



Fall is Almost Here

This has been a very warm summer in St. Petersburg, and the weather patterns have been strange. When we were young, the summer afternoon storms came from the east, and cooled us down. This year, the storms come out of the Gulf and go across the state. There are many classmates who still escape to milder places up north for the summer. ☺

Almost $\frac{3}{4}$ of our class reside outside of the Tampa Bay Area, so we like to include a local update every so often. Recently, a new art museum opened in downtown St. Pete. It is the James Museum of Western and Wildlife Art, located at 150 Central Avenue. Thomas James, a 1960 SPHS alumnus and his wife Mary established the museum. Tom is half of the financial empire known as Raymond James. Those who have visited the museum give it high marks. It joins other amazing art museums in downtown St. Pete, including the Museum of Fine Art, the Dali Museum and the Chihuly Glass Museum.



James Museum of Western and Wildlife Art is conveniently located on lower floors of the municipal parking structure.

July Reunion Luncheon

The quarterly luncheon was again held on St. Pete Beach at PJ's Oyster Bar. 24 classmates and guests enjoyed visiting with each other. With fixed dates for our luncheons throughout the year, out-of-town classmates can plan their trip to the area to coincide with our luncheons.

Our class photographer, James Lyn Provo, provided a pictorial record of the event, below and on our class webpage:



Joe and Gloria Flad with Dan Abbott.



Lil and Bill Classen don't often miss the fun.



Fred Wheeler lives nearby our luncheon venue.



Harriette Bey Urbahn and Fran Ellinwood



Mary Fricke Walton (SPHS '56) and Sherry Nichols Rasmussen (SPHS '55).



Nancy Cramer Litten and Ron Rasmussen.



L to R: Maggie Maier, Karl Maier, Phyllis Reichelderfer Doescher and June Ward Fleisher.



Classmate Notes

Geri Martin Willingham sent this: “Just received the SPHS Newsletter and always appreciate so much your efforts in getting it out to all of us! I just completed a large glass commission so, continue to work in 2- and 3-dimensional glass, doing commissions and gallery pieces for our gift and engraving shop in downtown Dunedin (*Lasting Impressions*). My husband Lee and I have had our shop 16 years now and are seeing incredible changes in this area - Dunedin is growing!”

Bernie Wade and I keep in touch and recently were discussing a painting that I remembered from the Sarasota Ringling Museum. It turns out he now owns it, so he sent this photo. Life is amazing.



Bernie is well, works out often and recently sold his ranch in CA. I love this U of F. shirt! I also, am a U of F. alum - as are you I hear; Go Gators!”

Bev Furman Praschan: “110 [degrees] here today in Sunny AZ!! Can’t believe we belong to the over 80 crowd now!!! God has been good to us and our family and we thank Him. God bless all of you; Love and prayers,”

Dr. John (Jack) Johnson: “Great job on the newsletter. Thanks for keeping me in the loop.”

Marv Krupp shared this: “In early March, a 55-year-old man from Pittsburgh contacted my family to tell them that Ancestry DNA made him a match - as my totally unknown, unexpected son! Long story short: he absolutely is - and is my clone. After my initial shock and finding out he had a super adoptive family and a happy and successful life, we and my

daughters made immediate contact. He and his wife have visited [me] in Deland, and they will come to my NC place in the fall. Seeing him and new siblings together is eerie...like they've never been apart. I feel blessed to have found out before leaving this mortal coil. For how this is possible, check out the movie, *An Officer and a Gentleman*. Same exact place/situation, except 40 years or so before the movie. Anyway, if you're on Ancestry, ya' never know”

Graduations

We recently learned that classmate **Mike Morris** passed away on January 29, 2012. He had worked for Florida Power 35 years and is survived by two daughters, Jody and Jennifer and a son Mike.

Eva Goddard Knapp, died on June 20, 2015. We were notified by her daughter, as executor, of her passing, following distribution of the last newsletter.

Dr. Kenneth Neet passed away April 12, 2017. Ken had an extraordinary life as researcher, educator and family man. His daughter-in-law informed us of his passing. There is an excellent article on his life on-line in the *Journal of Biological Chemistry*: <http://www.asbmb.org/asbmbtoday/201801/Retropective/KENEET/>

Sarah Jane Shaw Adcock passed on June 26, 2018 after a brief illness. She taught high school English and reading until retirement in 1997. Sarah is survived by a son, John and a daughter, Amy – as well as her sister Nancy and brother Leonard.

Rev. Bob Bew died July 20, 2018 in Sarasota, FL after a lifetime of Christian service. He is survived by wife Mary, two sons, brother George and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren

Classmates Care

This newsletter helps us keep track of classmates. Our classmates generously help pay newsletter printing and postage costs, and the costs for the Internet website. Thanks to these classmates:

- Anonymous
- Bob Kaniss
- Marlene Matouk Haugland
- Margaret Ritter Kellestine
- Bob Gutmann

Class Contacts:

Class of 1954 web site, where you can find everything current 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, October 13, 2018

Location is PJ's Oyster Bar on St. Pete Beach. The menu includes non-seafood, if you have an allergy. Gathering time is **11:30 a.m.** If you plan to attend, please let Nancy Cramer Litten know by Thur., October 11. Nancy's phone is (727) 201-9862.



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