

THE ALUMNI ORANGE & BLACK NEWSLETTER

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Serving The Classes of the Great '50's Decade. Photos & Stories Welcome!
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Preface To Newsletter #1-14 **Wi Fi Anyone?**

Debra and I left our home in Las Vegas on Sunday, January 12, 2014 for a 10 day Caribbean Cruise. On Monday, the 13th, our first day "at sea", I decided to put together Issue #1-14 of the Orange & Black and mail it to you from one of our scheduled ports. Putting the newsletter together was fairly simple and routine, but getting it to you has been a really frustrating experience, of the most difficult kind. It is now Wednesday, January 22, our 10th and last day at sea and in spite of how hard I have tried, I still have not been able to mail the finished product to you.

I am not nearly "nerdy" enough to know why, but I suspect that it is because all of the Wi Fi locations I found in the Caribbean to try sending it from just have been unable to handle files of this size even though I have reduced the file size to the minimum possible. Adding greatly to the frustration I have accidentally deleted 90% of the newsletter once and over half of it two more times.

Tomorrow we will be back in Ft. Lauderdale and hopefully will be able to get it emailed to you from the airport. If not, it won't go out until we get home. Of course that won't be the end of the world, but I do hope it will give you all enough time to respond to the Special Valentine Issue coming out in February.

Other than these minor frustrations, we have enjoyed our cruise and the beautiful weather.

Jack Phillips '54



The beautiful, *Ruby Princess* anchored off Grand Cayman Island.

Greetings From Sea:

Debra and I are on a 10 day Caribbean Cruise so this issue of the Orange & Black will be coming to you from somewhere on the high seas. Since I do not have any of our yearbooks available, the content and format of this issue will be a bit different and limited. I do hope you will respond to our Valentine Issue. Jack



Debra and I going ashore at Grand Turk
in search of another Wi Fi station.

*Special Valentine Day's Issue
Coming February 14th.*

*This Year Send a Very Special Valentine
To the Love of Your Life Through
The ☆ Orange & Black
And Please Include Photos of the Two of You! (From Then and, or Now)*

All Valentines submitted by readers will be published in the O&B and a very special music CD will be awarded to the best Valentines received! Don't hold back, express what your Valentine means to you and why they fill your life with love and happiness. Or you may want to send a Valentine to an old flame from high school.

The CDs will contain some of the most beautiful and unforgettable love songs of all time, all from our decade of the 1950's. Each CD will be personalized for each winner. Only one CD per couple.

Longest Married Couple: Even if you don't wish to send a valentine, I would like to know who has been married the longest from each class of the '50s. As an equalizer for the 10 year spread, check the following chart and let me know If you have been married more than the year designated for your class year.

USE THE CLASS YEAR OF THE OLDEST IN COUPLE

Class Year was 1950, married more than 64 years?
Class Year was 1951, married more than 63 years?
Class year was 1952, married more than 62 years?
Class year was 1953, married more than 61 years?
Class year was 1954, married more than 60 years?
Class year was 1955, married more than 59 years?
Class year was 1956, married more than 58 years?
Class year was 1957, married more than 57 years?
Class year was 1958, married more than 56 years?
Class year was 1959, married more than 55 years?

- 1 Please include your current address & phone number.
- 2 Please include the names of each person in the photo. (left to right)
- 3 Please indicate each person's class year if they attended WHS.
- 4 If married, how many years?
- 5 Where did you meet and what year?
- 6 Did you date each other while at WHS?
- 7 Do you have a song that was "your song" from the '50s?



Many thanks to **Don Noordsy '58**, **Jon Sunde '56**, **Peggy Servold Teslow '57** and **Dale Peterson '56** for passing along, "**Sioux Falls in the '50s**" - You Tube. Here is a sampling of some of the really great photos from the hour long presentation that we all will remember. In the video there are also some great interviews with some iconic people from our past like Dick Beck from The Barrell Drive Inn and Myron Wachendorf, better known as "Myron Lee", of "Myron Lee and The Caddies". **David Munson, WHS '60** and past Mayor of Sioux Falls also offers some great insights into Sioux Falls then and now.



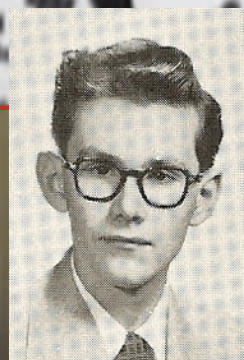


Myron Lee & The Caddies



Swinging In The Big Time!

Our Entertainment



left; Joe H. Floyd '54, WHS Senior Photo, Son of Joe L. Floyd, original owner of KELO TV. Below: Joe H., shown at his WHS Class of '54's 55th Reunion in 2009, succeeded his father as owner and manager of KELO TV.



Original Owner and Executives of KELO TV

*Star*Light Drive Inn Theater*



Where We Shopped



Looking North on Phillips Ave. at 10th St.



Shrivers at 11th & Phillips



Penneys on Phillips Ave.



Fantle's on 9th & Main



Two Other Sioux Falls Memorable Sites.



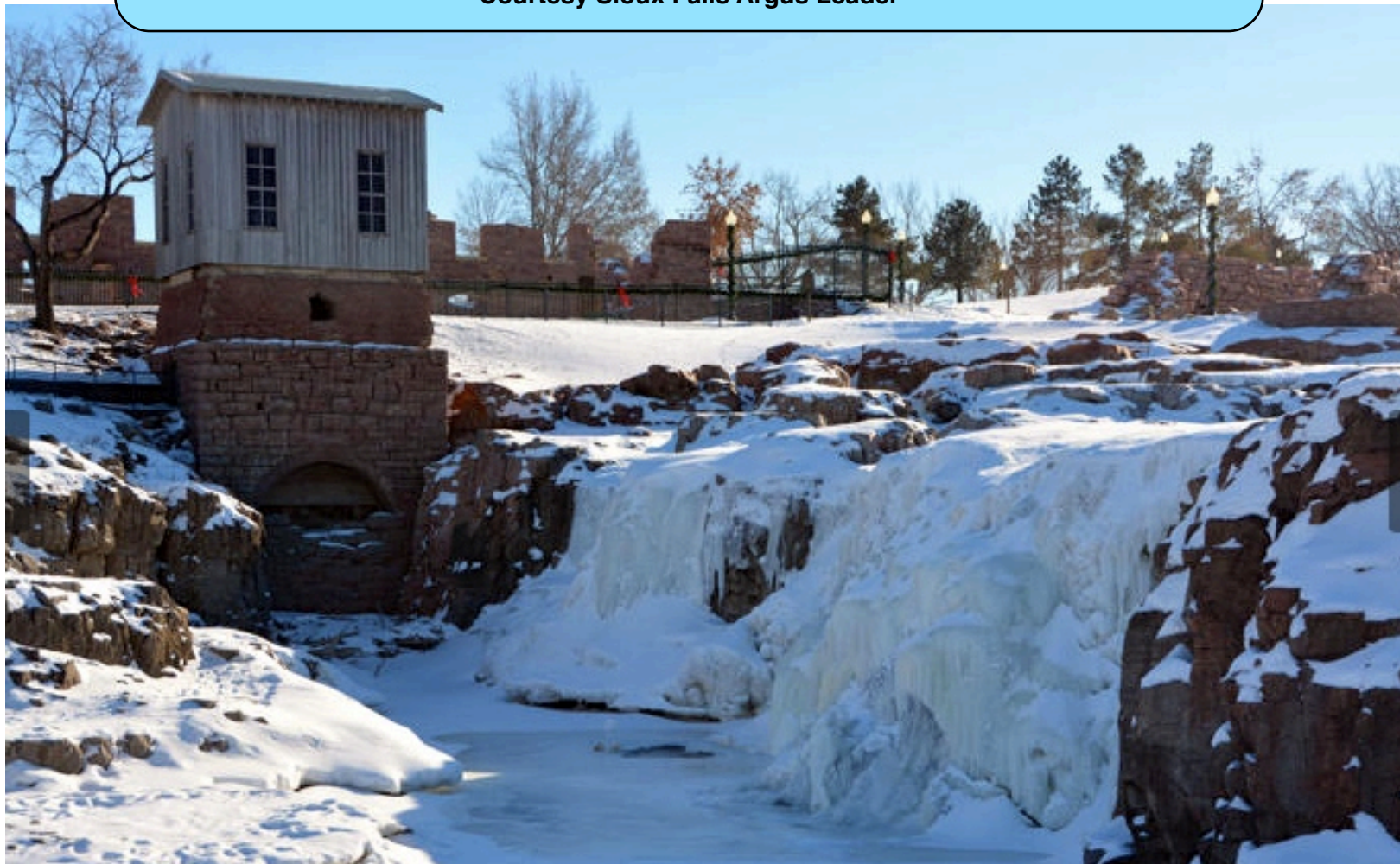
The Old Sioux Falls Arena



Minnehaha Country Club with the “19th” Hole. As a caddy it was always my favorite hole, because I was done work.

One More Sioux Falls Photo - This One Current!

Courtesy Sioux Falls Argus Leader



The waterfalls at Falls Park sit frozen with just a trickle of water flowing underneath.
Sunday, January 5, 2014.

2015 ALL SCHOOL REUNION

MORE PEOPLE ARE NEEDED TO HELP PLAN THE 2015 ALL SCHOOL REUNION. IF YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN GETTING INVOLVED IN THIS FUN EVENT, PLEASE CONTACT MARLYS AHRENDT HOHMAN '57. HER EMAIL ADDRESS IS MARLYSANNA@AOL.COM. PLEASE CONTACT HER TODAY!

DO IT FOR THE GIPPER! YOU WILL ENJOY IT!

Letters to the & B

On Dec 26, 2013, at

12:53 PM, Mark J.

Line '57 <linesk@earthlink.net> wrote:

Jack, I remember your asking for some yearbooks which you do not have but I didn't keep the mail I have my sister's yearbook from 1951 and will be glad to send it to you in case you need it.

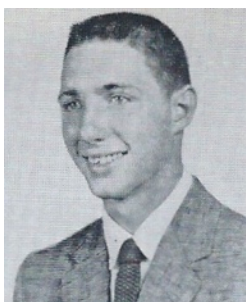
You have kept the 50s alive for all of us. Thank you.

I am involved in the Orange County History Center in Orlando and we are doing a very interesting project that would probably work for all your followers. It could be called "the 100 objects that best represent Sioux Falls during the 50s" WHS grad would send in write ups and perhaps photos that represent what they consider are those icons that they remember best. You could do the same with events except that it could get duplicated with school events like Homecoming. I think the objects or icons would be best.

The latest Smithsonian Magazine used this same them. This would give you an idea of how it works.
Have a great 2014.

Mark

Mark Line '57 407-421-1727



Mark Line '57
WHS Senior Photo

On Dec 22, 2013, at 1:48 PM, Jim Koons '55 <jfkpmk37@xpressweb.com> wrote:

Dear Debra & Jack: Thanks for your 10-13 and 11-13 Orange & Black e-mails. I commend you for a job well done.

Your 10-13 issue indicates that the town of Las Vegas is catering to all the whims of the tourists. It appears the GREAT RECESSION IS OVER! Thanks for adding my Carl Dickey story.

The 11-13 issue reminds us all that TIME MARCHES ON. Page one was titled "IF WE CHERISH THEIR MEMORIES, THEY WILL LIVE FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS" was thought provoking and hit the nail on the head. The good news was that I did not see my name on the list. I totaled up the list of deceased for the ten year period (1950-1959), which totaled 1095. We have lost a lot of friends.

I have an observation. In reading your write-ups, it appears to me that most of the graduates of WHS went on to make a contribution to society. There is no doubt in my mind that the education we received at WHS provided the foundation to be successful in life.

Patty and I wish you and Debra HAPPY NEW YEAR AND MANY MORE.

Jim Koons '55 jfkpmk37@xpressweb.com



Jim Koons '55
WHS Senior Photo

On Jan 4, 2014, at 6:03 PM, **Jerry Kersten '53** <jerry-kersten@comcast.net> wrote:

Thanks Jack,

Jim Wartenhorst was a classmate and friend of my brother. I knew him through that association. At times like this I sure wish I could pass this information on to Dick, but he is gone. Such is life (and death.) I sure appreciate your efforts to get this information published.

Jerry Kersten '53



left: Jerry Kersten '53, WHS Senior Photo

On Jan 5, 2014, at 3:43 PM, **Royce Adams '58** Litljump@aol.com wrote:

On Jan. 11th, 2014 Deanna and I will celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary. We were married on Jan. 11, 1964 in Sioux Falls during one of the biggest blizzards in some time. The out of town guests came to the church, dropped off their presents and left right away for their homes.

The airport was closed, traffic was treacherous, streets hardly passable. We were grateful for having our apartment furnished and the fridge full of food. We canceled the honeymoon and were going later. However I was working in the family business and as my mother was taken to the hospital 2 days later, we stayed in town to run the business.

Later, much later, we traveled to Europe for 3 trips, successfully tracing both our lineages in Norway, Sweden, and Denmark. For the 50th we will travel to the Olive Garden. It's going to be a wild night.

Royce Adams '58



Royce Adams '58
WHS Senior Photo

On Jan 5, 2014, at 3:45 PM, **Royce Adams '58**, Litljump@aol.com wrote:

You often ask for pictures however I am not sure you want to use this one. It's entitled "I Just Go Nuts At Christmas". **Royce Adams '58**



On Jan 5, 2014, at 4:42 PM, **Royce Adams '58** Litljump@aol.com wrote:

This picture was taken in 2012 at Dave Miller's ('58) ranch near Gann Valley, South Dakota. It was a beautiful sundown and the scene is very typical of so many farms and ranches in South Dakota.

Perhaps you can use it, Jack

Royce Adams '58



Having a good time, but got a bit sunburned today. Jack