We have been talking about it for more than three years; we have agonized how to go about it; we have sweated about whether it will work - and finally we took the plunge and it is up and running - OUR NEW WEB PAGE!

sshs63.org

Now we hope that you all use it to access the newsletter; get information on events that are being planned and as a way to keep in touch with classmates.

Also suggestions are welcome as to how to make it better, or more informative, or easier, or ... well, you get the point.

This as a way to get information to you in a more timely manner than the twice-a-year newsletter. We would like to think that we can update the web with timely pieces on a monthly basis. You send us an article; we put it on the web with photos. Sounds like a plan doesn’t it? Remember, without your input (just like the newsletter) it won’t work.

Also on the site, is a form which we would like to have every class member complete and return. The information would be used for a class book for the next big get-together. The information is for our eyes only. The form can be e-mailed or if you prefer to mail it with photos, please do so to Sharon Bradford, 806 Herbert St., Roseville, CA 95678.

We have a one year commitment to this endeavor. After that we will leave it up to you if you feel it is worthwhile. One of the issues with the e-mailed newsletter is that many of you have problems opening the attachment. We hope by accessing it from the web page this problem will disappear. Again, your input will help us determine how to proceed.

As always, it is vital that we keep all your information current so please notify Barb Cross at barb.cross@comcast.net if you change e-mail or mailing addresses. This is the only way for us to keep our database current.

Without your generosity this newsletter would have never been possible; so once again, a big thank you to the Class of 1963 for the support we have received.

Take care and keep us posted on what has been happening in your part of the world.

SEPTEMBER EVENT AT BUSH PARK
September 22, 2007
1 p.m. till ????

There will be a potluck dinner at one of our favorite spots growing up ... Bush Park.

We will meet at the top of the Derby Track. Look for signs and balloons leading the way. Bring a dish to share, your own table setting, beverage of choice and lawn chairs. Then plan to spend the afternoon with OLD friends in a place we all hold dear. Don’t miss this opportunity to connect with classmates!

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Newsletter Contributions Are Appreciated!

FROM SUE (GLECKLER) PALMASON, TREASURER
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Our thanks go to the following classmates for contributing funds since the Spring 2007 newsletter issue. Funds received will continue to offset the soon-to-be reduced newsletter printing/mail expense and will help defray costs related to our new class website. (See information elsewhere in this issue.)

JoAnne (Doerksen) Stultz
Roger Appelgate
R. Daniel Laws
Dave Johnson
Sarah (Kingan) Kanastab
Cathy (Huntley) Bernhard
Robbie (Moon) McCormack
Sharon (Johnson) Bradford

I hear of groups from other high schools/years that have had difficulty keeping a newsletter going for lack of continuing financial support from their classmates. That has not been an issue for our South High class. You have been incredibly generous. Additional funding has come in regularly after each new issue and, except for the very first issue, we consistently operate in the black. Thank you for that support.

Now, our new website is about to launch which should make it easier to get news and information to you. By sending you a simple email notification that something new has been posted to the site, fewer email messages will bounce (all those spam filters out there that didn’t like the large newsletter attachment file) and fewer newsletters will need to be mailed.

Over the past couple of years, we have updated our full SSHS ’63 class database considerably. Although there are still classmates we have yet to find, the data is now much more accurate and we continue to search for those who are missing. Please remember to notify us whenever you change your email or other contact information. And, if you find a ’63 classmate who hasn’t received any news from us, please have them get in touch with a newsletter volunteer.

Have a great summer!

Editor’s Note…

Summer has finally arrived in the Pacific Northwest. It brings sunny days, yummy local produce, and a huge variety of warm-weather activities. We’d like to hear how you spend your summers. Is it golfing, sailing, hiking, traveling, concerts in the park, gardening, photography, getting together with friends and family, watching baseball? Your classmates want to know!

I had to throw in “watching baseball.” As an Oregon State University (OSU) alum and Corvallis resident, I can’t tell you how proud I am of the OSU baseball team…repeat College World Series Baseball Champions! The team and coaches are such great men of character. (I know there are other OSU alums and supporters out there who enjoyed each and every game.) Can they 3-peat?

Thanks to those classmates who have sent notes and pictures since the last newsletter. It was so good to hear that several of our classmates have remained in contact over the years. It was also good to hear that many have found each other through the newsletter. We hope to make it even easier for our classmates to keep in contact through a newly developed website - sshs63.org. The initial goal of the website is to distribute the newsletter and to provide information regarding upcoming class events, including the 45th class reunion.

Speaking of the 45th reunion, preliminary plans are underway to determine who is interested in assisting with the reunion and providing input regarding the event. The time will fly by, so please let us know your thoughts (dates, places, activities, etc.) You can e-mail or call me or any other members of the newsletter staff. Also, please review the list of missing classmates in the Spring 2007 newsletter. Do you have any current contact information or hints of where these people might be? Let us know.

And don’t forget this year’s mini-reunion in Bush Park, September 22. See the details on page one and also on the web at sshs63.org.

Keep those notes and articles coming in! Bernadette (Stone) Barrett rlbdbarrett@aol.com
First and foremost - many thanks and appreciation to all who have been instrumental in establishing the Class of ‘63 Newsletter. Moreover, the continuing issues have not only been nostalgic but a fulfillment of the present all rolled into each and every issue.

The Spring 2007 issue renewed my memory of Mary Hubert’s beautiful smile; I remember Bernie’s mom making lunch for us in junior high; and I thought of my college neighbor, Claudia (Schweigert) Olson and how she and Annie had fixed their apartment.

My dearest friend, Didi (Warren) Vaughan, and I have maintained our friendship through all these ensuing years and we visit as often as we can . . . though it’s been 18 months or so since the last time we visited with John and Didi. I will send a photo - wine on the veranda at Hotel Del - a truly wonderful weekend.

My husband, Jerry, and I live in San Diego – the GREATEST weather. We love Southern California but understand the appeal of Phoenix/Scottsdale/Sedona.

Between us, my husband and I are blessed with nine grandchildren – 8 girls and 1 boy. Three granddaughters live here in San Diego and the other six grandkids live in East Texas. They call us Grammy & Popsie. For my 60th birthday, my daughter and son-in-law gave us a 10-day vacation in Paris. Mrs. Smith would have welled with pride in my recollection of French vocabulary!!!

A workaholic by nature, I still work full time for a defense contractor. The work is fascinating and challenging so plan to continue to do so for a few more years. In fact, I’m off tomorrow on a business trip so need to end my note.

My many thanks for all the time and effort spent by you and others to put out our newsletter. I look forward to receiving it, but I know it’s more efficient and less costly to go email. So please add me to your email list, and I will be sending a contribution also.

I have been out of touch with most of you for a long time, but have been reconnecting gradually the past few years. Cathy (Huntley) Bernhard was in my wedding and has been a steadfast friend. In the spring of 2006, Virginia Fluit Sing, Phyllis Jenks Bauer, Kris Campbell Lockard and I met for lunch and had a wonderful visit.

After reading the article about/by Mary Hubert Stewart-Hedberg, I went on her website and was blown away by her art work. The detail is incredible. I have been sharing the website with people in my office, and several of us have plans to visit Lake Grove to see her works in person.

Barb, Linda Anderson Watts lives in the Lake Oswego area. Karen Fortmiller Flint also goes by Freda Flint.

Again, thanks for all your work and I look forward to the next get-together.

Robbie Moon McCormack
503/393-5705

HOLE IN ONE!
A note from your graphic designer to all you golfers out there!
I was recently LUCKY enough to have my third (no brag - just LUCK).

My point… Please tell us what exciting things have been happening in your world. The more information we have, the better our newsletter and web page will look. It’s totally up to you!
I can't express how much I truly enjoyed seeing pictures of, and reading about, our classmates. It's hard to believe so many years have gone by. I will really try to make the Bush's Pastures party this year and look forward to seeing everyone.

Terri (Hillpot) Maness

My wife (Linda) and I have both retired, she from a care center out of Coquille, me from the Bureau of Land Management's Coos Bay District in 2003.

Getting a bit restless after a year and a half of doing practically nothing, we took a part time job with a local cemetery south of here, care-taking the five acres and mind you, where the neighbor's are a lot less restless.

About six days of mowing and weed eating will finish this acreage and this is done at least three times per year. The days not mowing, cleaning the ground of sticks, branches, throwing away dead flowers and maintaining the cleanliness of the area happens about twice per month, depending on the weather.

On the hobby side of the coin, photography has been my forte for years, especially in this area. Many beautiful views here in Coos Bay, where the temperatures stay above normal most of the year, a pleasant place to live. Forestry, wildlife, logging, fog, the coast in general, big waves and such, sunsets and more of the same are some of my favorite subjects.

Ron Boise writes ...

Thank you very much for the update on our classmates. I recently retired from the U.S. Coast Guard as a Commander, after a long, exciting, often times dangerous, but seldom boring, career in search and rescue with the Coast Guard. My last duty station in 2006, was Norfolk, Virginia, where I served as Chief of Readiness, Patrol Boat Division, Atlantic Area Coast Guard Command.

Prior to that, I was stationed in New Orleans from 2003-2005, and lived in the French Quarter in a Townhouse overlooking all the revelry on Bourbon Street; quite a change from Salem, Oregon, I can assure you. Now, after almost 30 years serving our Nation, I can finally relax with a good Martini, and not worry about the "next mission" or the "ready cutter" to answer a SAR call.....everytime that I see a Coast Guard Dauphine helicopter tho, my eyes get teary-eyed because I had such a great career and experience. I would do it again a hundred times over. My ROTC days at OSU prepared me for my career.

Now I reside in Southwest Portland with my wife, Debbie, who is Assistant Dean of Education at Pacific University in Forest Grove. We have two grown sons, one in the U.S. Navy and the other making movies in San Francisco as a Film Director. We spend most weekends at our beach house in Seal Rock, where I keep my sailboat, “STARWARD”.....We enjoy sailing in Yaquina Bay and watching the sunsets and, of course, a great Martini....

Please give my fondest regards to all my classmates.....we had some great times together.....I can still remember Jack Sparks, Tim Plummer and I driving down to Corvallis in my old MG to watch our SS basketball team play......in those days Tim was a very small guy and Jack and I put him in the trunk of this very small sports car....

All the best,

Rand
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Bill Hoirup

Bill is the father of Judith Hoirup. He was a custodian at South Salem High School during our years in school. He loved riding horses and was an active member of the Oregon Mounted Posse Association.

Our sympathy to Judy's family at her loss.

We were saddened at the news of the passing of Sharon Knepper Lemonds mother. Sharon now resides in Utah.

Otto Wilson, father of Sharon, and a long-time businessman in Salem also recently passed away.

If we have missed the loss of any classmate, or their family member, please accept our apology. We need you to be our eyes and ears in letting us know of these events.
Do you remember what the top 10 songs were in 1963?

FOR THE SPORTS NUT:
What team was the NFL Champion
Who was the college champion?
Who won the NBA?
Who did they play?
How about the World Series?

GENERAL TRIVIA
Not that most of us were paying attention but what do you think the average home cost?
How about a postage stamp?
A gallon of regular (before unleaded) gas?
Do you remember what we were watching on television?
What were the top 10 favorite shows in 1963?

SOUTH HIGH TRIVIA
How many of you can still remember our Alma Mater?
Can you sing the fight song?
How many teachers’ names can you remember, without looking at your annual?
How about our class officers?
Do you know who held what position?
Both for our class and for the school?
Do you remember what our class gift was?
How many of you know how large our graduating class was?

The answers to the trivia on the left are on the back cover. The answers to the South High Trivia - well ask someone at the September 22 event!
TOP 10 SONGS WERE:
Blue Velvet - Bobby Vinton
The End of the World - Skeeter Davis
Candy Girl - The 4 Seasons
Busted - Ray Charles
Judy's Turn to Cry - Lesley Gore
Drip Drop - Dion
In Dreams - Roy Orbison
Mickey's Monkey - The Miracles
On Broadway - The Drifters
Midnight Mary - Joey Powers

FOR THE SPORTS NUT:
What team was the NFL Champion? The Chicago Bears
  beat New York by a score of 14 to 10 (this was before
  the Super Bowl)
Who was the college champion? Texas
Who won the NBA? Boston 4 to 2 (W W L W L W)
Who did they play? LA Lakers

How about the World Series? LA Dodgers beat the New
York Yankees 4 games to 0

GENERAL TRIVIA
Not that most of us were paying attention but what do
you think the average home cost? $19,300 for a
new home
How about a postage stamp? It went to $.05 as of
January 1, 1963
A gallon of regular (before unleaded) gas? This will bring
back memories of pooling your change to go out -
$.30 a gallon
Do you remember what we were watching on television?
What were the top 10 favorite shows in 1963?
The Beverly Hillbillies • Bonanza
The Dick Van Dyke Show • Petticoat Junction
The Andy Griffith Show • The Lucy Show
Candid Camera • The Ed Sullivan Show

It was a gentler time!