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*Merry Christmas  
From Las Vegas*



The photo on the left is the Bellagio Resort & Casino's winter conservatory display. It includes more than 32,000 fresh poinsettias and a 38 foot tree, along with a chocolate reindeer and life-size candy house.

Christmas is certainly evident throughout Las Vegas. Everywhere you go there are unbelievably beautiful sights. The following photos are just a few examples. And yes, even Santa Claus and his helpers spend a great deal of time here every Christmas.

Three major hotel/casinos on The Strip are offering ice skating this year. You can skate under softly falling artificial snow at Caesar's Palace while enjoying your favorite hot drink including hot chocolate. The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas has turned its Boulevard Pool into an ice rink, and there's also a rink above the Grand Canal at The Venetian and The Palazzo. While real snow is highly unlikely, Town Square Park hosts a show of artificial snowflakes falling nightly.

Even the Las Vegas Motor Speedway is hosting a nightly light show with 400 animated lighted exhibitions stretching along the 2.5 mile racetrack and includes a live nativity scene.

I hope you enjoy the following pictorial sampling of Vegas Christmas attractions offered by hotels, casinos and public parks all over town.

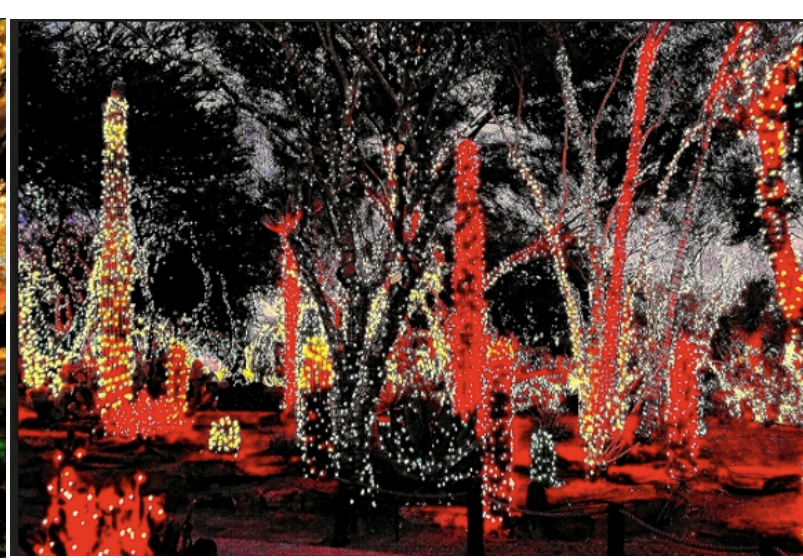












Ethel M Holiday Cactus Garden





**Springs Preserve Holiday Spectacular**

**And yes, Santa and his lovely helpers are here every year!**



## **Class of '55 Induction Party for Paul Clare '55.**

The class of '55 held a party this past September in Sioux Falls to celebrate classmate, Paul Clare's Induction Into the WHS Sports Hall of Fame. Paul and **Hal Erickson '54** were both inducted this year from the '50s decade. It is such a great honor and both men were truly deserving. Thanks to **Mavis Larson Carl '55**, for sending me the following photos of the party celebrating Paul's induction.



**Left: Sheila Woolums Hoffman '55 & Guest of Honor Paul Clare '55**



**Right: Christy Green  
Ron Green '55 &  
Tom DeVries '55**



**Above: Jervin Wait '55, Denny York '55, Jane Ackerman '55, Mrs. George**



**David Trygstad '55 & John Hillgren '55**

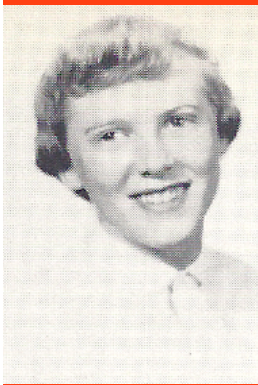


**Paul Clare '55, Jim Johnson '55, Judy Van Houte Johnson '55**



**Paul Clare '55 & Roger Peterson '55**





Marlys Ahrendt Hohman '57  
WHS Senior Photo

# 2015 All School Reunion

Volunteers to represent each WHS class are needed to assist with the planning, and / or to serve on the All School Reunion Committee. Anyone interested should contact Marlys Ahrendt Hohman '57 at [marlysanna@aol.com](mailto:marlysanna@aol.com) or 605-271-9084. Your thoughts, ideas and time are needed. I think you will find it to be a fun and rewarding experience.



Bob Scott '53  
WHS Sophomore Photo

## A Memorial To Bob Scott '53

Prepared and submitted by Don Brown '53

Robert Wallace Scott ("Scotty" and of course "Bob" to many of his friends) was in Mr. Sidlow's homeroom. Before that, Bob was one of my classmates at Hawthorne, but when I inquired among a few of them what had happened to Bob, no one seemed to know. I sought information about him and other long-lost friends on the Internet and was ultimately contacted by his granddaughter, Danielle Scott, who in turn put me in contact with Bob's widow, Shirley Scott. Shirley related the following:



Submitted by,  
Don Brown '53

"I can't tell you for sure what Bob did right after he graduated, as I didn't meet him until he came home from his tour of duty in the Marine Corps. He returned to Lincoln, NE, as his mother had been transferred there from her work in Sioux Falls. He had only been in Lincoln a few months when we started seeing each other. He decided he wanted to get married and attend the U. of Nebraska. This is how our life together started. We married, had one child before he entered college and had two more children while he was in college. He graduated from the School of Accounting and started his career as an accountant with the Veteran's Adm. Hospital. In order to advance in his career, he had to transfer each time he was promoted to a higher position in the Fiscal Office of the VA. Eight years after he graduated from college, we had one more child. It is no wonder no one was able to track him down, as we moved every two years until he reached the position of Chief Fiscal Officer in the Northampton V.A. in Northampton, MA. We moved to Chesterfield, a little town 12 mile from the VA and have lived here for 40 years.

Bob passed away in 2004 after a hard battle with cancer. We were blessed to have had many happy years with our four children, 13 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren."

With help from Bob's daughter and Hawthorne classmates Dale Paulson ('53) and Ray Dickey ('53), I can piece together a few further details. Bob's father had deserted the family, so Bob and his four (or five?) siblings were raised by his mother. Bob started work at age 11 at Dickey's diner (on 6<sup>th</sup> Street) and was probably still working there until he joined the Marines. Bob was very concerned that his own children be raised in an intact family. His widow and granddaughter clearly have fond memories of him. Bob lived directly across N. Spring Avenue from Hawthorne. He was elected our class President in 8A. At WHS Bob went out for track. He was a no-show for photographs in the '53 Warrior Annual, but he appears in the '51 Sidlow homeroom photo. I attach a photo of him and his classmates in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Hawthorne.

See Hawthorne 8th Grade class of 1949 photo on next page.



## 1949 Hawthorne Grade School, 8th Grade Class



Left to right, front row: Ramona Heyl ('52), Marlene Eller ('53), Gwendolyn Tolbert ('53), Carol Coon ('53), Patricia Kjonsgaard ('52). Second row: Wallace Anderson, Dale Paulson ('53), Ivan Waagmeester, Ray Dickey ('53), Bob Berguin ('53), Merle Reppert ('53). Third Row: Don Kasak ('53), Ray Elliott, Bob Scott ('53), Dick Phelps, Doug Vilhauer, Ron Huebner. Fourth row: Merle Mortinsen, Leroy Arneson ('53), Don Brown ('53), Burnell Simpson, Myron Mortinsen.

**O&B NEEDS MORE WHS YEARBOOKS:** If you have a Warrior from 1908 to 1939, or a '41, '43, '44, '47, '48, '49, or any books from 1961 through 1980 that you could spare, I could sure use them. If you do, please send them to Jack M. Phillips, 2261 Lauren Dr. Las Vegas, NV 89134. Thank you, Jack.





**Jim Brown '56  
WHS Senior Photo**

# Dr. James Brown '56 Story

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**Editors Note: The following is Jim's response to my insistence that he write a story on himself for the O&B. Thanks Jim.**

Hi Jack,

I am responding with some information about my life after WHS. Other than coming to our 50 reunion I have had little contact with other WHS grads since 1956 other than **Dale Peterson '56**, who lives in our community. A

few years ago **Pat Jorgenson Palagi '56**, arranged a mini reunion of our classmates who live in the northwest and that was my only other contact and it was a fun get together.

I am not quite sure as to what you had in mind but here it goes.

After graduation from WHS I went to the University of Nebraska and graduated with a degree with a major in zoology and a minor in philosophy. I met my future wife, Lynn Wright, there however she was two years younger than I. I moved to Chicago where I graduated from Northwestern University medical School. Lynn and I managed to stay in contact long distance which as you all know was long before the Internet age, gmail chat or Facetime. After Lynn graduated in 1962 we married and she joined me in Chicago. She was an art major and got a job at the AMA in downtown Chicago as a graphic artist and worked on their publications. During her stay there she designed the emergency medical symbol which is on every ambulance in the U. S. now and in most countries worldwide.



**Dr. James Brown '56  
and his wife, Lynn.**



After medical school I interned in Minneapolis where our first son was born. Following that I finished an internal medicine residency at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Mn. where our second son was born. From there we moved to California where I had been accepted into a gastroenterology fellowship at the Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation in La Jolla.

The Viet Nam war was in full swing and since all young physicians were to be drafted I enlisted in the US Navy and was fortunate to be stationed at the large US Navy hospital at Balboa, in San Diego as chief of gastroenterology. At this time our daughter was born in San Diego.

Following that I joined the Wenatchee Valley Medical Center in Washington state as their first gastroenterologist and their 28th doctor. This group now has grown to 225 doctors with 6 gastroenterologists.



One year after joining the Wenatchee Medical center we enticed WHS classmate, Dale Peterson, urologist, to join our multi-specialty group. He bought the house next to us and for about 24 years we were next door neighbors and our children grew up together. I practiced gastroenterology for 32 years and then for 6 years I was elected the CEO of our medical center which is physician owned organization. I am now enjoying retirement, playing tennis and golf. We travel a lot and enjoy our 8 grandchildren. I also have been writing a monthly article for a regional North Central Washington magazine called "The Good Life" which keeps my mind active. Life has been good and I have no regrets. I am grateful for everyday and all my blessings.. Jim Brown, MD

**Editor's Note: More responses from Jim to my continued questioning.**

Hi Jack, Here is my attempt to answer your questions. First of all some of my current activities include cooking, which I love, hiking and biking too. I am trying to stay fit. As a non athlete in high school I feel very fit at 75 now. Lynn. She grew up in Lincoln Nebraska and graduated from Lincoln Southeast High school before entering the University of Nebraska as an art major. Since we have been living in Wenatchee she has gone back to

**Jim Brown's story continued next page.**



college twice, commuting and has gotten a Masters degree in art education at Central Washington University and a Masters in theology at Seattle University. She is a locally well known a pastel artist. Her web site is [www.lynnbrownpastels.com](http://www.lynnbrownpastels.com).

2 her Emergency Medical symbol picture is enclosed.

3 I have no sisters but my cousin, who was like a sister, Beverly Young graduated from WHS in 1954. she died about 3 years ago in California from cancer. Another cousin, Ardene Kildal, graduated in 1958 and lives in Iowa now.

One more thing. If anyone was interested the magazine I write for , as a volunteer, it is [www.ncwgoodlife.com](http://www.ncwgoodlife.com). Click on my picture to see that articles I write, either medical or traveling. JIM '56

Jim's response to my last question about his cousin, Beverly Young '54.

Thanks Jack. Bev truly was the "sister" I never had. We were very close. Our moms were sisters and we always lived near each other as long as I can remember, even back in Detroit were we both were born. . Jim

Jim Brown '56, was very active in clubs and activities while at WHS.

The photo to the right shows Jim as one of the 24 delegates to "Boys State" in his senior year of '55/'56.



Front row l. to r.: Gene Ross, Jim Brown, Eddie Harvey, Dean Readmond, Harris Simons. 2nd row: Kent Scribner, Paul Helland, Walter Cheever, Ed Bane, Noel Muller. 3rd row: Bob Pederson, Rog Lowell, Paul Jeschke, Dave Nelson, Louie Cornelius. 4th row: Gene Kimmel, Dick Smith, Dale Peterson, Paul Wegner, Dick Robinson.

## **"Callison: Washington Hall of Distinction list surprises city native"** Inductee wrote brief that helped end ban on interracial marriage

**EDITORS NOTE:** Argus Leader reporter, **Jill Callison '73**, graduated in the WHS class of 1973 and has kindly granted me permission to reprint her most interesting December 15, 2013 article in the Argus Leader on this years nominees to the WHS Hall of Distinction. See story below.



**Jill Callison '73**  
Argus Leader Reporter

When you mostly grow up in Sioux Falls, you graduate from high school here and you've been back for almost 20 years, you sometimes think you know the résumé of everyone who has ever lived here.

Well, I don't, and that was made clear recently when I read about the nine people being inducted into the Washington High School Hall of Distinction.

Callison story continued next page;



Then I started tracking down a few of them and connected with William Zabel, a New York City lawyer, whose firm represents “many of the wealthiest individuals in the country on tax planning, succession planning, charitable giving, etc.,” according to a brief biography.

I confess: I thought, “Ho-hum,” when I read that. Another lawyer.

Zabel, however, charmed in our brief phone call. I caught him about six minutes before he had to leave for an appointment. Just before he had to hang up, I asked, “What has been your proudest moment since graduating from high school?”

His reply: “The proudest one is writing the winning brief in *Loving v. Virginia*, against the law that prohibited interracial marriage in 1967. They were a very nice couple.”

Stunned, I put the receiver down. Zabel — Washington High School Class of 1954 — was part of history; he helped stop state miscegenation laws. And he knew the couple brave enough to be the test case.

A reporter’s joke, probably funny only to us, is, “If your mother tells you she loves you, check it out.” So I Googled Zabel and *Loving v. Virginia*. Sure enough, Zabel is right there in the middle of stories about the couple, the case and the U.S. Supreme Court.

There’s more. According to one web entry, “he was the lead lawyer in *Weiss v. Gardner*, where the Supreme Court held that a loyalty oath then required by Medicare was unconstitutional. Later, he signed the brief in *Palmore v. Sidoti*, in which the Supreme Court held that a white woman could not be stripped of custody of her child because she married an African American.”

Some of the impetus for his work in human rights might have come from growing up in Sioux Falls. “I was always proud of coming from (Sioux Falls) even though I’m not sure exactly why,” Zabel said. “It’s a very nonbigoted city, no anti-black, no anti-Semitism that I ever saw.”

Zabel’s late brother, Sheldon Zabel, Class of 1959, also is being inducted in the 2013 Hall of Distinction. They’re not the only brother act this year. Paul Light and Mark Light, twin brothers who graduated in 1971, also were inducted this year.

Joining them are the late Arthur Huseboe, ’49; Robert Miller, ’57; the late Carl Davidson, ’26; Robert Gabel, ’33; Bruce Blake, ’49; and Jan Amundson, ’64.

Amundson retired as a senior vice president and general counsel of the National Association of Manufacturers in Washington, D.C.

“I was the only woman general counsel of a trade association in the United States,” says Amundson, who now lives in Alexandria, Va. “I think that was an accomplishment. When I started law school (at the University of South Dakota), our class was the largest class of women ever. There were six of us. So I was doing some of the ‘firsts.’ ”

Amundson graduated from Washington shortly before the sole public high school in Sioux Falls was joined by Lincoln High School.



“It was a great, big, oversized school, so you got to know so many different people,” she says. “We were in classes with people from all the junior highs.”

Amundson keeps several pieces of art depicting the old high school on a wall in her home. She was the third generation of her family to attend Washington.

She returns to Sioux Falls often to visit family, and when she does, she makes a nostalgic drive down South Minnesota Avenue where The Barrell drive-in restaurant once stood. “It played such a big part in all our lives,” she says.

Like Zabel, she remembers English teacher Annie Kleinsasser as an influence. They both cite Lorraine Norman, now of Beresford, as affecting their lives. Zabel also points to the late Barney Kramer, a theater teacher.

“I went to some supposedly established schools like Harvard and Princeton, but I learned from Kramer and Norman,” Zabel says.

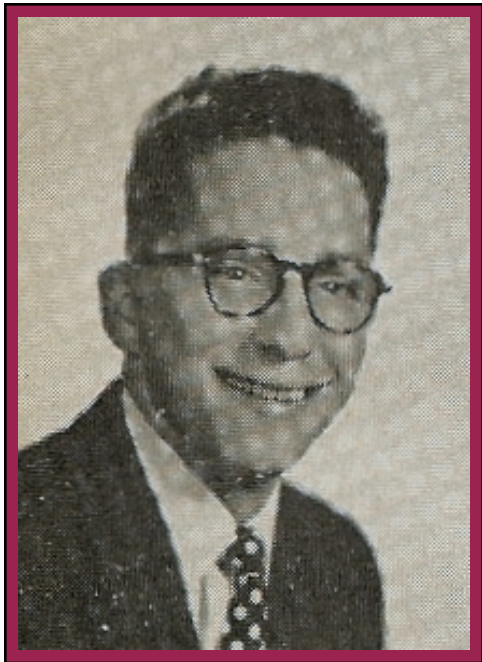
Amundson learned biology from Robert Dolan of Beresford and says he was kind to sophomores, “the lowest of the low” in the days of three-year high schools.

One memory involving Kleinsasser occurred the day John Kennedy was assassinated.

“She said, ‘This is all very sad, but we must all continue to learn,’ ” Amundson recalls. “It got us back focused and away from being scared.”

O&B Editor’s footnote: Of the nine inductees this year into the WHS Hall of Distinction, three of them are from our decade of the fifties. Having known all of them, I certainly concur that they are all truly deserving of this outstanding honor.

## Three Inductees From The Fifties



**Bill Zabel '54**  
WHS Senior Photo



**Bob Miller '57**  
WHS Senior Photo  
You can read a recent story  
on Bob in Issue #7-13 of the  
Orange & Black.



**Sheldon Zabel '59**  
WHS Senior Photo

Thanks to Don Noordsy '58 for  
alerting the O&B to Jill's story.



# Letters to the & B

On Nov 29, 2013, **Vicki Brubaker '59**, [BRUBAKERCHEER@COMCAST.NET](mailto:BRUBAKERCHEER@COMCAST.NET) wrote:

Jack

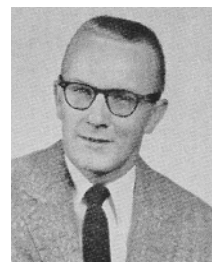
I'd like to give a shout out to **Terry Robinson class of 57'**. A HI and hug from one of your "old" girlfriends! You're still the best dancer I've ever danced with. I can't remember the name of the place that you got me a job as a car hop. But I don't remember a lot of things anymore....HA I always thought I wish I would have thought of wearing roller skates....that place could be very, busy. The best to a very, very neat man....hope life has been good to you.

good to

**Vicki**



**Vicki Brubaker '59**  
WHS Senior Photo



**Terry Robinson '57**  
WHS Senior Photo

On Dec 2, 2013, at 3:36 PM, **Jim Koons '55** <[jfkpmk37@xpressweb.com](mailto:jfkpmk37@xpressweb.com)> wrote:

Happy Holidays:

I got a chuckle out of this e-mail. It listed **Carl Dickey as a class of 1954** graduate. Carl was a neighbor when we lived at 751 S. 4th Avenue. We played a lot of football in front of our house. Carl had a strong arm. He threw me a pass, which I caught with my nose. To this day I cannot breath well through my left nostril. I will always remember Carl Dickey.

Patty and I wish you and yours a **HAPPY NEW YEAR. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.**

**Jim Koons '55**



**Jim Koons '55**  
WHS Senior Photo



**Carl Dickey '54**  
WHS Senior Photo

**Date:** December 9, 2013: **Ken Carlson '54** <[dartabout@msn.com](mailto:dartabout@msn.com)> wrote:

**Editors Note:** This letter from Ken Carlson '54 was sent to Don Noordsy '58 with a copy coming to me.

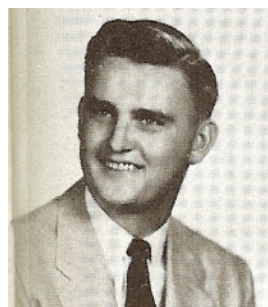
Greetings Don from Texas,

I was reading your note in the in the O & B about Emerson grade school. Then I read further that you lived on S. West Ave..... across the street from Emerson. I too lived on S West Avenue (517). My parents bought that house in 1941 when when I was 4 years old. My mother lived there until she moved into assisted living in 2001.

I suppose you know that Emerson School is no longer there. I graduated from there in 1950. You were trying to recall teachers at Emerson. Do you remember Janie May Johnson. She would have been the librarian. I got to know her when my brother, Virgil Carlson (WHS 1950) started dating Joann Stenberg (WHS 1950). Janie May lived with the Stenbergs after Dr. Stenberg died in 1943.

Do you remember Ms. Hultz. She taught math. As I recall, she was the one that wore those horn rim glasses, she was very very tall, her hair was twisted up into a knot on the back of her head and she was ever so stern. Whenever someone would act up in her class, she'd open the middle

drawer of her desk and pull out her magic wand....(a rubber hose) which she would threaten to use if the trouble maker didn't straighten up. I recall that Jack Phillips was in her class with me ??? or was it that Jack was the trouble maker??? Smile No. Jack couldn't have been a trouble maker. He was the favorite student that transferred in from Oklahoma and said "yes, mamm" and "no sir" when spoken to.



**Ken Carlson '54**  
WHS Senior Photo

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I graduated from WHS in 1954 and then went to Minneapolis to go to college. I majored in music education at Minneapolis School of Music. From there I went to Florida and taught in a college for three years. Then on to Dallas, TX as church music and youth leader. Went to Wichita, KA to finish my masters work and continued teaching in other Assembly of God schools for three more years.

In 1971, I changed careers and started driving bus for Trailways Bus Lines. After 18 years, I entered a mid-managment position scheduling 400 drivers for the local bus company. (Dallas Area Rapid Transit)

I retired in 2001 hoping to enjoy life with my family. That was short lived as my wife was diagnosed with liver cancer and passed away in 2005.

I now live alone in Mesquite, TX in the Dallas area.

Trust this finds you and yours healthy and well.

Sincerely,

**Ken Carlson '54**

[Dartabout@msn.com](mailto:Dartabout@msn.com)



**Kenny Carlson & Dundee**

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On Dec 20, 2013, at 11:54 AM, **RichardNorbraten '54** <[rnorbraten@att.net](mailto:rnorbraten@att.net)> wrote:

Jack: I just got this notice sent from **Rodger Robinson's '53** email account, from a friend of the family. Rodger's and my profile appeared at the same time in your Orange and Black of May 6, 2010, issue 4-10. He was a fashion designer. He and I began an email correspondence shortly after our profiles appeared. He kept me up to date on New York City happenings since I had returned to San Diego. When I lived and worked in New York City for The New York Times, he and I lived only several blocks apart, I on Remsen Street in Brooklyn Heights, and he on Atlantic Avenue.

We even shopped at the same supermarket and other outlets in that area, but never met face to face. I did not know of him until your O&B newsletter. He was in the WHS class of 1953. He was a good lost-distance friend, and I'll miss his stories and good-humored email messages.

**Richard Norbraten '54**



**Richard (Gary)  
Norbraten '54  
WHS Senior Photo**



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On Dec 20, 2013, at 11:09 AM, **Jim Redfield '50**, [jimwred@cox.net](mailto:jimwred@cox.net) wrote:

Thanks Jack. As I remember ( an usually with some difficulty) Bob Heyl was a tall fellow & quite handy with a basket ball.

All our of the old classmates of '50 are quietly slipping away, sad to say.

Merry Christmas to you & all of those that are still kickin'

Cheers,

**Jim Redfield, Class of '50**



Jim Redfield '50, WHS Senior Photo



*Merry Christmas*





WE WISH YOU  
A MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
AND A HAPPY  
NEW YEAR

*Jack*

*Debra*

Sending Happiness and Love To You in 2014.

Debra and Jack

**The WHS Orange & Black**