



# SOUTH SALEM HIGH SCHOOL

## Class of 1963 NEWSLETTER

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## 45th Reunion Great Success!

Classmates traveled from Arizona, California, Washington, and as far away as Massachusetts to enjoy a beautiful day in the Willamette Valley. Classmates renewed old friendships, learned more about what classmates are doing now, and reminisced about the good ole days. The reunion included a variety of activities:

*Tour group checks out the new football field grass. L to R: Sue (Gleckler) Palmason, Bernie (Stone) Barrett, Sharon (Johnson) Bradford, LaVonne (Bolstead) Johnson; Barb (Hoxsey) Cross, Kris (Campbell) Lockard; David Rowe. Front: Roger Monette, Cobe Grabenhorst (back).*



### Tour of School

The day started off with a tour of the high school, lead by David Phelps, South Salem High Principal. We saw the new commons area, checked out the trophy cases in the gym entrance, smelled the main gym, wandered through the girls' locker room, observed the changes in the cafeterias, saw the new computer-aided drafting room and metal shop, and peeked into the Little Theater and Main Auditorium, now called the Rose Theater. A highlight was seeing the new football field, which was dedicated on September 13, 2008. Mr. Phelps was very enthusiastic about our school and carrying on the great school traditions.

Pictures of the tour were taken by Kris Lockard photographer.



*Cobe Grabenhorst and Roger Monette check out the trophy cases by the gym.*

### Golf Scramble

Dan Hughes coordinated a 9-hole Golf Scramble at Salem Golf Course. Twelve golfers (and non-golfers) participated and had a great time. We are hoping for a bigger turnout at the 50<sup>th</sup> reunion.

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Pictures of the Golf Tournament (Kris Lockard, Bernadette Barrett, and Mary Hughes photographers)

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## Setting Up

The committee got together the night before to set things up getting ready for the big event. When the tables were put in place, the memory boards up, the clothes hung, and everything as ready as possible for the “big” event a pre-celebration dinner followed.

Pictured above are reunion committee members and guests that helped with the set-up. Left side of table, front to back: Jerry and Jacki Green, Mary and Dan Hughes, Kris and Dave Lockard. Right side of table front to back: Cobe Grabenhorst, Mary Stewart, Sue Palmason, Sharon Bradford and Bernie Barrett.

## Reunion

The Saturday night event took place at the Salem Heights Community Hall from 4 to 9 p.m. and included a wonderful buffet dinner. One hundred classmates and friends participated in the gathering. Decorations included red roses and blue and red balloons. Mary Stewart organized pictures from the past and keepsakes which included narrow ties, Pendleton skirts, a letterman jacket, Frenchies shoes and rally outfits. Oh yes, there was even a key to a room at the Eugene Hotel!

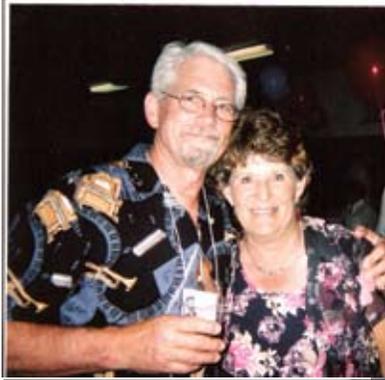
Pictures of Reunion (Kris Lockard, Cobe Grabenhorst, Barb Cross, Bernadette Barrett, Mary Stewart, Becky Gough photographers)





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# Notes From Classmastes...



*Barb Atkinson writes ...*

Thank You For Everything!

Dear Planning Committee and anyone else who was so instrumental in planning this 45th Reunion Event and in making it such a success!

Thank You So Much! We had a wonderful time - Unequivocally! 100%! Without Reservation! My sister, my husband and I all came away with wonderful memories and renewed friendships and acquaintances. (We had visited with family on Friday night in Portland, with friends in Salem at 2:00, and a commitment in Portland at 8:00 PM on Saturday night with family. The Reunion festivities and dinner had passed so suddenly that before we knew it, the clock was striking 7:00 PM and we needed to scoot out of the Hall to be on the road. And, the Hall itself held precious memories of Boy Scouts Programs that my brother participated in as part of our first year at Salem Heights Elementary School. I was in the sixth grade that first year we moved to the mainland from Honolulu.) Our time for the Reunion was ever so short as was everything on that whirlwind weekend.

On Sunday morning, we had breakfast with Didi [Warren] and John Vaughan in Hillsboro and told them what a GREAT time the Reunion had been and that they were missed. (I was touched because Cobe told me he had made a Name Tag for Didi just in case - which I did pass on to her! She was appreciative). And, in fact, I'm keeping my hand-lettered (calligraphy) as a memento of the event and of Cobe's personal gift to each of us. It's almost like one of those "Dance Cards" that were displayed as part of the memorabilia of those wonderful Saxon years.

We were back on the plane that same Sunday afternoon, back home to San Diego, and back in the day-to-day of work and family today - Monday.

I do know how much planning and how many long hours go into all the preparations for such a milestone event. All

of you are to be commended for keeping us together and in touch. I cannot even select one highlight of that entire evening because it was all so much fun. And, the newsletter continues to link during the interim months. I have contributed so little yet reaped so much. I vow to follow your examples and do a better job of keeping in touch and supporting your efforts in a more effective manner.

I truly appreciate your friendship and I miss each of you!

*Barb Atkinson Coats*



*Bitsy Lee writes ...*

I'm sorry to have missed our 45th reunion. Hailey Elizabeth Pozar decided to arrive about ten days late; and we were taking pictures in the hospital at the same time as the reunion. (Note: Hailey is Bitsy's first grandchild.)

Hope everyone had a wonderful time!

*Bitsy Lee Pozar*



*David Rowe writes ...*

This is the third year Barbara and I have volunteered to work on the Battle Ground Rose Float. Last year we built a 1/2 size Trolley but this year we made a full size Hippo and six frogs. We have less than two weeks until the Grand Floral Parade.

Stacey Rowe has updated the [battlegroundrosefloat.com](http://battlegroundrosefloat.com) WEB page. With the new photos you might need to refresh your computer. Go to the "photo" page and if you only see to three step for 2008, put your cursor on the center of the page and right click your mouse. It should show a list of commands with "refresh"

David Rowe near the bottom of the commands. Left click on the "refresh" command and it should show up to nine steps for the 2008 photo selections plus the eight steps for the 2007 float.

*Dave Rowe*

## Editor's Note ...



If you missed the 45<sup>th</sup> class reunion, you missed a wonderful event. The day's activities offered a variety of opportunities to visit with classmates. The atmosphere was casual and relaxed. At the evening event, it seemed that there wasn't enough time to visit with everyone. As the evening progressed, the noise level increased as classmates moved around the

room at the Salem Heights Community Hall. Sadly, the evening came to a close. I know that I would have liked to have had more time and so did others.

The reunion committee has met to discuss the feedback it received regarding the event and capture suggestions for the 50<sup>th</sup> reunion. If you have comments or suggestions, please send them to me or Barb Cross ([barb.cross@comcast.net](mailto:barb.cross@comcast.net)), reunion committee secretary.

We'd like to have an even bigger turnout for the 50<sup>th</sup>. To help with that goal, it would be greatly appreciated if each of you would review the "missing classmates" list and let me know if you have any contact information for these classmates.

*Bernadette Barrett*  
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## Classmates in the news ...

### Chauni Taggart Haslet



All for Kids Books & Music: A Seattle trove for 25 years  
By CECELIA GOODNOW  
P-I REPORTER

Barring the last-minute arrival of a buyer with money and energy to spare, one of Seattle's most iconic and beloved bookstores is about to turn the final page.

Chauni [Taggart] Haslet, who galvanized Seattle's children's book scene into a thriving and cohesive community, said Monday she will close her shop, All for Kids Books & Music, on June 30 unless a buyer comes forward. The chances of a white knight saving the day seem slim considering the struggles facing the independent bookstore industry. "It's a lot of work for very little income," said Haslet, who values the University District business at \$500,000 but says she's not actively looking for a buyer. "If someone walks in with a check and they have the energy to put into it," she said, "I will consider it."

Haslet, who turns 63 Friday, has hinted in recent years that the grind of keeping an independent children's bookstore alive in a big-box age was wearing her down. Last Friday, she decided the time had come to focus on enjoying life with her husband, Bill.

"What decided me is realizing I have a life ahead of me," she said, "and if I don't get going, I won't be able to enjoy it." ...

Haslet, a self-described "little old housewife from Issaquah," opened All for Kids in 1983 and has survived 13 years in the shadow of Barnes & Noble at nearby University Village, at a time when hundreds of specialty children's stores nationwide have gone out of business. Hardworking, determined and relentlessly cheerful, Haslet stayed afloat by organizing author appearances -- many based in schools -- and hosting dinners and breakfasts designed to promote the work of local authors and illustrators.

Through her work with Northwest Literacy Foundation, she helped provide books to Seattle public school libraries and donated book proceeds to help launch a Beverly Cleary chair at the University of Washington.

Although sales have been up every year, she said, it takes more effort to keep customers coming in. A major rent increase several years ago -- from about \$6,000 to \$8,000 a month -- was another factor in her decision to retire.

For Haslet's friends in the children's book community, news of her departure was bittersweet. Bainbridge Island children's author George Shannon said Monday he was sad, but happy that Haslet would finally get a much-needed break. "She proved that she could compete with the chains," he said. "She didn't go under when they were pushing and shoving, so in many ways she's leaving on her terms rather than theirs." Longtime friend Jack Prelutsky, the nation's first children's poet laureate, lamented the end of an era. "I feel like I'm kind of losing a second home," he said. "I've spent hundreds of hours in that place, and I love both Chauni and Bill. I think they've raised the cultural level of Seattle. I don't think anyone has done as much to promote children's literature."



### Jack Gilmore and Ricky and the Rockets

The name of the group is Ricky and The Rockets. It's a 50's and 60's rock and roll show band. We played steadily through the 80's, with some personnel changes along the way. Because of a corporate reorganization Ricky (Mark Jennings) found his day job eliminated, and moved his family to Nashville, Tenn., to start over. The

Rockets disbanded in 1991. Mark has family still here in Salem that he visits twice a year. About three years ago, Mark sent out a blanket inquiry to see how many of the Rockets would be interested in getting together to reminisce, and play a few tunes at someone's house. Those gatherings turned into rehearsals. During the Christmas holidays last year, Ricky and The Rockets ventured out to play at Grand Vines. The owner of Grand

Vines, Tim Duffy, is a Rocket. The positive reception of that outing gave us the confidence to "Rocket" into our summer reunion concert at a K a t h e n



Vineyards in West Salem. The 2008 pictures are from that concert. We are all hoping that turns into an annual event. I said all that to tell you that we don't play often. Twice a year is the limit. But, if one of our "Class of '63" reunions was planned for sometime in the summer, I think The Rockets would be glad to help us celebrate the 50's and 60's once again. Our summer concert this year was on 08/27/2008.



## *Marilyn Van Cleave*

Marilyn Van Cleave was raised on a farm in Oregon's Willamette Valley where her interests in nature and the pristine beauty of the Pacific Northwest began. Her affinity for art and art history led her to study at Oregon State University and the University of Washington. Marilyn Settled in West Seattle and traveled the world extensively as a flight attendant for a major airline. This exposure to

the beauty of other cultures fueled her creative desires. After graduation she furthered her art studies at Pratt Fine Arts Center of Seattle and was tutored by the late artists Rusty

Russell and Art Louie. Their influence can be seen in her use of brilliant colors and heavy textures. Some of her contemporary pieces are "tumble" paintings. She designs these paintings to involve the art connoisseur in the creative process. Because beauty is in the eye of the beholder, each piece is painted with the intent of being hung more than one way allowing the viewers interpretation to be expressed.



**Website for artist –  
Marilyn Van Cleave Ullin  
[www.hangingcanvas.com](http://www.hangingcanvas.com)**

## *In Sadness...*



### **BOYD JENSEN**

Boyd LeRue Jensen of Keizer passed away on May 30, 2008. Parents Darwood (Bill) and Lyla Jensen. He graduated from South Salem High School in 1963, enlisted in the Army and served four

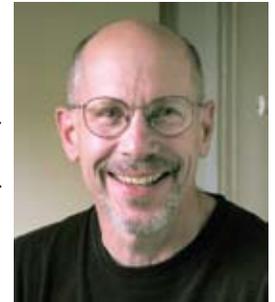
years during the Vietnam War; 18 Dec 1964-13 Dec 1968. He served his country well, was a recognized sharpshooter and received national defense and Army commendation medals. Boyd was an avid car collector including street rods and a member of the Willamette Valley Street Rod Association. In the 1970s and 1980s, he owned Boyd's Tire and Wheel on Commercial Street. He was a lodge member of the Elks and Eagles. Boyd is survived by his son, Ryan of Nevada; and three brothers, Darryl and Dennis of Washington and Lloyd of Portland.

Boyd received a lung transplant in 1993. From Vietnam trenches to modern medicine battlefields of anti-rejection meds and dialysis treatments, he was a model of strength to others . . . a soldier of many honorable discharges.



### **RICHARD SCHRAM**

Richard Schram –Richard C. "Dick" Schram of Eugene died Sept. 4 of cancer. He was 63. A Celebration of Life was held in October.



Richard was born Jan. 29, 1945, in Minneapolis to Frank and Kay Miller Schram. He married Barbara Auld of Salem in 1968. They divorced in 1993. He married Barbara King on September 4, 2002 in Newport. Schram graduated from South Salem High School in 1963 and from the University of Oregon in 1972 with a bachelor's degree in psychology. He served in the Marines in the Vietnam War from 1966 to 1968. He worked in clinical services at the U of O for 10 years and for Farwest Steel Corp. for 30 years.

Survivors include his wife Bobbie, a son, Matthew Schram of Austin Texas; a daughter, Kimberly Schram of Eugene; a sister, Merrily Burger of Gleneden Beach; and one grandchild.



### **FRANK DAYTON**

Frank's wife Barbara called to tell us that Frank died Memorial Day, 2007. Frank and Barbara had moved back to Alsea, Oregon about 7 years ago. Frank served in Vietnam. He later worked for the African government for 12 years and also owned a coffee plantation in

Rhodesia. He loved to travel. Barb and Frank were married in 1988. Frank fondly remembered his South High friends and enjoyed getting the newsletter.

### **JIM NOTEBOOM**

As we were getting the newsletter ready (finally) we were notified of the sudden passing of our classmate, Jim Noteboom. We felt it was important to let everyone know of Jim's very sudden passing as soon as possible. We apologize for the lack of a photo but time constraints made it impossible.

Jim was a well thought of lawyer in the Bend area doing work with the Confederate Tribes of Warm Springs. He attended law school after a stint in the Marines serving a tour in Viet Nam. He also served in the Oregon National Guard.

Jim was an advocate of environmental issues facing the Bend area as well as serving as an advisor to the Oregon Youth Challenge program.

Jim will be missed by all who knew him.

## List of Missing Classmates as of September 2008 ...

James Alexander  
Michael Anderson  
Olivia Berg Mitchell  
Michael Butler  
Georgia Cady Johnson  
Kathleen Glenn Callies  
Gerald Chapel  
Janet Chisolm Collier  
Katy Clyde  
Shirley Coon  
Ray Coopridner  
Kathleen Costa  
Gladine Crow  
Schelly Culver  
Joan Davidson  
Karlet Davis  
Robert A. Day  
Michael Delay  
Marvin Dolezal

James Donaldson  
Carol Duggan  
Bud Elgin  
Mary Jean Eller  
Ricki Ferguson  
Steven Ferry  
Beverly Jane Fillis  
Larry Fisher  
Stephen Fletchall  
Karen Fortmiller Flint  
Cheryl Franklin Peck  
Robert (Flint) Garinger  
Linda Gilkison Myers  
Kathy Glenn  
Pam Gruel  
Chris Hashagen  
Carol Haynes  
Joan Johnson Hudson  
Wayne Jacox  
Pamela James

Ruthann Jennison McGovern  
Paul Johnson  
Joan Johnson  
Janet Jones  
Jane Louise Jones  
Joseph King  
Sharon Knepper  
Craig Kuhn (Nofsinger)  
Judith Lind Kanoff  
Diane Meloy Sandsburn  
Kathy Merin Strickler  
Connie Miller Du Priest  
Verna Miller Benson  
Paul Mizell  
Elmer Mortenson  
Virginia Moudy  
Carol Murrin  
Brian Neary  
Elaine Nelson  
Courtland Newhardt

David Nicholas  
Nancy Noffsinger  
Nancy Owen Cherin  
James Pankratz  
Elaine Pecht  
John Reid  
Roger Reimer  
Stevie Romander  
Irene Schonek Krouse  
Patricia Standal  
Judith Storkan Serlin  
Steve Strong  
David Swenwold  
Sharon Thompson  
Jan Thurston Glodt  
Gail Titus Redding Boatwright  
Jerry Tracy  
Mary Walberg  
Constance Wallace  
David Wesley  
Lorita Wiley  
Kathy Wilson

### **Blog: [sshs63.blogspot.com](http://sshs63.blogspot.com)**

Currently the blog has the most up-to-date information about our events and happenings. All past newsletters are posted also.

### **Website: [sshs63.org](http://sshs63.org)**

The website is under construction. Stay tuned to the blog for website information.

### *Thank you to the following supporters ...*

We appreciate the generous show of support from the following classmates who have contributed funds to the Class Newsletter since the last issue. Sincere thanks to Gary Allen, Mary Griffith, and Clark Jackson.

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