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SAN DIEGO REUNION

Looking for Friends

I think the main reason most of us attend our annual reunions is to keep our friends close to us. We like to be with the "kids" that were with us as we grew up, from little inconsequential freshmen to mighty, all-knowing seniors. We even enjoy seeing the people that we never spoke to in high school, many of whom have become good "new" friends.

It follows, then, that it would make us all even happier if we could find more and more of our old friends and acquaintances and get them to come to a reunion or five. I would like to tell you how to do that without spending any money.

Probably the best free site for locating people is www.zabasearch.com. Zabasearch is really easy to use. Just type the name into the search box and go for it. You'll get a list of just about everybody having that name that has a listed telephone number. Zabasearch will give you telephone numbers, addresses, and sometimes even partial dates of birth. Frightening, isn't it?

A second place to search is Pipl. The techniques are essentially the same. I've found that Zabasearch is more effective, however. Other sites l've used include: www.people.yahoo.com, www.switchboard.com, (this one is from Intelius, which is a pay site, but will do some things free), Google (of course), and AOL white pages. I believe that just about every service provider has some sort of people search mechanism.

Other places to look include Classmates.com, Military Brats.com, and Overseas

Brats.com. Believe me, there are a ton of people out there who have registered, but have been contacted by no one. I know that Al Macklin periodically checks those sites, and posts on them, trying to get people to contact us. I see his posts. Nonetheless, the people I've found on Classmates are always amazed that we exist as a group.

Keep in mind that not everyone wants to be found, and not everyone has an interest in re-connecting. But you should look, just to satisfy your own curiosity.

But let's take a look at some of the more complicated aspects of classmate hunting. If none of the easy things work, do you remember where the person you're looking for was going to college? If so, a check of alumni associations, frats, and sororities might be in order. Did they go into the military? Check veteran's sites. Virtually every profession has an assortment of websites that give the names of their memberships. friend wanted to be a doctor. lawyer, teacher, or whatever, they all have their websites. Some are local and require more work, but some are very inclusive and will provide a lot of information right off the bat.

Do you know the city and state your friend claimed as his own? I believe the current figure for people going to their "home" state is 60%. Look in that state. If you know the city, find out what county it's in and check the assessor's office for property ownership. It's all a matter of how creative you can be. Think, "If I were he, I'd go...." and take it from there.

There are a few things



you should know before you embark on your searches. One is, as mentioned above, not everyone wants to be found. They may have a drug problem or some other problem that keeps them away from us. I have found people from the class of 1964 who are heroin addicts, others that felt their politics would cause them to be ostracized, and still others who believed firmly that they would not be welcome because of their sexual orientation. So be ready for that.

The second thing you should know is that not every member of the classes of '63-'66 is still with us. I've found at least five of us that are deceased. This is hard, and harder on widows, widowers, parents, children, and siblings.

Now that you've been warned about the dangers of looking for friends, let me tell you the good parts. Ninety-nine percent of your friends will be thrilled to hear from you. In fact, if you really didn't know the person, they'll still be thrilled to hear from you.

Finding an old friend will make your heart soar. You will be thrilled to talk to your friends. It's good for you and it makes you happy. And, as a bonus, the person you found may know of someone else who's just waiting for your call to bring them into the fold.

It is my firm belief that just about all of us has someone we'd love to find. Someone we miss terribly. It could be an old boyfriend, and old girlfriend (hell, they would be old at this point,

Looking for Friends (con't)

wouldn't they?), or just the person you sat next to on the bus or in homeroom. If you think about it, you know one or two things about them that will help you search for that person. If you don't find that man or woman at first, keep thinking and trying. You will eventually locate someone who can steer you in the right direction.

This last search suggestion I've been saving. If you have someone you need to find, and you can't think of another thing to do, e-mail me. I'll try to work on it with you. I've found some twenty living

FHS people, and about 5 or so that are deceased. I'll do what I can for you. If I succeed, you owe me a beer. How you get me to the Henninger Turm to collect is your problem.

Another resource with a lot of success is Danny O'Connor. I know he's mean, and bad tempered, and hates to help anyone, but he can be talked into it. I know he can. And he's very good at finding people.

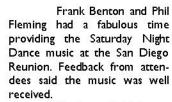
All in all, we're a very good, very smart group of people. There's no reason why we can't find our friends and then grow this group onto

an even larger, stronger organization.

Fred Schloss, Class of 64



Commemorative '08 San Diego Reunion Music CD Set



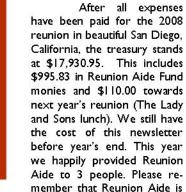
Frank and Phil are willing to package the music played in San Diego (and more) into a 4-5 compact disc commemorative set and offer them for \$24.99 as a fund raising project benefiting the FAHS Alumni Association.

Make your personal check to: Frank Benton for \$24.99 times how many sets you want to order, with "SD Music" in the memo line. Mail to: Frank Benton, 5294 Taft Court, Arvada, Colorado, 80002

We need a minimum of 50 orders to make this work so order early and often. These commemorative CD music sets will be collectors' items in years to come and will make great stocking stuffers for our FAHS brothers and sisters who are simply unable to attend the yearly gatherings.

Questions?
Email Phil Fleming:
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Frank Benton
FrankOB66@aol.com.





available to any alumnus. It can

be used to cover lodging and the Saturday night dinner/ dance. It cannot cover travel to the reunion, spousal costs. and cannot be used more once every 5 years. The request for aid is strictly confidential. Those alumni who contribute to the fund, do so with the hope that anyone who would like to attend a reunion, but find the cost too great, will take advantage of the fund and have some of their costs defrayed. If this applies to anyone reading this newsletter, please contact

me directly. We would love to have you attend the next reunion in Savannah. GA.!!

Please remember to send me your registrations as soon as you make the decision to attend. If everyone sends in their registration promptly, it makes my life and the lives of those who plan the reunion so much easier.

Janet Surkin Heidorn, Class of '65 Treasurer



Celebrating our Foundation



Judy
(Kellond)
Bader '66
asked me to
share some
thoughts on
our June,
2008 reunion. It was a
very reward-

ing occasion. My expectations were met in every way. What occurred was a confirmation of all that I valued about our high school community.

I was not looking to relive the past. That has not been the direction of my life. What I hoped for and received was the confirmation I referred to above. The 60's were a turbulent and remarkable time. From Frankfurt, Germany we stood at a literal crossroads of Europe. From Europe we enjoyed a unique view of the U.S. But the best part was the rich diversity and talent of our student body.

I remember classmates with an expansive worldview. I remember so many who saw their unique value and a desire to dedicate that talent to the service of others. That was still very much in evidence this June in San Diego. Seeing and visiting with so many great people was for me a renewing and re-

charging experience.

I listened with great interest as my classmates shared the achievements and events of their lives. Their pride and joy was palpable and contagious. At the same time it was as if the years had never passed. We seemed to pick up right where we had left off.

The people of our school were what it was about-and still is. It was a great honor to be elected our student body president for 1965-66. I learned so much. I learned it from my fellow students. Personally, it played a key role in the path I have chosen since graduation. Subsequently, I served as Director of California's Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs, a Colonel in the U.S. Army and more recently as a public school teacher of migrant students in southeastern California. 2002, I stood in the Rose Garden of the White House having been named National Teacher of

the Year. I owe these opportunities in large part to the calibre of our student body and our ex-



periences at FHS.

This reunion gave me the opportunity to thank my 1966 classmates and to celebrate our shared experiences. This reunion was not a reliving of the past, but a launching into the future. It served as a reminder of the great foundation in life that I received at our school. I am grateful for that. I enjoyed the energy and positive mindset of all who attended from the classes of '66, '65, '64, and their spouses and friends.

Our school has closed. But it is not gone. It lives on within each of us. Attending and sharing the reunion is something I encourage.

Judy asked me to share my personal reflections. would like to thank her and the event organizers. And, on a personal note, I am very grateful to Kathy (Bates) Johnson '66 and Bobby Bepko '66. the years I have been in contact with both of them. They were tireless in their encouragement to attend our reunion. appreciative for their persistence. As a result, I am recharged, rejuvenated, and renewed.

Chauncey Veatch '66

"This reunion was not a reliving of the past, but a launching into the future."



San Diego 2008



The Courtyard Marriott in the heart of the Gas Lamp Quarter in San Diego was the headquarters for the 2008 FAHS reunion. The location was perfect, the weather was perfect and the company could not have been better. Our hospitality suite was on the top floor and the views from the patio were magnificent.



PETCO PARK

SAN DIEGO SKYLINE

Lady Eagles proudly walked away with the bragging rights and did not hesitate to lay down a challenge for others to try and take them out next year at the "Show Down in Savannah"



While many of the reunion crowd slept late on Friday morning recovering from the previous night of partying, a few of the dedicated took to the links at Admiral Baker Golf Club for what hopefully was the beginning of the annual FAHS Golf Classic. We had a group of 16 made up of Eagle alumni, spouses and local Bepko family members, all competing for the grand prize, "Bragging Rights" until 2009.

Retired Admiral John Bepko, Jerry Bepko's cousin, and Harlan Durgin, organized the event. Both did a great job of putting the event together. All participants experienced a great day of golfing and friendship.... and rumor has it just a little bit of side betting. The format was set up to give everyone a chance to play and have an equal chance of walking away a winner. Mission accomplished, since all participants took away prizes graciously donated by John.

After a hard day on the greens and many tense minutes while the scores were checked, added to, multiplied by, and divided by unknown

equations and handicap factors, the results were announced over a few glasses of beer and wine. Our winners were the team of Barb Motson Leiser, Bernie Black Endicott and Sandy Kane. They combined to beat all the big boys, including all the Bepko boys who thought they had a sure chance for victory given all their numbers. Though gracious in victory, the Lady Eagles proudly walked away with the bragging rights and did not hesitate to lay down a challenge for others to try and take them out next year at the "Show Down in Savannah". Now, they have targets on their backs, and rumor has it they will spend the next year sharpening their skills with lessons and weekly tournaments

So now the challenge has been laid down and it remains to be seen how many brave souls will step up and try to take them down. If you are interested in playing next year, remember to respond early once the reunion details are announced. Hopefully, someone in the Savannah area will be able to help set up the

tournament. But remember, the purpose for this one day golf outing is to spend time together in a fun outdoor setting with a little competition thrown in to keep us all coming back for more. The format is designed to have participation by all skill levels. And for those desiring a more competitive environment, we always have the aforementioned side bets.

Jerry Bepko Class of '64

Participants included:

Host - John Bepko

FAHS Alumni - Harlan Durgin, Jerry Bepko, Bobby Bepko, Mike Strok, Ken Lapin, Barb Motson Leiser, Bernie Black Endicott, Buzz Grogan, Speedy Lopez, Sandy Kane

FAHS Alumni Spouses: Mike Todd (Cheryl Bisbee Todd)

Special Guests –Michael Bepko, Stephen Bepko, Connie Langley, Bill LaBarge

Several Eagles came in town early to get all their site-seeing done before the rest of the group arrived. There always seemed to be a group heading out together for a meal, a Padre's game, some shopping, or a short trip to Balboa Park or Coronado Island. There were also plenty of friends to relax and visit with in the hospitality suite. Our local hosts, Diana Dwight Miles and Harlan Durgan did an excellent job of keeping the suite supplied with food and drink. A special thank you to Diana's future son-in-law (a chef) who made us some of the best pulled park you've ever put in your mouth!



San Diego 2008

Class of '63



EARLY '60's CAMP KING REUNION



After several months of planning, Camp King Kids from the early 1960's gathered at the home of Dianne Stirling in Mooresville, North Carolina. Bruce Ey, FHS class of 1965, had done most of the planning, with Fred Schloss hunting down a good number of former Camp King residents. Attending the gathering, which ran from September 19 to September 21, 2008, were Linda Bohan Raber and her husband Bob, Amy Baughn Hetrick and her husband Phil, Bruce and Fran Ey, Ellen and Fred Schloss, Steve Downs, Dave Stirling, Dru Zuretti, Pat Davis Fasold, Dianne Stirling, Debbie Stanley Buckley and her husband Jerry, Carol Stoak Saunders, and Bobbie Stoak Mulder.

On Friday, September 19, people arrived in Mooresville, staying at the Hampton Inn. Some interested in were already there, and went golfing. A few of us stayed in Charlotte and slept in, which was hearing from

deemed to be much more pleasurable than playing golf. On Friday afternoon, attendees began to gather at Dianne Stirling's house, and, when the appropriate moment arrived, the grills were fired up and hamburgers and hot dogs were grilled.

Strangely enough, it was around this grilling time that more than fifteen bottles of wine were mysteriously emptied. The wine had been donated, and we really aren't sure where it went, but it all just sort of evaporated at the same time. I have it on good authority that a whole lot of beer suffered the same fate.

Saturday was designated "Lake Norman Cruise Day", and cruise we did. During this cruise, which took us by several large homes owned by current and former NASCAR drivers and owners, we were treated to a series of drive-bys by some really fast race boats. Seems a fund-raiser was being conducted for the Make-A-Wish Foundation, and the boats were being shown off and raced for charitable purposes.

At the end of the cruise, people again gathered at Dianne's house for more reminiscing and so on. The evening culminated in a steak dinner, grilled and served by some of the finest cooks in the country (or so they claimed). Unfortunately, business called a few away and they didn't get to try the steak, but nonetheless, the event was deemed a success.

Sunday, sadly, people had to leave and return to the work-a-day world. A good time had been had, and decisions made to hold another reunion in another city in 2010. At this point, of course, no location has been selected, but suggestions have been made to open up the gathering to people from approximately 1960 to 1967. We'll see what the future holds. Of course, we would be interested in hearing from Camp King Kids who are interested and who fit into that age group. You can contact me, Fred Schloss or Bruce Ey. My email address is Fschloss@AOL.com. Bruce can be contacted at eybrucen@AOL.com. We'd love to hear from anyone who's interested.

"We would be interested in hearing from 1960 to 1967 Camp King Kids that are

interested."

Our Saturday morning "business" meeting was well attended and provided a good forum for exchanging ideas on finding new classmates. There were a number of new faces this year and we hope they had a great time (it sure looked like they did) and will be back next year. The only hitch in the weekend came on Monday when Leanne Corbin fell while she and Hal were site-seeing their way from San Francisco to San Diego. One broken ankle and an operation on Tuesday did not keep our intrepid Reunion Coordinator down. We found her a wheelchair and Leanne didn't miss a thing! She wears the "Honorary Eaglette" title well!



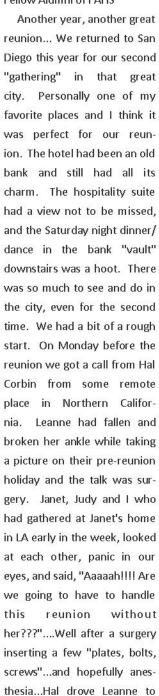




This year, two classmates were our DJs. Phil Fleming and Frank Benton (both Class of '66) kept us hopping and rocking all night long. It's up for debate who had more fun...the DJs or the crowd! Be sure to see their article and CD offer in this newsletter.

President's Comments

Fellow Alumni of FAHS



San Diego. We met her at the door of the hotel with a wheelchair and off she went to oversee all the wonderful work she did to plan another great reunion for us.

We always talk about how wonderful it is to see "first timers" and this gathering was no exception. Seeing the reunions through their eyes is always a great look-back to my first time in Chicago 23 years ago. It is a weekend I will never forget, but each reunion since then has had moments I will never forget. We had a few other "first time" occurrences. We had our first FAHS Alumni Golf Tournament...and I do hope this was our "first annual". It was a great day on the "links"...we are going to try to keep this going. Another first, our DJ's this year who did an absolutely terrific job were none other than classmates Phil Fleming and Frank Benton. Who better to know what we loved to dance to over 40 years ago than two friends who were there. We are working on these terrific DJ's to become a fixture at our reunions.

I must again take the time and space here to thank all the wonderful people who make our gatherings so successful. Thanks to Leanne Corbin, of course, for all her hard work in planning our reunions (and this year Hal for pushing her around in the wheelchair so she could complete her arrangements); Janet Surkin Heidorn for keeping up so well all the correspondence and handling of our treasury; Allen Macklin for keeping us all "up to date" on the website; Judy Kellond Bader & Shirley Clark for their work on this newsletter; Danny O'Connor who travels all the way from Australia and has become our "right-hand man" in the Hospitality suite the past few years. And of course a special thanks to Harlan Durgan and Diana Dwight Miles, our host and hostess for the San Diego Reunion. Also many thanks for the other "behind the scenes" classmates and spouses who always seem to be there to help when needed. These wonderful weekends would never be as successful without you all. Thank you, I hope to see you all in Savannah next year.

Barbara Motson Leiser Class of 65



Barbara Motson Leiser

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Barbara Atkinson Allen Macklin Paul Bailey

> Hospital Suite Visiting



Barbara Motson Leiser Allen Macklin Ken Lapin Cheryl Anderson Alston

> Looking at FAHS Annuals



Visiting in the Hospitality Suite

Mike Atkinson Jackie LeVier Walls Paul Bailey



Shirley Clark Jim Chalsma Pam Peters Lopez Chuck Van Dam



AND NOW WE GO TO THE SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER AND DANCE.....



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Saturday night is always the highlight of the weekend. Our dinner/dance was in the hotel's lower level where The Vault is located. Our hotel is in a building that was a bank for decades. The lobby still had the teller's cages (now a bar) and the lower level has several large meeting rooms and The Vault with all the safe deposit boxes. Our buffet was set up in The Vault, tables in another room and dancing in a third room. It was such a unique set-up. As usual, the last dance came too soon, so the group migrated to the hospitality suite to extend the evening. Sunday morning was a flurry of good-byes and hugs and a few tears. Thanks to the wonderful internet, digital cameras and unlimited weekend minutes, it's easier than ever to stay in touch. But nothing beats a few days of face-to-face in the summer wherever the Eagles are gathering...see you in Savannah!



Sandy Kane answers Dick's question "Yes, I know what to wear to an FAHS Reunion."

> Bernie Black Endicott Ken Brown Jacki Glass Brown Sandy Kane Jackie LeVier Walls Cindy Ravitsky





Hal Corbin Leanne Corbin Barbara Motson Leiser Jan Gallaway Sue Patrick Pete Patrick

> Karen Moss Don Moss Paul Bailey Ron Young Kristin Young





Marc Goldenberg Rolf von Hellens Judy Cobb Seferovich Ann Mayers

Irene Ruehle Ottersbach Joyce Cardinal MacDonnell Annick Stephens Mike Atkinson Barbara Atkinson John Fullenkamp





Diane Bartelt
Carmen Jack
Steve Jack
James Johnson
Kathy Bates Johnson
Bob Begg
Susan Jack
Dick Bartelt

Gail Butler Newchurch KAHS Lanell Farris Richardson KAHS Mike Rankin Mike Strok

Nick Moren





Sue Turnage Hilbert
Chuck Van Dam
Jim Chalsma
Shirley Clark Chalsma
Rebecca Talken
Frank Benton
Roger Talken
Phil Fleming
Pam Peters Lopez
Nancy Chalsma Brashears

Nancy Howard Earnie Flowers Barbara Booth Benson Frank Benson Charles Smith Gail Lewis Smith





Andrew (Maureen's son)
Maureen Flynn Gwynn
Henrietta Flores
Eleanor Flores Demasco
Joe Demasco
Cheryl Anderson Alston
Fred Schloss

Ken Lapin Sonny Clifton Gail Clifton Bill Childerrs Sally Childers Sue Harlan Alley Cheryl Bisbee Todd Michael Todd





John Bepko Becky Bepko Nonie Counts Ogilvie Carly Tucker Hennard Cathy Farquhar Van der Woerd Nancy Healey Dan O'Connor

Fixing the plates for dinner



OUR MELLOTEENS





The Karlsruhe Alma Mater was sung by four alumni of Karlsruhe attending our reunion. Then they joined the Melloteens in singing the Frankfurt High Alma Mater. Also joining the Melloteens was Maureen Flynn Gwynn's son, Andrew and several spouses.

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Frankfurt American High School Alumni Association wants to thank Dirk Howard, Class of 1965 for all the amazing photos he took at the San Diego Reunion. All his photos are on the web page http://ph.groups.yahoo.com/group/fhs63-66/photos, if you want to see them. These are just a few of the many he took.

Y'all come and set awhile in Savannah, GA June 24 – 28, 2009!



Meander back in time to the grace of the Old South. Old oaks draped in moss, impeccably restored 18th- and 19th-century houses, hidden gardens and historic squares perfect for strolling in Georgia's first city. Enjoy the fun along the riverfront, a nine-block plaza facing the Savannah River which offers shops, restaurants, and galleries; enjoy a harbor cruise, visit one of the many homes and art museums; take a horse and carriage tour or night time ghost tour; visit Fort Pulaski or the Mighty Eight Air Force museum. Round out your site seeing by visiting the places of interest featured in the book and movie "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil" or Chippewa Square where Forrest Gump sat waiting on the bus.

Friday afternoon we will gather at Paula Deen's Lady and Son's for a buffet lunch. If there is interest we will set up a golf outing. (See Jerry Bepko's article on Page 4!)



The newly renovated Hilton DeSoto (15 East Liberty Street, Savannah, GA 31401 www.desotohilton.com) will be our reunion headquarters situated in the heart of the Historic, dining, shopping and theatre districts. Reserve your accommodations online (Group Code: FAH) or by calling (912) 232-9000 or 1-800-426-8483, Monday – Friday 8 – 5 EST or 1-800-HILTONS (1-800-445-8667). Ask for the Frankfurt American High Reunion rate of \$145 single - quad (applicable taxes and fees -13% state and \$1.00 city occupancy = \$164.85 per night). The block of rooms will be held until Monday, May 25, 2009. Valet parking is \$15 + tax per day with in/out privileges.

Other Attractions in Savannah

Bonaventure Cemetery ("Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil") Savannah History Museum

Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace

The University of Georgia Marine Education Center and Aquarium

Wormsloe State Historic Site

Old Town Trolley Tours

Telfair Museum of Art

Savannah Riverboat Cruises

Registration form can be found at either http://www.geocities.com/SouthBeach/Marina/9304/ or the FHS Yahoo groups site at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fhs63-66/. Please send your registration form and check to Janet (Surkin) Heidorn (see the Treasurer's article in this newsletter).

"Come on in early find a rocking chair, a cool drink and sit back as Georgia's "Hostess City of the South" welcomes y'all to Savannah for our next Eagle gathering."



Leanne Corbin Honorary Eaglette and Reunion Coordinator

FAHSAA OFFICERS Elected at Business Meeting Chicago 2005

President (Empress) - Barbara Motson Leiser '65 Vice President—Judy Kellond Bader '66 Treasurer-Janet Surkin Heidorn '65 Secretary - Maureen Flynn Gwynn '66 Reunion Coordinator — Leanne Corbin (Honorary Eaglette) Mini-Reunion Coordinator – Ken Lapin '64 Captain at Arms—Marcia Morrison '63 Webmeister—Allen Macklin '65

Frankfurt American High School **Alumni Association**

Let's see if each of us can get just one more Frankfurt Alumni to the Savannah Reunion. Read Fred's article beginning on the first page. See if you can be successful in finding just that one long lost alumni. Even if they are not interested in attending Savannah, find out what they are doing, where they are and bring Download Read State and Hoof that information to Savannah to share with others. Just knowing where our old friends are is a good feeling.

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