three boys and a girl).

My Dad, Ray Clark, worked for Triangle School Service. He worked for Dempster Christianson.

I graduated from a fine school: Washington High School. It prepared me well for college.

Regards,  
Mike Clark

Jack,

Kingwood was annexed by Houston in about 2003. Kingwood is located about 6 miles



NE of Bush Intercontinental Airport. Our school system is Humble ISD and not part of Houston. The fire and police protection are by Houston, but I pay property taxes to Humble (Humble ISD) and Houston.

You need to know that I have a neurological condition that effects my vocal chords and I can't speak at all without a speech synthesizer. I can speak on the phone with extreme difficulty. I don't talk on the phone except if my wife calls me. I rely on e-mail for almost all my communications. I go to the YMCA and workout 3 times a week, and am a fan of "Silver Slippers".

I can drive and that means a lot to me. In case I get "picked up" by the police, I carry a card that says "I can't speak properly" and lists neurological doctors (phone numbers) at Baylor School of Medicine. Thankfully, I live in Houston which is a medical center.

Ginny is a 5th grade teacher at Willow Creek School. It's in the Humble ISD and she took retirement about 6 years ago. She teaches on a yearly contract basis.

I'm 70 now and can't work as a geologist because I can't speak. Speaking is an important part of being a petroleum geologist; you have to "sell" your ideas to management about drilling a well (exploration or development well).

Michael (Mike) '58 and Virginia (Ginny) Clark

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**Keith W. Hill,**  
Class of 1950

**Mary Ann Lofswold Hill**

Class of 1951

See Photo of Mary Ann  
in O&B #3-10.

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### Photos of Keith Hill

#### As a follow up to O&B story in Issue #3-10.

I left Sioux Falls in October 1954 to become a member of the U. S. Border Patrol stationed at McAllen, Texas. In order to be closer to Mary Ann's parents I transferred to the northern border in April 1959. After two years in Portal, ND I was re-assigned to Grand Forks, ND. I finished my career there retiring as Deputy Chief Patrol Agent of the Grand Forks Sector in January 1987. We decided to make the move back "home" in 2008. We've been residing here since August 2008.



*Left photo: Keith still in uniform 2 hours  
before ending his 32 year Border Patrol  
career.*

*Right photo: Keith '50 and Mary Ann '51  
in front of their new Sioux Falls home in  
June 2008.*



Remember wax  
Coke-shaped bottles  
with sugar water?  
From Wauthena  
Nelson Brooks '54



It will help dealing with the burdens  
of life if you just accept that,  
some days, you're the pigeon:  
And, some days, you're the statue.





**Vicki Brubaker '59 as a cheerleader then and now at her class of '59's 50th reunion.**

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**Excerpts from Vicky Brubaker's letter:**

**This letter explains why Vicki was voted "Wittest" in her class.**

Jack, Once again, such a great issue of the O&B! I remember so many kids from the 57 class and looked up to so many of them as "ohhhhh sooooo cool".

I remember that John Simko was always so nice to me (he and Fred Hecker) only to learn that John really wanted to see if I could get him a date with Sandy Smidt (my partner in comedy skits that we performed for Orange Letter Day all through high school)!! It's ok John, as all

the "cool" upper classmen guys that were extra nice to me my freshman and sophomore year all wanted a date with her too!! She finally did go out with you John because she told me you even kissed her on the first date!!!! WOW - HA.

As you know, that was a big deal in the 50's; a kiss on your first date!

John never did ask me out of course Jack, so I pined from the sidelines as all of we girls did over him! My sophomore year I started dating Dick Baker (58') and we dated into college so I survived.

Keep up the great work Jack....the nostalgia with these articles about the 50's memories just keeps flooding and flooding in. I sincerely hope that we do have another All School Reunion, only NOT on the year following the 1959 reunions. That has happened twice now, and I simply couldn't get away two years in a row. Maybe the next one.

See what you could have had John Simko had you played your cards right!!!!???? HA I love it! The 50's were the greatest!!!!

Vicki Brubaker '59



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Jack Enjoyed reading the Orange and Black. Recognized a lot of names but not one picture. Oh well. Of interest to the class of 56, in Tom Brokaw's latest book, "Boom", Gene Kimmel '56 was one of three people the book was written in memory of. The other two, Robert F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr.  
**Paul Anderson WHS 56.**

Paul's Soph. photo. Sorry Paul, but I still don't have a '56 yearbook. Anyone have one they can spare?



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**Don Brown '53  
at 2010 Reunion**

Hi, Jack:

I don't want to be a complainer but there were two things that would have made the recent reunion better. The tables could have been labeled in advance by decade (forties or earlier at one end and later decades at the other end of the room). Also there could have been someone to get everyone, one by one, to get up and say their name and year. As it was, I now know there were people there that I would like to have talked to, but I did not know they were there and they probably did not know I was there.

Appearances having changed over the years, one really needs to know names.

Nonetheless, I did enjoy the reunion and got to meet some nice people from other decades!

With thanks again for all your efforts, Don Brown ('53)



**WHS CRUISE**

Hopefully you are seriously considering joining us on the WHS Alumni warm weather cruise being planned for the winter of 2011 - 2012. More information will be forthcoming.