



60th Reunion is Almost Here!

Committees are wrapping up preparations for our big reunion in May. Decorations, entertainment, hospitality, facilities, meals, etc. are finalized for our 60th reunion. We have learned from the last few reunions to tailor the program to maximize time to visit and catch up with classmates. Friday night will emphasize that theme; Saturday night and Sunday morning will, too.

The 60th reunion organization employs a Steering Committee and Subcommittees that focus on specific details. The Steering Committee is composed of Boyd Acklin, Chairman; Ron Rasmussen, Vice-Chairman; Lil Olsen Classen; Treasurer (also Entertainment Chairman) and Nancy Cramer Litten; Secretary. Decorations Chairman is Phyllis Reichelderfer Doescher and her committee is composed of:

- Pat Reeves Acklin,
- Sally Cook Vazquez,
- Fran Ellinwood,
- June Ward Fleisher,
- Doris Huston Mohr,
- Myrtle Siemers Larson,
- Nancy Cramer Litten,
- Geri Martin Willingham,
- Lois Gillies Phillips,
- Jean Swivel Schuh,
- Marilyn Sweet Johnson,
- Joyce Lindsey Sperry,
- Cloe Carroll Dance,
- Carol Deuel Phelps,
- Janet Sieck,
- Gloria Slater Carnegie and
- Jo Ann Schindler Biringer.

Myrtle Siemers Larson and Pat Reeves Acklin co-chair the Hospitality committee. Members are:

- Sally Lou Carlson Cronk , Honorary Chairman
- Dan Abbott
- Sylvia Hommer Acton
- Gloria Ellinwood and Joe Flad
- Joanne Bolton Armstrong
- Bob Kaniss
- Gail Willingham Payne
- Susanne Fisher Poucher
- Mary Liz Slater Turner
- Fran Ellinwood
- Carol Deuel Phelps

- Lois Gilles Phillips
- Janet Sieck
- Joe Chamberlain is in charge of Hilton hotel arrangements.
- Jim Lyn Provo is providing name badges for all registrants.

60th reunion preparations have been underway for over two years. Your classmates working on this reunion want it to be as good, or better, than the 50th reunion. This is likely to be the last general reunion that our class stages. With luncheon reunions on fixed dates four times a year, there will be many more times to meet together as the SPHS Class of 1954.

Reunion Details

In order to make arrangements for the hospitality room and for meals, we request that you send in the **registration** form with payment for any meals you plan to eat. Even if you are only coming to **visit**, and not eat, we need to have an idea of who is coming. The registration form is included below. Please fill it out and return it to our class Treasurer, Lil Olsen Classen, as shown on the form. Advance payment for any meals is required and no payments can be accepted at the door. Here is the schedule for the *Starlight and Sawdust – Reprise* reunion:

- **Friday, May 2, 2014, noon to 5:00 p.m.**
 1. Registration and check-in at the Hilton, near the lobby bar.
 2. Center Ring Hospitality Room opens near the Hilton Tangerine Restaurant.
- ❖ 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Cocktails at cash bar in Harbor View Room.
- ❖ 7:00 p.m. Sawdust Dining (Circus Theme) and door prize drawing. Casual dress.
- ❖ Hospitality room is open until 11:00 p.m.
- **Saturday, May 3, 2014.**
 - ❖ 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Center Ring Hospitality Room is open.
 - ❖ 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Cocktails and cash bar in Hilton St. Petersburg Ballroom #3.
 - ❖ 7:00 p.m. Starlight Dinner, dressy casual; jackets not required.
 - ❖ 7:30 p.m. presentation by SPHS *Pitchforks*
 - ❖ 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. dancing to the music of *King Trump Entertainment* by Chuck Barnhill, and drawing of door prize.
- **Sunday, May 4, 2014, 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** Center Ring Hospitality Room is open for farewells, hugs and good byes.

January Reunion Luncheon

32 classmates and guests attended our quarterly luncheon at the Courtside Grill, in the Carillon area of north St. Petersburg.



Joyce Lindsey Sperry and Bette Jackman LoBue got to visit at lunch.



Here is one of the tables of happy classmates



Lil Olsen Classen and Bill are regulars at our luncheons. Lil is beaming about her FSU National Champions shirt. ☺

Prayers & Concerns

Myrt Siemers Larsen's husband, Fred, continues to have major health problems. He is in Hospice with renal disease, in addition to pneumonia and heart issues. Fortunately, Fred's wife is a trained nurse and is eager to get him back home. Myrt asks for continuing prayers.

Joan Steward Hurst, who lives in Alabama, is undergoing seven weeks of radiation for cancer and would appreciate our prayers. She hopes to attend the 60th reunion.

Graduations

Pat Klutts Lee Passed away on December 17, 2013. She was a member of a pioneer family, dating from 1891 when grandfather, John Leonard Klutts, arrived in St. Petersburg. She graduated from Mound Park School of Nursing. Pat worked in a family medical supply business and at All Children's Hospital prior to her retirement. She is survived by a son and his wife, a granddaughter and two sisters. Memorial services were at First Presbyterian Church in St. Petersburg.

Nancy Jane Harmony Schickling died in Bedford, VA on January 27, 2014. As a teenager working at Howard Johnson's in St. Pete, she met and married Harry, a relationship that lasted 51 years. Recently, she was a real estate agent in Bedford. Nan loved the Lord and was a long-time Bible student, scholar and teacher. She is survived by her husband, a son and daughter, two granddaughters and a great-granddaughter.

Tandy F. Lane passed away in Dunedin, FL on February 4, 2014. He is the twin of our classmate Rev. John Lane, who lives in North Dakota. Tandy is survived by his wife Helen, two children, four step children, six grandchildren and eight step great grandchildren.

Caring Classmates

Donations to the class treasury help to keep this newsletter coming. This quarter, we thank **Sylvia Hommer Acton, Phyllis Reichelderfer Doescher, Lona Love, Sandra Collins Stevens, Joanne Bolton Armstrong, Suzie Fisher Poucher and Joyce Lindsey Sperry** for their gifts to the class treasury.

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Information/Registration for the 60th Reunion

Returning this form, even if you are not attending the reunion, will help us update our records. Thanks

Name _____

Address _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

College/Degree: _____

Graduate School, Other Training: _____

Profession/Occupation: _____

Spouse's Name: _____ Family Info: _____

Special Accomplishments of Self, Spouse, Children, Etc.: _____

Hobbies, Organizations: _____

Number in my party visiting the hospitality room at the Hilton at any time on May 2-4: _____

Name on my nametag: _____ Name on guest's nametag: _____

I want a copy of the Class of 1954 directory, to be mailed to me after this reunion at cost of \$3.00 _____

#in my party attending Friday night Starlight-Sawdust Hilton social event @ \$25 _____ Total \$: _____

#in my party selecting prime rib entrée at Hilton banquet Saturday night @ \$45 _____ Total \$: _____

#in my party selecting salmon entrée at Hilton banquet Saturday night @ \$45: _____ Total \$ _____

Please return this completed form with your check, if dining, payable to SPHS Class of '54, c/o Lil Classen, Treasurer, at 8037 Elbow Lane N., St. Petersburg, FL 33710. Photos are welcome, but cannot be returned. Deadline for registration and meal reservations is April 24, 2014. We have to pre-commit for meals to the Hilton, and cannot pay at the door. Meal refunds up to a week before the reunion, if your plans change. For Hilton reservations, contact them directly and ask for the SPHS class reunion rate. Hilton reservations: 1-727-894-5000

<http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/florida/hilton-st-petersburg-bayfront-SPTSHHF/index.html>

Class Contacts:

Class of 1954 web site, where you can find it all:
<http://sphs1954.org/> . Help us keep this current!

Reunions Chairman: Boyd Acklin, 1110 42nd
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Contributions: Donations are a big help and they keep this newsletter coming. (Our 12th year!) Please send them to Lil Classen, Treasurer, at 8037 Elbow Lane N., St. Petersburg, FL 33710. Please make checks payable to: “SPHS Class of ‘54”,

Classmate updates, news-to-share, etc., should be sent to: Ron Rasmussen, Editor, 10212 58th Street, Pinellas Park, FL 33782-2632, (727) 547-6857 or ronr@alumni.ufl.edu

Next Reunion luncheon is Saturday, July 12, 2014

Because of the May reunion, we will skip the regular April luncheon and then will resume at the Courtside Grill in the Carillon area of north St. Pete. Gathering time is 11:30 a.m. If you plan to attend, please let Nancy Cramer Litten know by Thur., July 10. Nancy's phone is (727) 392-7417.



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