



‘Tis the Season for Wearing of the Green

We have only a few activity holidays in the first half of the year, Valentine’s Day and St. Patrick’s Day. That must be why so many seize on St. Patrick’s Day for fun and partying.

Please allow me to relate some personal aspects of this day, even though I do not have any Irish genes. One of my grandchildren celebrates his birthday on March 17, making it easy for his birthday party decorations.

A memory I have is being in Killarney, Ireland on March 17, 2013. It is a small village (14,500 souls) and there were probably that many more Americans there to celebrate St. Pat’s Day. The noise outside the hotel went on all night, due to the revelers.



The street outside of the Killarney Plaza Hotel was full.

Our Irish bus/tour driver had lived in the USA for his schooling and was very savvy. He told us that the Irish do not have corned beef and cabbage on St. Patrick’s Day. They eat ham, steak, or other meats. The reason Americans eat corned beef is because the

early Irish immigrants here in the US could only afford that cheaper cut of beef.



January 2022 at PJ’s Restaurant

Our quarterly luncheon was enjoyed by about a dozen classmates. Regrettably, we have no photo records to share, as we greatly miss our Lyn Provo and his years of classmate photography. We had no one taking photos for the first time. It is indicative of our diminishing numbers and skills. ☹️

One thing we recall is that the restaurant was busy, and the parking lot was full. St. Pete Beach was discovered by many out-of-staters and the weather was gorgeous.

We were not sure that PJ’s is under the same ownership. At previous gatherings, the manager held a drawing for our people, with gift certificates for \$10 off our next visit. She was not present this time and there was no drawing.

Our Continuing Reunion Chairman, Boyd Acklin, was unable to come, due to health issues.

There was discussion at the luncheon about having fewer reunion luncheons – perhaps only two or three a year. No decision was made, but the subject is still open for discussion.

This newsletter is a precursor to our quarterly luncheons, and it helps maintain current contacts with our classmates.

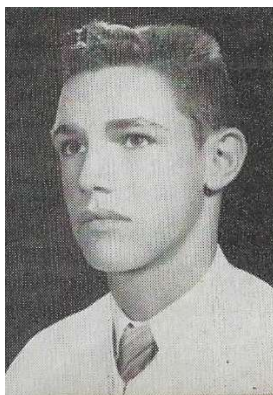
Here are yearbook and other photos of those who were at the luncheon. This is the best we could do. We do not have a photo of Judy MacReynolds’ guest, Debbie Hall. We do know that Judy Chittenden MacReynolds traveled from Greenwood, SC, and Ron Starling came from Lake Placid, Florida.



Shirley Beaupre Michaud



SPHS Junior Bette Jackman LoBue (BCHS '54)



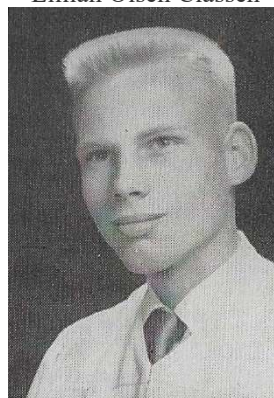
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Lillian Olsen Classen



Recent photo of Ginny Bogue



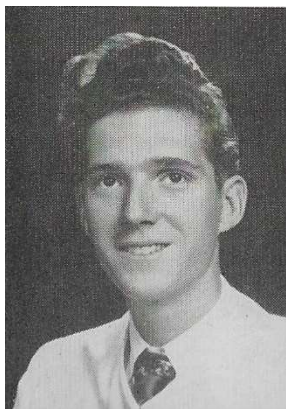
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Judy Chittenden MacReynolds



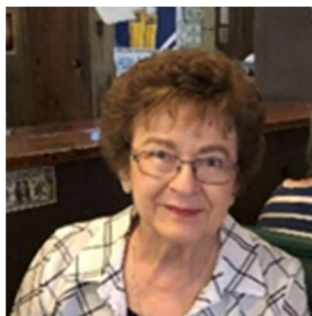
Gloria Slater Carnegie



Ronald Starling



Bob Walton



Recent photo of Mary Fricke Walton (SPHS '56)

Graduations

We missed the passing of classmate Tom Fredrick last summer. We only found out about it after the last newsletter was not deliverable to him:

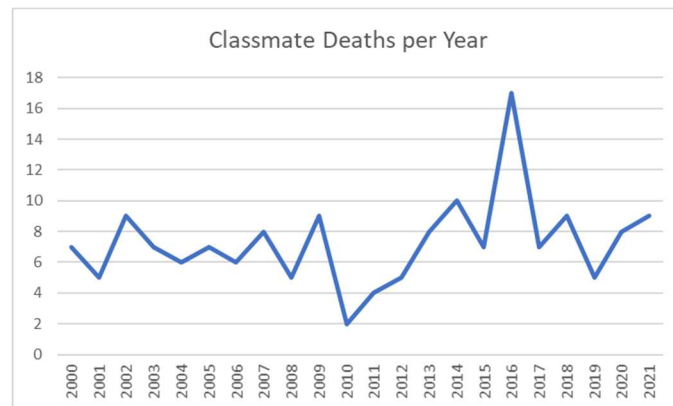
Dr. Thomas Frank Fredrick 84, passed away on Tuesday August 17, 2021, at his beloved home which overlooked the Gulf of Mexico in Port Richey, FL. Dr. Fredrick was born September 6, 1936, in Covington, Kentucky. He was the son of Earl and Hazel Fredrick and older brother of David Fredrick.

After graduating from St. Petersburg High School, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corp. and after being discharged he went on to graduate from Palmer School of Chiropractic. He later owned and operated two separate Chiropractic clinics in Mayville, KY, and in Holiday, FL. for 38 years.

He was Commissioned a Kentucky Colonel in 1959, Chiropractor of the Year 1969, and A Chiropractic Knight of the Roundtable, 1971. He was also the author of "Life Is Terrific", which was a published newspaper column from 1967 to 1972. His hobbies included sailing, fishing, photography, and travel in his RV. Dr. Fredrick is survived by his five children, Debbie Fredrick, Nimmo, Charles (Fred) Fredrick, Doris Fredrick, Larry Fredrick, and Arnold Fredrick. He is also survived by seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. The family is currently in the process of planning a memorial service and an announcement will be made to friends, family and loved ones soon. Published by *Tampa Bay Times*, Aug. 30, 2021.

We have heard of no other classmate deaths this quarter, for which we are grateful.

Our class still has about 60% surviving! Computer software can show graphically the last 20+ year record of our known classmates' deaths - excluding about 30 missing classmates:



As you can see, we lose about seven classmates each year, with 2016 being a particularly bad year. Unless we are yet to hear otherwise from survivors, it seems that COVID-19 has not caused an unusual loss of classmates. Our class has been very healthy and blessed.



Class Contacts:

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

Help us keep your data current!

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Classmate updates, news-to-share, etc., should be sent to Ron Rasmussen, Editor, 10212 58th Street, Pinellas Park, FL 33782-2632, (727) 544-2374 or r.rasmussen@ieee.org

**Next reunion luncheon is
Saturday, April 9, 2022**

Location is PJ's Oyster Bar. Gathering time is **12:15 p.m.** If you plan to attend, please let Lil Olsen Classen know by **Thur., April 7.** Lil's phone is (727) 743-1462.

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