



South Salem High School

Class of 1963

NEWSLETTER

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Scotland ... Golf, Castles and Scotch Whiskey

By Bob & Ann (Holweger) Jones

At the reunion in August we were asked several times why we go to Scotland so much, especially after we mentioned we were getting ready for our 23rd trip since 2000 right after the reunion. The answer I always give is, "Golf, castles, and Scotch whiskey – and not necessarily in that order." While that's true that we go for the great, historic golf in the Home of Golf, and we enjoy visiting as many castles and other historic sites (cathedrals, abbeys, stone circles, cairns, battlefields) as we can, and we do seek out distilleries to visit and special bottles of single malt whisky to bring home, those aren't the most important reasons we forgo traveling to other places and return to Scotland primarily, but Wales, England, and Ireland as well.



Our real motivation to go back to Scotland is that the place gets in your blood – ask almost anyone who has been there even once. For Anne it's her heritage (Scottish, English, and Irish) and for me it's a kindred Celtic heritage (Welsh, English). We've also been adopted by a Scottish family in Crieff (central Scotland, between Perth on the east and Stirling on the west which are



between Edinburgh and Glasgow which are between the North Sea and the Atlantic to get technical). We are now familiarly obligated to be in Scotland for birthdays (very important to the Scots) and Speech Days (end of the school year celebrations) for our adopted niece and nephew.

We are also obligated by our chosen retirement gig – writing golf travel guides and books of travel stories. For our next book (or next revision of a previous book) we "have to" play some courses new to us, stay in different B&Bs, and

try new restaurants, pubs, and tea rooms. "Have to." In order to keep sales going we need to go back to courses, restaurants, and pubs we've previously visited to promote the latest book (which by the way is the current golf in Scotland #1 seller on AmazonUK).



Lastly, we keep going back to Scotland and the UK because there is a real satisfaction in knowing a place in depth rather than superficially. We've been to Germany, Austria, and Hungary on a two-week train excursion and we want to go back...sometime. But right now it seems more important to be sure we've seen all of Scotland (next for us is to get to the Outer Hebrides, particularly the Isles of Harris and Lewis), Wales (our fifth visit is scheduled for our spring 2014 trip), and England (I have yet to get to London, although Anne flew over for girls' weekend with our Scottish family a couple of years ago). I guess the need for in depth knowledge was imparted to me by being a debater for Amanda Anderson. So, going to Scotland for three months a year (in two trips) is for the golf, the castles, and the whisky – and a whole lot more.

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Notes From Classmates...



Sally Clinkler Clemens writes ...

Love the newsletters and would hate to see them discontinued. I would send them via the web only.

Sorry, I never do anything interesting that I could write about. Healthy, happy, and just doing things I like to do

now that I am retired. I enjoy quilting and doing fun sewing projects for family and donations. This summer our daughter had a big celebration for Gary's and my 50th wedding anniversary. We enjoyed seeing and visiting with family and friends. I know that others are always doing exciting things and go wonderful places.

Thanks for all the hard work you have put into the newsletters. I know I enjoy them and would miss them, however, if you're not getting what you need from the class as a whole, you just can't keep publishing them.

Sally

Infamous Football Team!



This photo was printed in our last issue and many wanted the names of the players. So here it is again, with the players identified!

Front row: Mike Myers, Ty Serman, Rand Wintermute, Wally Ogdahl

Second row: Scott Casebeer, Jessie Glenn, Roger Appelgate, Rod Rudishauser, Spencer Powell, Dave Johnson, Jack Sparks, Wes Chase, Mike Mischke.



LaVonne Bolstad Johnson writes ...

Happy October from Maucau, China. The reunion was a huge success and I am grateful to the committee for all their work. I love the idea of continuing the newsletter as it is interesting to connect with classmates. Macau is the

casino capital of the world – an interesting place for an international science workshop. The historic sites and museums make up for the casinos (we are not casino people). I hope to reconnect with some Salem classmates the next time I am in Salem.

Bernie Stone-Barrett and her husband came to Newport and had lunch with Dick and me. Classmates are always welcome to our Fort Collins home but Fort Collins is not a common destination. We are about 70 miles from Denver, should anyone have that as a destination.

Many Thanks to the entire reunion committee!

LaVonne



Our Sympathies...

We extend our thoughts and sympathies to the following classmates who have lost loved ones.

Dan Schimelpfenig's father passed away in September 2013

Keith Higley's mother passed away in February 2014



This sign should bring back memories! See more photos on pages 5 and 6!

Another Great Adventure

By: Roger Applegate

One of the most beautiful and peaceful places that I've ever been! We spent two nights in Bedouin tent cabins, hiked, and then rode camels back an hour and a half back to our departure site and bus in the desert of Wadi Rum.



Here we are riding our camels out to an overnight in a Bedouin tent camp in the Sahara of Morocco this past Sept. Another of Rochelle's amazing Sierra Club trips!

Two Months, Four Countries, and Two Camel Rides!

When you like to travel to foreign places to learn about different cultures and yourself, it helps to be married to a Sierra Club volunteer leader! Last September my wife, Rochelle Gerratt, led a new trip to Morocco and three weeks later led another new trip to Jordan. In between the two trips we split our time and travels between Spain and Israel. Highlights for me in Morocco were our guided tour around the ancient city of Fez and seeing the leather tanneries and how they craft their beautiful tile works, trekking through the Atlas mountains with its tiny villages where life is lived as it has for centuries, and our sunset camel ride in the Sahara to a Berber camp where we spent the night.



In Spain we loved the beach at Tarifa, the Alhambra, ancient cave paintings outside the beautiful city of Ronda, and the Gaudi architecture in Barcelona.

In Israel we toured some holy sites, plus Yad Veshem, the original Holocaust museum in Jerusalem, took some wonderful hikes in the desert, and of course floated in the Dead Sea.



We spent our last couple of days in Tel Aviv, taking a tour of the ancient city of Jaffa, and relaxing on the beach.

Jordan is a small country of great and stark beauty. Its main attractions are its generous people, great food, the ruins of Petra which we hiked to through a back door route, the resort city of Aquaba on the Red Sea, and Wadi Rum, a huge desert area with striking large rock formations. Wadi Rum was where the desert scenes in "Lawrence of Arabia" were filmed. We spent three days in a desert camp in Wadi Rum and took guided hikes ending our time there with a camel ride back to a nearby village and our bus.

There is so much more to our journey than I can tell here. And as for learning about myself: I do not yet have the words to express this except to say my heart is more open and full.



These items also brought back memories for the Class of 1963 at the wonderful reunion!

In Sadness...



ROBIN SUGHRUE

February 10, 2014

It is with sadness I inform you of the passing of your classmate from 1963, Robin William Sughrue. Robin left us on Monday, February 10, 2014 after a very short lived cancer illness.

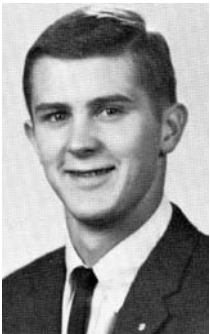
We had planned on attending the 50th reunion this past summer but did not because Robin was not feeling very well. At the time we did not know why. Robin lived a very good life. He and I celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary this past August. He was a Teamster retiree from United Parcel Service. Robin retired in 2003. He will be missed by so many good friends and family. I was looking through some paper today and came across the reunion paperwork he completed but never mailed which is why I am writing you now.



There will be no obituary in the Salem newspaper as we have lived for the past 10 years in Ocean Shores, Washington and the last 40 in the State of Washington.

*Sincerely,
Barb Sughrue*

BJÖRN PERSSON SÖDERFELDT



Note from Glen Johnson: Our SSHS Class of 1963 Swedish exchange student, Björn Persson Söderfeldt, struggled with metastatic lung cancer this past year, and passed away in his hometown of Örebro just before our 50th reunion. I had not seen Björn since our high

school graduation and a few years back, Barb Cross informed me that Björn was a member of the dental school faculty in Malmö, Sweden. That



was a huge surprise. After checking his 'bio' online, I discovered that Björn served as the PhD preceptor for my close friend and department colleague, Mats Kronström. Small world, huh? At the invitation of Mats and our dental school, Björn and his wife visited Seattle in March 2008 where he served for a short period as a Visiting Scholar to assist with developing the framework for a multi-center clinical trial, a specialty of his. It was then that we met; a mere 45 years after SSHS graduation. Björn returned again to Seattle in June 2010. That was the last time we met, and this picture was our adieu after a dinner at the Kronströms. Judging by our smiles, I suspect there may have been a little aquavit consumed. He was in good spirits, loved returning to the Northwest and looked forward to attending our 50th reunion. He even made a short trip to Salem to relive his past a bit. In an earlier communication printed in a Newsletter, he gave his own "tell all" story. I didn't receive an obituary per se, so what I thought I would share with you is the tribute compiled by several his academic colleagues in Malmö. He certainly made and left his mark. I am grateful for having reconnected with him.

"Professor Emeritus Björn Söderfeldt, Örebro has passed at the age of 68. He is leaving behind his wife Arja and children with their families from a previous marriage. Björn was introduced to dentistry after a career in political and medical/social sciences. We were introduced to him at a seminar for dental specialists in Örebro, where he had been invited by our Chair Dr. Sigvard Palmqvist to try and explain and solve some statistical problems we recently had experienced in our research projects. He had an amazing ability to explain difficult theories and problems and make it easy for us, who did not have his knowledge, to understand. Ever since that meeting, Björn became involved in dentistry and several dental projects and made many new Faculty friends. In the early 1990s he was mentor for graduate students in Örebro and in 1995 he was appointed Professor and Chair in the Department of Oral Public Health at Malmö University, a position he held until his retirement in 2012. Those of us who had the pleasure of working with him experienced an exciting development within the field of Oral Public Health. Björn was the only Professor of Oral Public Health in Sweden and he was a strong advocate for his area. Patient-dentist relation was something that interested Björn and his research focused on how such relation could influence quality of care. Björn was involved in many research projects and from 1995 to 2012 he mentored 18 students to successful Ph.D dissertations, an outstanding record. Even though Björn worked in Malmö, he kept in contact with his home town Örebro. He bought a cottage in

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More 50th Reunion Photos To Enjoy



This beautiful room greeted those attending the 50th Reunion, thanks to the hard work the fabulous committee did!



Clark Jackson, Wally Ogdahl and Doug Hill catching up.



It was hard to get us to quit visiting, as you can tell by this group shot!



Don't you wonder what brought on the laughter shared by Dan Huges and Roger Wilson?



David Rowe and Jerry Savage



Sue Maris Hill and Jim Eastridge enjoying the fruits of their labor!



Miles Schlesinger and Ty Sermon enjoying the weather and company!



Barb Atkinson Coats and Didi Warren Vaughn were all smiles at dinner.



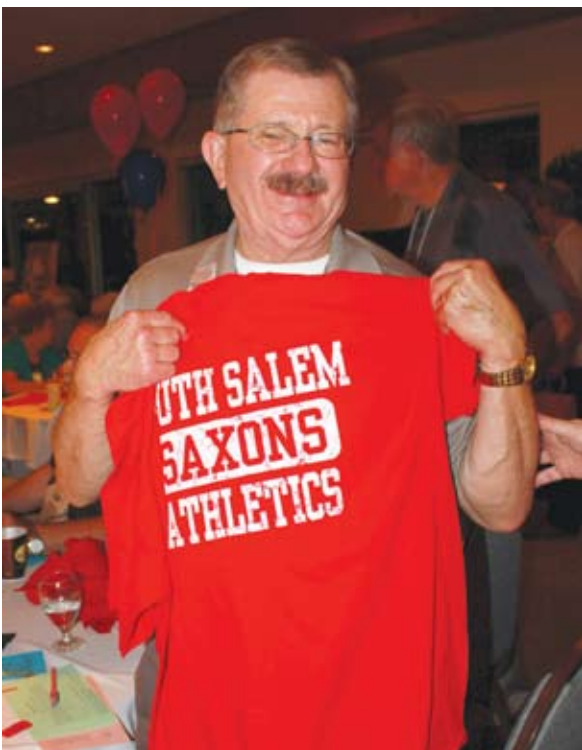
Terry Hillpot Maness and Mary Hubert Stewart



David Rowe and Larry Nunn, like everyone else at the reunion, were all smiles!



Eric Woodard won a Saxons shirt at the dinner.



Our beautiful former Cheerleaders shared a moment: Barb Hoxsey Cross, DiDi Warren Vaughn, Mary Hubert Stewart, Tish Forbes Shinn and Kris Campbell Lockard

Classmates Meet in Hawaii



Kris Campbell Lockard and Tish Forbes Shinn are all smiles in Hawaii.



We are on Kona and had a wonderful “mini” reunion with Kris Campbell Lockard. I am sending you a picture of our lunch at the Lava Lava Beach Club. On the way back to our apartment in Hawaii, we ran into Jim Eastridge. In the parking lot ... almost right next door to where we were staying. After the Big 50 reunion, Kris and I planned to meet. To see Jim Eastridge was a complete surprise. The reunion was such a good way to keep in touch with those we knew before ... and still have lots in common with before Life after High School got in the way.



Jim Shinn and Jim Eastridge had a chance to catch up while visiting Hawaii.

Kris Campbell Lockard with husband Dave and Tish Forbes Shinn with husband Jim are all smiles while visiting on a beautiful Hawaiian beach.



Missing Classmates

James Alexander
Michael Anderson
Gerald Chapel
Katy Clyde
Shirley Coon
Schelly Culver
Joan Davidson
Karlet Davis
Robert A. Day
Marvin Dolezal
James Donaldson
Carol Duggan
Mary Jean Eller
Ricki Ferguson
Steven Ferry
Beverly Jane Fillis

Larry Fisher
Stephen Fletchall
Pam Gruel
Joan Johnson Hudson
Max L. Huff
Ruthann Jennison McGovern
Paul Johnson
Joan Johnson
Janet Jones
Jane Louise Jones
Joseph King
Judith Lind Kanoff
Diane Meloy Sandsburn
Kathy Merin Strickler
Virginia Moudy
Carol Murrin

Elaine Nelson
David Nicholas
Nancy Owen Cherin
Joan Penniman Langa
Elaine Pecht
John Reid
Stevie Romander
Richard Sanders
Patricia Standal
Sharon Thompson
Gail Titus Redding Boatwright
Mary Walberg
Kathy Wilson

John Luchau Shares His Travels!

By: John Luchau

It was great meeting many of you at the reunion. I really am sorry to not be able to get around to greeting all of you who I remembered from South High and I really wanted to stay and talk more with those of you I did see. That was my first opportunity to attend one in 50 years and I'm not certain I'll be able to get to another for quite some time.

I've really been enjoying the biographies of all the South High graduates who took the time to tell everyone more about their lives. Many of our paths have crossed but not connected over the years. I've been literally minutes away from some of you in some very distant places.

One of my last lines in my bio was that I was planning a Mexico cruise and part of this article will give some details about what happened during that October/November excursion.

Adventure Number 1 – 50th Reunion

Year 2013 gave me four distinct adventures starting with the reunion in August. Planning for the time I would be away from Christie and our home in Hawaii was the start of that adventure and a burned out refrigerator was the biggest casualty during that period. Luckily we have great neighbors who were generous enough to loan Christie a small one to get her by until I returned home to help her accept the one that was to be delivered. Of course, on this island everything has to be ordered from somewhere else unless you are extremely lucky to find something within a 100 mile drive. Those of you who attended know all about the reunion and I needn't explain all the fun we had there. The school tour was an appreciated highlight and the Liberty Elementary School tour was a delight. So many good memories and acquaintances were shared. My brother joined in by driving his '51 Chev Panel over from North Salem and those who also drove their classics and



vehicles of interest met in the parking lot prior to the reunion dinner. That part of the event was really enjoyable to me. Especially talking with those who share a passion for older vehicles and were willing to stop and

talk of their interests. My brother enjoyed it too. Sorry there weren't any photos of that. My camera was another casualty of the trip and gave out during the SSHS High Tour and the Liberty 6th grade reunion the day before. Anyone have any photos of the other cars there?

Adventure Number 2

Canoe trip on the Willamette

The second adventure of 2013 was getting underway on the Willamette in a used canoe my brother Wes and I bought through craigslist for just that purpose. Pictured are brother Clark, myself and brother Wes, who provided the Evinrude outboard. Clark provided transportation and support and his wife Marlene who took some great photos. Both families provided food and shelter for my stay. Our shakedown cruise was the Thursday following our reunion at about

6PM launching at Wallace Marine park, paddling across the river past the Willamette Queen, encountering the dragon boat and then paddling upstream in the main current just a little and then



back to the Park. All the water stayed on the outside of the hull and we had enough freeboard to support a lot more gear so we knew we could spend some hours going down river with no problem. We knew the canoe would make it but weren't certain about ourselves.

Friday we shoved off just after noon leaving the dock using the little Evinrude engine and backed away from the dock at Wallace Marine. Off we went and what sights we saw! Osprey, heron, eagles, fish jumping and beautiful scenery of trees and river were at every twist and turn. Sometimes we found rapids (they found us) but more often it was placid paddling when we'd turned off the engine. We

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stopped at Keizer Rapids Park to enjoy their really great facilities. It's a wonderful new park with a really nice boat ramp and dock. We were paddling and floating and eating sandwiches, dodging logs and snags and just plain enjoying ourselves. We touched bottom at a shallow rapid once and went crossway over a submerged log but those were the only close encounters with the possibility of capsizing that we had. I was kind of sad to see the Wheatland Ferry crossing the river because I knew our haul out was just beyond the



ferry landing. Brother Clark and Marlene came to get one of us to return to the truck and it was just before sunset that we had loaded up the canoe and set out for North Salem. The next day we launched at Wheatland, paddled across the river into Lambert Slough. We meandered on the west side of Wheatland Bar enjoying calm water until rejoining the river then seeing different scenery with the sides of the river becoming steeper at times and the volume of water increasing. There were still as many birds and fish and just gorgeous views. It was very serene with no traffic or city noises and just the sound of paddles in the water except when Wes, again, wanted to start the Evinrude. We passed very close to picnickers and gravel beach revelers on our way and there were only two or three motorized boats the two days we were on the water. Finding the San Salvador boat landing was a bit of an exercise since our GPS and the coordinates given on the river guide were in bit of a different format. It wasn't off by much but just enough



to have us question where our haul out would be and whether or not we'd passed it. At the haul out

Ennetta was waiting to take Wes to get the truck. It was a longer wait with the canoe due to the addition of a bit more distance and traffic that my brother encountered with the truck. I spent the waiting time casting for fish and talking with kayakers. All in all it was two days of fun and something I hope to continue to do each summer until I can't any more. I was pleasantly amazed at the lack of motorized vessel traffic on the river on Labor Day weekend and how nearly deserted the boat ramps were. For those of you who still live in the valley you are truly blessed with such a recreational corridor and opportunity for serenity. Check out the Willamette River Guide at <http://willamettewatertrail.org>

(Read the full story of John's trip to Salem and then on to La Paz Mexico – his summer 2013 adventures on the web – <http://www.sshs63.com>)

Editor's Note ...

I hope those who attended the 50th class reunion were able to renew old friendships, catch up with friends you don't see often, or make some new friends. Several classmates feel, as I do, that there just wasn't enough time. The newsletter and the class webpage are the ways to keep those connections going. It's not too late. If you did not submit a bio before the reunion, please take the time to submit one now. If you don't have access to the internet, please give me a call or write to me and I can assist you in getting one posted.



Have you gotten together with classmates since the reunion? It would be great to have a note from you and/or a picture of those special connections. Your notes and articles are the only way to keep this newsletter going. Thanks to all who submitted articles and notes for this newsletter.

I hope you are all enjoying the renewed energy that Spring brings. For me, I'll be transitioning from the sunny Southwest back to the Northwest...where I hear the sun has finally come out.

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Liljebacken which became the place to which often returned to rest and relax. Many of us have spent warm summer evenings in Björn and Arja's home participating in discussions of important issues or just everyday things. Björn was not only a colleague, but also a very good friend. His general knowledge was impressive and no one got surprised when he showed up on TV and won a major quiz show. It feels sad that Björn with his clear and sharp intellect and incredible memory no longer is with us. His loss is deeply felt."

Björn Axtelius, Bengt Sjödin, Katarina Sondell, Katri
Ståhlacke, Lennart Unell
Malmö Högskola, Odontologiska fakulteten

Biographies on the Web

It's never too late to send us your biography and a current picture to add to our web. Send to Sharon Johnson Bradford, 806 Herbert Street, Roseville, CA 95678 or the preferred method:
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Web Information!

Our website includes a list of missing classmates, reunion pictures, biographies, memorial page, contact information and special links. Check it out!

<http://www.sshs63.com>

Check often for information on upcoming mini-gatherings and other updated information!

