



South Salem High School Class of 1963 NEWSLETTER

2024 Final Newsletter

FINAL NEWSLETTER: A FAREWELL!

Oh what fun we had! After the 40th reunion, a group of girlfriends found each other again via e-mails, we skipped to the Washington Coast for our first “Senior Moment” in The Hoquiam’s Castle Bed and Breakfast. This is where we decided to start a newsletter to keep our Class of '63 together. The first newsletter was born in October 2003. Sue and Vicki took on the mailing and banking role, Bernie volunteered to keep a current data base of classmates, Barb collected articles, pictures, and sent out e-mails, Sharon formatted all the newsletters.



We purchased a webpage, SSHS63.com, and contracted with a local web site to host our newsletters. As costs have risen, and few people go to the website, we believe it’s time to shut it down. We can continue to stay in contact with classmates through e-mails. Perhaps some classmates have found they also stay connected through Facebook or another social media platform.

Therefore, the website will go down on:

JUNE 5, 2025.

If you are so inclined to take over the website, contact Barb. On June 5, 2025 you will lose access to the memorial page, back issues of the newsletters and individual biographies. You will need to save those pages that are meaningful to you before this date.

If classmates come forward to organize mini-reunions, we will still have a small bank account to help support those

activities. See Kris Campbell Lockard article in this issue.

We will still send information to you via e-mail. Be sure to let Bernie know if you change your e-mail or contact information, rlbdbarrett@aol.com ; (541-753-3286).

PS: A personal thank you go out to the staff for the work that each put into this venture. The articles that class members shared, the information that was provided us when we lost a classmate, as sad as we are at the ending, we know that our efforts were appreciated and we all enjoyed the journey. An extra Thank You to the veterans who shared their Vietnam stories. Personally that was one of my favorite issues. It truly took a village and the opportunity to put this together was so satisfying.

Sharon Bradford

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Morningside School Photos from 1954-55



Len Darst provided these three photos from Morningside School. Upper photo is a 4th grade class, Middle Photo was taken in 1954 and Bottom Photo was taken in 1955.

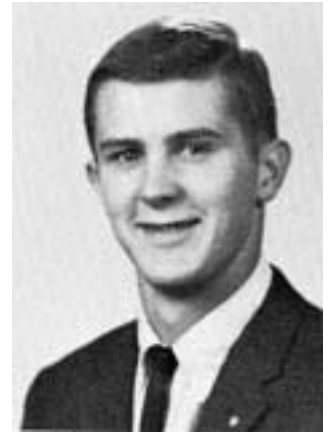
Shoeshine Box

Leslie Junior High Woodshop Project from 65 Years Ago



This is the result of a wood shop project at Leslie junior high, only 65 years ago! This shoeshine holder certainly has stood the test of time. During our tour of the former Leslie last summer, I thought of the wood and metal shops in the basement of Leslie.

Glen Johnson



Class of 1963 Finance Report



Kris Campbell Lockard here wanting to thank those of you who, over the years, have donated to the reunion and newsletter. In my role as treasurer, I have been able to touch base with many alums and I've never ceased to marvel at your generosity.

After paying all the expenses of our 60th reunion, we currently have a balance of \$2,815.42 in our Umpqua Bank account. We feel this amount will be sufficient to fund occasional mini reunions. Donations are no longer necessary since we are not currently expecting any large celebrations in the foreseeable future.

However, if you are so inclined, there are two non-profit funds at South Salem High School

which offer scholarship opportunities as well as supplying school needs which would otherwise not be met through the regular school budget.

1: Saxon Success Fund:

<https://www.saxonsuccessfund.org>

2: South Salem High School Saxon Foundation:

<https://www.south.salkeiz.k12.or.us/student-life/foundation>

If these links don't work, just Google the fund name. If you have questions that the websites don't answer, contact the fund directly.

So, now we are being launched into our eighties! Yay for us to have made it! I cannot think of a better bunch of people than you to travel through time with. May the fun go on forever!

Kris

Lunch Bunch

Monthly Lunches Enjoyed by Classmates



Denny Ward Duncan coordinates the e-mail reminder list for those that want to meet for lunch. If you would like to be included on Denny's e-mail list, please let her know at duncan.denny7@gmail.com

The location of the lunch may vary so watch for Denny's e-mails. The lunches are the second Wednesday of the month at 12:30 p.m.



SSHS VETERANS WEBSITE

<https://warboats.org/sshs63veterans.htm>

Dan Withers has updated the website with a new 2024 VA Image

Dan Withers and John Luchau put together a website for Class of 63 Veterans. We had 58 classmates contribute to this project. If you were in the military, please let Dan add you to their website. Dan is still looking for military history from the following classmates.

Send info to dwithers@rodaxwireless.com

Don Ditto
Fred Fagg
Gary Olson
Thomas Gary Pace
Tim Plummer
Russ Reed
Rick Sanders

Bob Smith
Steve Strong
Russ Whitbeck
Larry Zeller



Finding Classmates...

Please let Bernadette Barrett know if you have any changes to your contacts:
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Rlbdbarrett@aol.com)

James Alexander
Evelyn Cobb Lewis
Judy Brimm-George
Michael Butler
Floyd Chase
Katherine Jo (Katy) Clyde
Ray Coopriider
Schelly Culver
Joan Davidson
Larry D Davidson
Karlet (or Carlette) Davis
Robert A. Day
Paul Dixon
Carol Duggan
Mary Jean Eller Woods
Cheryl Franklin Pack
Steven Ferry
Larry Fisher
Peter Groves
Pam Gruel Charles
Jerry Hanson

Joan Arlene Hudson
Paul J Johnson
Janet Jones
Jane Louise Jones
Diane Meloy Sandsburn
Kathy Merin-Strickler
Elaine Nelson
Courtland Newhardt
David L. Nicholas
Nancy Noffsinger
Joan Penniman Langa
Elaine Pecht
Stevie Romander
Bruce Shuler
Patricia Standal
Sharon Thompson
Gail Titus Redding Boatwright
Jerry Tracy
Mary Walberg
Kathy Wilson

In Sadness...



**TERYL DEANNE
HILLPOT MANESS**
May 7, 1945
June 20, 2024

Teryl Deanne Hillpot Maness was born May 7, 1945 in Salem Oregon to Pauline Osborn and Walter Hillpot. Terri passed away peacefully at her home in Salem

Oregon, with her husband by her side, on June 20, 2024. She was 79 years old.

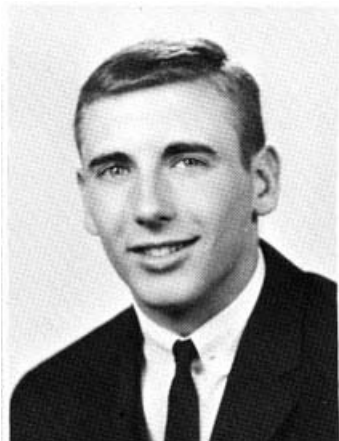
Terri was a hardworking, politically passionate, big-hearted and generous woman who loved golf, animals and her cats. Terri had a wicked sense of humor and could out-debate anyone who dared to disagree. She was sharp as a tack, with a memory that could outpace anyone half her age. She was also an amazing home decorator, and her clothes were always coordinated and wow-worthy. Terri's favorites were filet mignon, clam chowder and Oregon coast crab. We hope she's getting her fill on the other side.

Terri is survived by her husband, Jerry Maness, brother Mike Osborn, stepsister Sherry Rollema, and two stepdaughters, Misty Maness Beneat and Cheri Maness Kline.

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**JAMES ROBERT
LAMBOURNE**

*January 6, 1945
October 27, 2023*

Jim was general manager of Portland and Seattle Stores at Alaska Industrial

Supply. He studied at Oregon State University and Central Oregon Community College. His Celebration of Life Service was November 7, 2023 in Wilsonville.



**DAVID MICHAEL
ZEIT**

*November 20, 1945
August 6, 2024*

With heavy hearts, we announce the death of David Michael Zeit of Salem, Oregon, who passed away on August 6, 2024 at the age of 78. Leave a sympathy message to the family on the memorial page of David Michael Zeit to pay them a last tribute.

As we bid farewell to this cherished soul, solace is taken in the memories held dear — the laughter shared, the wisdom imparted, the moments of quiet reflection in their presence. Though David Michael may no longer walk among us, his spirit lives on in the echoes of his kindness, the warmth of his embrace, and the light of his enduring love.

David Michael Zeit was born on November 20, 1945 in Steubenville, Ohio. He died on Monday August 6, as a result of complications from his 18 year battle with Parkinson's Disease and other conditions. David moved to Salem with his parents, Charles and Maxine in January 1949. David was a devoted husband to Donna for 44 years and a cherished brother to Dan Zeit, both of Salem. He is survived by many cousins: Doug, Daniel, Debra, Linda, Laura and Ken Zeit of Illinois, Steve Zeit in Florida, and Joyce Jones of Cle Elum, Washington.

David graduated from South Salem High School in 1963. He was active in the Salem Sons of the American Legion Post 136; AKA Flamingos and the Announcer's Club. He received a Bachelor's degree in Sociology in 1967 from Willamette University and his Master's in Extreme Learning Problems from OCE/Western Oregon University in 1973. He taught in the Woodburn and Salem school districts and at the Oregon State Penitentiary. He worked for Adult and Family Services, State of Oregon as a Job Developer and Food Stamp Certifier until he retired due to health issues. He followed the Zeit family tradition of donating 18 gallons of blood for the American Red Cross.

David was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Salem. He was quick-witted. He enjoyed the Statesman Journal newspaper for decades. His love and passion for music never waned. He was a drummer and



**MARILYN VAN
CLEAVE ULLIN**

*September 8, 1945
December 28, 2023*

No obituary was available for Marilyn.

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manager for several local bands in the late '60's and '70's- including the Stoics, the Capitol Street Balloon and Moring Reign. His hobbies included playing his drums (which he wanted to move into his nursing home room), watching tv and movies, the evening news and the weather- 5, 6, and 11pm, watching Western tv shows and movies, non-stop listening to music- especially the '50's, '60's and '70's Rock and Roll and Jazz. His 400 record albums and 1500 CD's of all types of music confirm that! Following his favorite sports teams- Seattle Seahawks, Portland Trailblazers, and especially the Seattle Mariners Baseball individual players and team, which came so close to making it to the playoffs last year and reminded him of playing baseball with his friends. He was also a fan of the Salem-Keizer Volcanoes, Salem Senators, Willamette University Bearcats, Oregon

State baseball team and the Oregon Ducks football team. A service honoring David's life will be Wednesday, August 14 at 11:00am at the First United Methodist Church, 600 State St Salem, OR with a reception to follow the service. In lieu of flowers, please donate to your favorite charity, the Michael J. Fox Parkinson's Foundation, or the American Red Cross.

David and Donna want to thank the many kind Doctors, Nurses, Cooks, Support Staff, Administrators, Therapists and CNA's who patiently cared and helped him and tended to his needs in their local offices. Salem Health ER and Hospital and Palliative care, Dentists, Agape Hospice and Avamere Transitional Care at Salem Sunnyside, Avamere Boone Rd, Bonaventure South, Mennonite Home Health, Home Instead and Wilson House! Please NEVER EVER FORGET the difference EACH of you made in David and Donna's lives, and the lives of others you help and care for non-stop on a daily basis. You are each greatly appreciated!

*A final "Thank You"
to the Class of '63
for the support you've
given this Newsletter
the last 20+ years!*