



# South Salem High School

*Class of 1963*

# NEWSLETTER

50th REUNION ISSUE

## 50th Class Reunion - August 23-24, 2013

In preparation for our reunion, we have included several forms that need to be sent to different classmate volunteers. Registration forms will go to Vicki Sanders, golf forms can be sent to Vicki Sanders or Dan Hughes, classmate "Biographies on the Web" will go to Sharon Johnson Bradford. Any changes in addresses, phone numbers or e-mails should be sent to Bernadette Stone Barrett. Sending information electronically is the most efficient for all of us, but snail mail works also and addresses are listed on each form. If all else fails and you have questions, call a newsletter staff member or write to the this e-mail address: [contact@ssh63.com](mailto:contact@ssh63.com)

We look forward to seeing you at the reunion and look forward to reading about your personal biographies on the web.

1. We hope you will add a current picture of you and your family. Send your stories to Sharon Johnson Bradford at: [sharon4southsalemhigh1963@gmail.com](mailto:sharon4southsalemhigh1963@gmail.com)
2. We need memorabilia and pictures for the reunion. Send digital versions of your pictures to: [contact@ssh63.com](mailto:contact@ssh63.com)
3. Hard copies of pictures can be sent with your registration materials but be sure to label and identify your pictures.
4. Items that you are willing to display during the reunion need to be labeled and brought to the reunion parties on Friday August 23 and/or Saturday August 24. After the Saturday night event, items need to be picked up.

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE REUNION

#### FRIDAY NIGHT

Magoo's Sports Bar & Grill

275 Commercial St SE Salem, OR 97301

(503) 363-5836

6 p.m. until ????

Snacks will be provided

### SATURDAY NIGHT

Creekside Golf Club

6250 Clubhouse Drive • Salem, OR 97306

(503) 363-4653 • 6 to 11 p.m.

The forms are provided in this issue, with instructions as to whom they should be returned to.

Other activities that you might be interested in are a tour of South Salem High School. Meet at 10 a.m. on August 23, at the front entrance to be taken back in time. A guided tour has been arranged for all those interested.

We will begin putting the biographies on the web as soon as they are provided; so please check the website to see what your classmates have been up to the last 50 years! Photos will be greatly appreciated and can be sent digitally to the provided e-mail address: [sharon4southsalemhigh@gmail.com](mailto:sharon4southsalemhigh@gmail.com)

On August 23, at 2 p.m. former Liberty School students are invited to an informal reunion at the school. Another chance to get together and visit. Please see the flyer that is also included in this newsletter.

The Reunion Committee has been busy planning this event and hope that all will make the effort to participate, either by providing a biography and photo if you cannot actually attend, or better yet - plan to visit Salem, Oregon, the weekend of August 23-24, 2013 and catch up with former classmates!

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## Notes From Classmates...



### *Reita Hulbert Bressler writes ...*

I married my lifetime friend and neighbor, David Bressler on Dec. 11, 1965. Dave was Class of '62 at South Salem. We attended OSU together. I worked for the Oregon Board of Education, School Finance and Research Division for 5 years and was also a Mary Kay Beauty Consultant for 12 years.

Dave started a long career in the insurance business. He is a highly specialized heavy equipment appraiser. When we lived in Salem, David also handled the forest industry claims for all fifty states. Dave and I traveled up to 2000 miles a week by car, through the western states. We spent so much time in California, Dave went to work for Crawford and Company here in Rocklin, CA in 1997. He has been one of their top employees since then. He still loves his job and plans to work as long as he is healthy. His territory covers California, Nevada and lower Oregon.

I have traveled with Dave throughout his career. We are in our 48th year of marriage. We have 3 children and 4 grandchildren. Our son Eric, graduated from UNLV in Las Vegas in Hotel Management. He has worked throughout Nevada and California running hotels, as well as condos at Squaw Valley. He recently has launched a whole new career. He is Executive Director of a beautiful senior care facility in Northern California and loves his job.

Our daughter Julie, graduated from NAU in Flagstaff, AZ with a degree in Communications. She married Mike and they have two of our fantastic grandchildren, Kaitlynn and Koby. Mike and Julie are two outstanding successful people. Julie was Communications Director for a publishing company and recently went to work for a funeral home business. She runs their office and well as their public relations. They live in Peoria, AZ.

Our daughter Jennifer, also graduated from NAU with a degree in Mathematics. She teaches Math. She married Dan who is a senior engineer for Intel. They have our other two super grandchildren, Brooke and David. They live in Gilbert, AZ.

I have primarily been a homemaker my entire married life. Dave and I had a 6 bedroom home built here in Rocklin, CA. in 1999. My mother came to live with us from Bend, OR, for 6 years. We moved her back to Bend to a beautiful care facility in 2005. Mom passed away in Jan. 2010 at the age of 90. My father passed away in 1987. I have traveled much of the U.S. One of my favorite states is Virginia. Just love the history. We get to Phoenix often to see our daughters and our friends, John and Mary (Howser) McLurg.

Dave and I have a very good and happy life. We still love being on the road every week. I am just so impressed with the achievements of both our classes of '62 and '63. I think that we all were fortunate to have lived in such a wonderful time and place in our country. I pray every day for my country. It truly needs God's help and may God bless all of you.

*Reita Hulbert Bressler  
reitabressler2@gmail.com  
916/315-2617*

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### *Wayne Metzger writes ...*



Every once in awhile, especially after reading one of those wonderful newsletters, I'll start thinking about some of my experiences from the good ol' days at South High. Often those reminiscences are of embarrassing moments or funny situations, and I seem to have an almost limitless supply of the former. One in particular was from a health class, taught by Mrs. Craft.

First, I need to explain a little about my personal outlook back then: I was painfully shy, especially when it came to any kind of social interaction. To say I was inept would be incomplete - it was more like, when faced with an uncomfortable social situation, my brain would shut down and coherent thought would evaporate out through my ears or whatever body orifice through which it could find an escape route.

Mrs. Craft was giving a series of lectures regarding sex education and, due to her own sensibilities and ideas about what was appropriate for the class to hear, she split the lectures into three sessions: Session One was girls only, Session Two was boys only, and Session Three was the dreaded co-ed class. Having gotten through the boys session with only minor twinges of anxiety, it was with high blood pressure and racing pulse that I sat down for the co-ed class.

I spent most of that class trying to effect, by sheer willpower and gritty determination, an aura of invisibility. It seemed as though it was working perfectly until Mrs. Craft unleashed a question that no one would raise their hand to answer. The question began like this: "It is a known fact that social diseases among teenagers are tied to beer. Who can give me an answer as to how this may be true?"

With willpower and determination oozing from every pore, I concentrated on becoming totally transparent. It's working, I thought, as Mrs. Craft's gaze lingered briefly on my purple face and then moved on around the class. "Well", said Mrs. Craft, "surely there is one among you who has an answer. Wayne, what do YOU think?"

A series of events were then set in motion, I powerless to control any of them:

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## *An Hawaiian Reunion. . .*



*Glen & Susan Johnson with Tish & Jim Shinn in Hawaii!*

### *Glen Johnson wrote ...*

**W**e very much enjoyed time with Jim and Tish Shinn. The photo was taken on February 23rd, in front of our vacation spot in Kahana (Maui), after pupus and libations on our lanai and before heading out for dinner together. It was a fun and quite accidental mini-reunion.

Susan thought she saw them when sipping a latte at a market nearby, then lost sight of them. Without their e-mail address, we would not have connected. An interesting side story is that Susan and Jim have in a sense known each other for 60 years since they attended 1st and 2nd grade together at Englewood School (Salem). Small world, huh?

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### *Editor's Note . . .*

**I**t can't be 50 years since we were planning our high school graduation and thinking about what our future would hold, can it? Yes, it's true. That milestone is upon us and it's time to celebrate. Plan now to join your classmates in August to catch up with old friends and remember those who are no longer with us.

Whether you are able to attend the reunion or not, please share the path you have taken by submitting a class update and picture. Did you follow the path you had thought you would or did you take a detour or two? Your classmates want to know! Look for the "how to" in this newsletter.



In preparation for the reunion, an extra effort is being made to find the classmates on the missing list. Can you help? Do you have contact with any of the "missing" classmates? Please let me know. As people move, change e-mail addresses, or drop their land line phones in favor of cell phones, it is a challenge to keep up with everyone. We have 229 e-mail addresses for the 471 classmates on our class list. We would love to have more e-mail addresses to be able to send the newsletter electronically to save on mailing costs and deliver class news to you in a timely manner.

Looking forward to catching up with you in August!

*Bernadette Stone-Barrett*  
*rlbbarrett@aol.com*

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## *Our Wonderful Classmates. . .*

**A**s we are in our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion year, classmates have stepped up in many ways. More news and memories are being shared; updated personal contact information has been received; individuals have assisted in the effort to locate "missing" classmates (resulting in several more being found!) and volunteered to help with the reunion; and others have contributed financially to activities focused on the newsletter/website/reunion. So nice!



Thank you to these classmates who have generously contributed funds for news/reunion purposes since our last newsletter.

Barb Atkinson Coats  
Reita Hulbert Bressler  
Ann Chambers Hadley  
Randy Hamlin  
John Totten  
Cobe Grabenhorst

If you would like to help with "news" funding, please send a check, in any amount, payable to Sue Palmason, 8417 Main Street, Unit D, Edmonds, WA 98026.

Please also supply your e-mail address to us if you have one. This saves money and trees by reducing the number of paper newsletters being printed/mailed – and you'll see the newsletter in color.

PLEASE NOTE: Reunion registrations and fees should be payable to SSHS Class of '63 and mailed to Vicki Andrews Sanders, 240 Judson Street, Salem, Oregon 97302. DO NOT mail these to Sue.

We're looking forward to seeing you in August!

# In Sadness...

## JANICE CHISHOLM-GROVER

Sept. 20, 1945 - Jan. 26, 2011

Janice Chisholm-Grover, a fellow classmate of South Salem High's 1963 graduating class passed away January 26, 2011. We made an error in the last newsletter and put in the wrong picture. We wanted to correct this error in Janice's memory.



# Our Sympathies...

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

Anne Byerley Winland's mother  
Reita Hulbert Bressler's mother in October  
2012

## Roger Applegate at the Grand Canyon

Roger Applegate and Rochelle Gerratt share a photo taken on one of the Grand Canyon trails last December 2012. Roger wrote, "This is an annual trip for us and there is usually lots of snow on the rim. It is my wife's favorite place in the world. We have already reserved our cabin at Phantom Ranch for two nights at the bottom for 2014 as you have to reserve a year in advance. It will be our third year out of four for the hike down and up. We hope to see you all at the our 50th. May your year be filled with love."



## Missing Classmates

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| James Alexander             | Jane Louise Jones               |
| Michael J. Anderson         | Maurice L. (Mike) Maynard       |
| Norman Bickell              | Diane L. Meloy Sandsburn        |
| Michael M. Butler           | Jean Stevens McSherry           |
| Sharon Carter               | Kathy Merin Strickler           |
| Gerald H. Chapel            | Michael E. Mischke              |
| Katy (Katherine Jo) Clyde   | Virginia M. Moudy               |
| Shirley Christine Coon      | Elaine Nelson                   |
| Gladine Crow Johnson Ritter | Courtland Newhardt              |
| Schelly Culver              | David L. Nichols                |
| Joan Davidson               | Nancy S. Owen Cherin            |
| Robert A. Day               | Elaine Pecht (Herle?)           |
| Carol (Carolyn) Duggan      | Joan Penniman Lanza             |
| JoAnne Edmundson Lindquist  | John M. Reid, Jr.               |
| Mary Jean Eller Woods       | Stevie Romander                 |
| Ricki Fergeson Roth         | Rosemary Salchenberg Peters     |
| Steven Ferry                | Richard Phillip Sanders         |
| Linda Lou Gilkison Myers    | Bruce Shuler                    |
| Pam Gruel                   | Sharon Thompson                 |
| Carol A. Haynes Murrin      | Gail Titus (Redding) Boatwright |
| Charles (Jerry) Hanson      | Richard E. Topping              |
| Joan Arlene Hudson Johnson  | Jerry L. Tracy                  |
| Paul J. Johnson             | Mary C. Walberg                 |
| Joan Johnson                | Didi Warren Vaughan             |
| Janet Jones                 |                                 |

# SOUTH SALEM HIGH SCHOOL 50<sup>TH</sup> REUNION

## 9 HOLE GOLF SCRAMBLE

SATURDAY AUGUST 24<sup>TH</sup> • 12:30 PM AT SALEM GOLF CLUB

PAY AT CHECK-IN \$30.00 PER PERSON INCLUDES ELECTRIC CART

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form with your registration form to Vicki Sanders • 240 JUDSON STREET • SALEM, OR 97302

DO YOU NEED CLUBS? LEFT HAND \_\_\_\_\_ RIGHT HAND \_\_\_\_\_

If you wish to form your own foursome, please list their names

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT DAN HUGHES AT danhu@johnlscott.com OR 503-510-2821

P.S. TEE TIMES ARE LIMITED SO YOU MUST SIGN- UP IN ADVANCE

# Liberty School - Class of 1957

During the fall of 2012, Ron Boise, John Luchau and Vicki Andrews Sanders discovered one another through email and started sharing stories about the Liberty School days. I joined the group in November, and the topic of the Liberty School 1957 “buried time capsule” floated up. Now, I’m not sure if I really remember this event . . . or do I? Vicki



recalls that it was buried in the Spring of '57 in front of the school and was to remain there for 50 years when it would be dug up. None of us recall hearing about the “dig up” part of that equation either. My Mom couldn’t have possibly missed an Oregon – Statesman news flash like that.

The group grew to include Mary Blanchard Smith, Joyce Cates Mennis, and Alton Albin, and speculation continued regarding the time capsule. Boise has Google Earth open looking at the Liberty property, while I’m trying to find a link to Mr. Cal Bryan, our teacher. He was friends with my parents up to their deaths about 10 years ago, and the family Rolodex had been long ago tossed. Mr. Wally Turnidge was the principal at the time.

We contacted a Liberty School employee, Sandy Allen, who wasn't aware of the “time capsule,” but did know that the school had a drawer with old pictures and invited us to dig through it. In February 2013, Vicki and Joyce went through the drawer, but didn't find any reference to the time capsule. They did find an old scrapbook done in 1968 to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the school. We will have the scrapbook on display in August, and will thereafter donate it to the Marion County Historical Society. The school began as a 16' x 20' building at a cost of \$457.75, three years after the ending of the Civil War.

I put together a small website ([www.rodaxwireless.com/Liberty.htm](http://www.rodaxwireless.com/Liberty.htm)) that has photos that we have gathered of the **Class of 1957**, and we started putting names with the faces. To date I think we are only two names short of identifying the entire class.

Friday, August 23, 2013, we invite classmates from Liberty School to meet at the school (you all remember how to get there!) at 2pm to share memories and to reconnect. We are trying to locate the time capsule and if we can do that, we will have a digging-up ceremony. We look forward to going back to our childhood for a short time. Please attend!

Dan Withers - 1957 Sixth-grade alumni, Liberty School

**SOUTH SALEM HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1963  
50TH CLASS REUNION  
AUGUST 24, 2013 • 6 TO 11 P.M.  
CREEKSIDE GOLF COURSE**

**Cost: \$65 per person before June 24, 2013  
\$75 per person after June 24, 2013**

*Includes: dinner/coffee/tea/ and one non-alcoholic beverage. DRESS: Summer Casual*

**OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

- August 23, 2013 • 10 a.m. Guided tour of South Salem High School (meet at the front entrance)
- August 23, 2013 • 2 p.m. Liberty Elementary School – casual visit to share & reconnect
- August 23, 2013 • 6 p.m. Magoo's in downtown Salem  
*Evening at Magoo's (classmate Jim Easteridge owns) Snacks available, meals and drinks available extra*
- August 24, 2013 • 12:30 p.m. 9-Hole Scramble Golf Tournament at Salem Golf Club  
*Separate registration form: return with this registration form in this issue  
Cost: \$30 per person - Pay Dan & Mary Hughes at Salem Golf Club prior to your tee time.  
E-mail questions to Dan at danhu@johnlscott.com • You must sign up in advance.*

**CLASSMATE "BIOGRAPHIES ON THE WEB"**

*We will be asking for classmate updates and a recent picture that will be formatted into a yearbook on the web. The biographies will be updated from time to time on the web for your viewing or printing.*

*You will be asked to send your updates to: Sharon Johnson Bradford, 806 Herbert Street, Roseville, CA 95678 or e-mail to sharon4southsalemhigh1963@gmail.com*

**REGISTRATION FORM:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (Evening): \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Special dietary Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I Will Attend \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I Will Attend and my guest's name is: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Make checks payable to: SSSH Class of '63)

Return (1) registration form and (2) golf form to Vicki Sanders • 240 Judson Street • Salem, Oregon 97302

I am unable to attend \_\_\_\_\_ I am unable to attend but wish to financially support the SSSH Class of '63 Reunion.  
Indicate your wish on your check and address to SSHS Class of 1963

Contact: [contact@sshs63.com](mailto:contact@sshs63.com)

Committee: Roger Applegate, Bernadette Stone Barrett, Phyllis Jenks Bauer, Sharon Johnson Bradford, Barb Hoxsey Cross, Jim Eastridge, Paula Frederick Garlick, Becky Lorenz Gough, Cobe Grabenhorst, Sue Maris Hill, Roger Monette, Dan Hughes, Kris Campbell Lockard, Mary Howser McLurg, Sue Gleckler Palmason, Jeanne Osko Price, Robert Powell, Diane Dehner Reynolds, Vicki Andrews Sanders, Mary Hubert Stewart, Dan Withers

# ***What have you been doing for the last 50 years?***

Please share a brief "bio" with your fellow classmates of the years since high school. A recent photo would also be appreciated. All information and photos will be posted on the WEB, Please send all to Sharon Johnson Bradford  
806 Herbert Street – Roseville, CA 95678  
[sharon4southsaalemhigh1963@gmail.com](mailto:sharon4southsaalemhigh1963@gmail.com) (e-mail would be easiest for all)

Name (if female – maiden name) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (landline) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Children's names \_\_\_\_\_

Grandchildren's names \_\_\_\_\_

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***If there is any information you would prefer not to share (like e-mail, phone or address) please let us know because all information provided will be posted on our class website!***

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*Notes from Classmates ... continued from page 2*

1. Brain: shutting down
2. Coherent thought: evaporating quickly and forcefully through an unnamed orifice
3. Invisibility: removed as surely as my clothes in a nightmare
4. Cognitive processes: being shunted to that part of the brain which promotes idiocy

I had an answer, though, forming in that idiot field of my brain. But even as I thought it, I knew it to be wrong and ridiculous. I really did try to not say it, but all eyes were on me and the only way I could extricate myself was to blurt out something - anything. And out of my mouth came these words, forever said and never to be unsaid: "Well, I don't think they could get it from the bottles".

So there it was, an inkling into just how my mind worked, nowhere to hide. What, I asked myself immediately, was I thinking? What must every person in this class think that I thought was being done with those bottles?



*Wayne Metzger and family*

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