



It is a Joyous Season!

Having just observed Thanksgiving and looking forward to the December holidays, it is a wonderful time for us survivors. We have seen some of our classmates leave us this year and we do miss them. Those of us still around have lots to be thankful for. We are blessed in many ways. About sixty percent of our class will see the New Year 2020! Medical advancements and good living have seen us to this point. 😊 Being born in the 1930's, surviving WWII, Korean War, Vietnam War and Middle East wars appears to have toughened us up for the long haul.

Our first event in 2020 is our luncheon on January 11. Why not try to join your classmates for updates and fellowship in January?

Green and Gold Banquet

For the third-year ladies from SPHS and BCHS have joined for a holiday Green and Gold Banquet. It was held at Carrabbas Restaurant on Fourth Street North, December 3. The format included a small gift exchange, table decorations and lots of socializing. Phyllis Reichelderfer Doescher and June Ward Fleisher organize this holiday event each year.



- Carrabbas sets up the group at one table.



L to R: Bette Jackman LoBue (BCHS) and Nancy Cramer Litten (SPHS) place their order.



L to R: Lois Gillies Phillips and Phyllis Reichelderfer Doescher.



L to R: June Ward Fleisher and Fran Ellinwood.

Fall Reunion Luncheon

The class assembled at PJ's Oyster Bar on St. Pete Beach, October 12.

There were 15 classmates there, including Joe and Gloria Flad. Sadly, that was Joe Flad's last class luncheon – as you will read later in this newsletter. It was at one of our quarterly luncheons that Joe and Gloria rediscovered each other several years ago.



Shown at the October luncheon, Joe Flad and Gloria Fernald Flad seldom missed a quarterly reunion luncheon.



Bob Walton sat across from Lil Olsen Classen.



Emil Sales often comes from Clermont Florida, accompanied by our reunion organization secretary, Nancy Cramer Litten.



Phyllis Reichelderfer Doescher made some announcements while June Ward Fleisher (left) was checking her purse, and Gloria Slater Carnegie is saving her take home food.



PJ's manager has two drawings for our group each time we meet. The prize is a \$10 gift

certificate for PJ's restaurant, useable at a future visit. In this photo, Gloria Flad shows her joy at winning one of the prizes.



L to R: Phyllis Reichelderfer Doescher, Harriette Bey Urbahn, June Ward Fleisher, and Gloria Slater Carnegie.

Graduations

Joseph Philip Flad, Jr went to heaven October 21, 2019 in Leesburg, FL. He was born in Norristown, PA, February 20, 1936, to Anna Mae and Joseph Philip Flad, Sr. He was predeceased by his first wife of 54 years Mary Elizabeth Abernathy and his first son, Joseph P. III. He is survived by his wife Gloria, of Leesburg, a son, Thomas J. of St. Petersburg, a daughter, Laura Richards of Weaverville, NC. and his four grandchildren. He moved to St. Petersburg when he was five with his father, mother, and sister, Joanna Gable. He attended St. Petersburg schools, Woodlawn and Norwood Elementary, Lealman Jr. High, and graduated from St. Petersburg High School. He was very proud of serving honorably in the Marine Corp. He was packed and sitting on his bunk waiting for the plane to take him to Lebanon when at the last minute the orders were cancelled. Then all his service was stateside. He owned several print shops for 40 years among them Diamond Printing and Jomar Printing, all in St. Petersburg. After selling the business he moved to Leesburg in 2010 to escape the St. Petersburg traffic. In Leesburg, he married the former Gloria Fernald Ellinwood who he had known since 5th grade at Norwood Elementary. They attended the same schools and after graduation went their separate ways until meeting again at their high school quarterly luncheon, who neither had ever attended prior. They always said it was God's intervention and meant to be. They were very happily married for almost seven years always holding hands. Joe was a very

courteous man always opening doors, helping with chairs, and never wearing a hat indoors. Services were held on November 5 at St. James Episcopal Church in Leesburg, FL.

W Don Carr was born in St. Petersburg, Florida on October 24, 1935 and passed away on November 14, 2019 after a long illness. A lifelong resident of St. Petersburg, Don attended local public schools and the University of Florida. He started his career as a teller at Florida Federal Savings & Loan Association in 1957 and rose to the office of Senior Vice President. After retiring from banking, he joined Bankers Insurance Group, Savings and Loan Division as President. Throughout his life, Don was active in many civic and social organizations. He was a past president of the St. Petersburg Beach Chamber of Commerce and the Sertoma Club/Speech & Hearing Clinic. He served on the boards of the St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce, United Way of Pinellas County and the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWIFTMUD). Don was a member of the St. Petersburg Yacht Club, The Squires Club, Lakewood Country Club and the Quarterback Club. A lifelong golf lover, Don was a past president of the Waynesville Country Club Men's Golf Association in Waynesville, NC. He and his wife Amy have a summer home there and golfed as often as possible. He was predeceased by his parents, Durward and Grace Carr, and his son John Frederick Carr. Don is survived by his loving wife Amy Sun Carr, children Don C. Carr (Kathleen), daughter Eden Elaine Carr and brother John D. Carr (Sarah Lonquist). His Funeral Service was held on Friday, November 22nd, in St. Petersburg.

Pat Maurer Sehner, a Boca Ciega HS grad who often came to our quarterly luncheons, passed away on December 8. She had been our SPHS classmate prior to 1953 and enjoyed our reunion luncheons. No services have been announced. Her husband, Charles, predeceased her in 2013.

Classmates Care

Thanks go to **Lois Gillies Phillips and Marlene Matouk Haugland** for their recent donations.

Our Treasurer, Lil Classen says we do not need more donations, until further notice. 😊

Class Contacts:

Class of 1954 web site, where you can find e-mail, phone numbers and mail addresses about our classmates: <http://sphs1954.org/>.

Help us keep your data current!

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Next reunion luncheon is Saturday, January 11, 2020

Location is PJ's Oyster Bar. Gathering time is **11:30 a.m.** If you plan to attend, please let Nancy Cramer Litten know by Thur., January 9. Nancy's phone is (727) 201-9862.



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