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CLASSES 1963-1966**



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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**Hello, everyone.** My name is Fred Schloss, and I'm your new president. By way of background, I'm FHS class of 1964, and have been involved with this group since Baltimore in 1997. I've served as the 1964 Class Representative and have helped get a load of people onto our roster. With Janet Heidorn, I've even been part of getting a reunion put together that drew about 130 people. The membership bestowed this office upon me on Saturday, June 26, at our business meeting, so you're stuck with me for the next five years. I intend to do the best I can for you.

We're very lucky in that Barb Leiser, the Empress, built a great organization for us to work with. We're solvent, thanks to the hard work and attention to detail shown by Janet Heidorn, who, so far, has not absconded with our fortune. We have great hotels and dinner dances at reasonable rates, thanks to Leanne Corbin, who is a great negotiator and organizer. She seems to be at least a year ahead

each time we meet. If there is anyone out there



**"Chancellor" Frederick von Schloss**

who thinks that putting together a reunion every year is simple, I suggest you try helping Leanne just for one year. I promise you'll learn something. I have to point out that we have a great and really tough webmeister in the person of Al Macklin. The newsletter is thanks to Judy Bader, VP and Shirley Clark, newsletter producer. All in all, we have a great group; your officers want to work for you, and the membership all have no problem pitching in when necessary, so I predict a smooth, almost unnoticeable transition, and continued success.

So, with all the above in mind, where do we go from here? Personally, I want to see things continue to grow. We need to continue to dig people up and get them on our roster. Then we need to tenderly guide them towards reunion attendance. I only know of one person who claimed not to have enjoyed his attendance at a reunion. Everyone else seems to really enjoy re-connecting with old friends, making new friends, and, on Saturday, seeing how long they can stay awake and fight off exhaustion.

I do have a few ideas to help things along, but the most important efforts will come from the membership. To facilitate this, Empress Barb appointed Danny O'Connor (dano@wn.com.au) to coordinate and control our unceasing hunt for our classmates. If you have ideas about how to find people, or you have yourself found someone, just forward the information to

## President's Message (Con't)



**"CHANCELLOR  
TAKES OVER  
FROM EMPRESS"**

Danny. He'll find that individual's class rep and insure that a personal contact is made. He'll also insure that the new find gets put on our roster.

If you have friends who may have attended a reunion but not returned, try to find out what it would take to get them interested again. Maybe it's something simple to repair, or it's just a matter of motivation or a personal invitation.

If you belong to a group that is affiliated or associated with FHS, such as Camp King, Hanau, Rhein Main, Arizona, or Las Vegas, consider working on the other members who fall into our parameters to get them to come. Make it a pilgrimage.

I believe that we can make this group bigger. I think we can increase attendance at

our gatherings and have even larger reunions.

My final request, so that I can get off this stinking computer is simply this: if you have anything you'd like to see us do, either during the year or at the reunions, let me know. I'd like to know what people like most and least about this group. I'd like to know what people enjoy most and least at reunions. I'll take ideas for activities, and try to help publicize mini-reunions if I can. If something is suggested and is not done, I'll at least let you know why. My e-mail is [Fschloss@AOL.com](mailto:Fschloss@AOL.com). Use it, please.

I have made my final request for this message, so now the last bit of

news. During the Saturday after the election, several nefarious members of this organization began searching for a title for me, since Barb was the Empress. I refused to wear her tiara, simply because I don't have enough hair to hold it in place. Nonetheless, the search continued. Steve Downs spoke to my wife, Ellen, and she suggested a title, but, while probably accurate, it was unprintable and not fit for mixed company. The title selected was "Chancellor". I still do not feel very Chancellor-ish, but I'll try to be a great Chancellor anyway. Wish me luck.

Chancellor Friedrich von Schloss  
Class of '64



**Janet Surkin  
Heidorn  
Class of 65**

## 2010 Treasurer's Report

**Amount on hand as of 12/29/09** **\$19,768.49**

**DEPOSIT TOTAL:** **\$12,704**

Expenses included the Chicago Reunion and costs for maintaining the FAHSS web page.

**TOTAL EXPENSES:** **\$14,942.57**

**Total on hand as of 7/1/10** **\$17,529.92**

This includes **\$1812.78 in Reunion Aid Fund**

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Surkin Heidorn





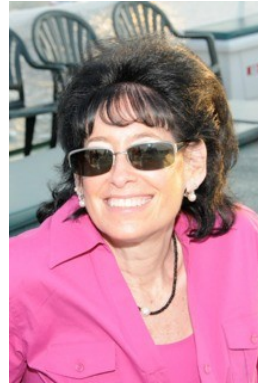
Andy Isserman '64



Bob Begg '65



Cheri Boyd Cassell '65



Cindy Ravitsky '66



Dan O'Connor '66



Gerry O'Connor Spouse



Hal Corbin '65

*"A few 'mug shots' of the 2010 Chicago Reunion"*



Harlan Durgin '64

Helga Allen Robbins, '65 son Guy Cognet



Janet Surkin Heidorn



Maureen Flynn Gwynn '66



Mauro Nava '66, Spouse Melissa



Irene Ruehle Ottersbach '65 Paul Bailey '66



Donna Sills Willett '66 and Cynthia Spencer spouse of Marshall '63

Rhein Mainers from left—Sue Turnage Hilbert '64 Jim Chalsma '64 Cheri Boyd Cassell '65 Nancy Chalsma Brashears '65 Frank Benton '66 Shirley Clark '64





## Rhein Main Friends hold 1st Mini-reunion



Pinnacle Peak Steakhouse

RHEIN MAIN—From Left: Marsha van Dam, Phil Fleming, Nancy Brashears, Jim Chalsma, Shirley Clark, Gail Newchurch, Frank Benton, Chuck van Dam

*“In Memory of  
Phil Fleming”*

After months of prodding, Phil Fleming was able to convince Chuck van Dam to hold a mini-reunion at his house in Goodyear, AZ. What a great host Chuck and his wife, Marsha were to a group of rowdies. She is now part of our group. December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009, Chuck, Marsha, Phil, along with Gail Newchurch (that Karlsruhe interloper!), Jim Chalsma, Shirley Clark, Nancy Brashears, and Frank Benton met at the van Dam's house for conversation around a fire pit in the back yard. Then we loaded cars and headed to Scottsdale for dinner at Pinnacle Peak Steakhouse. Saturday morning we were

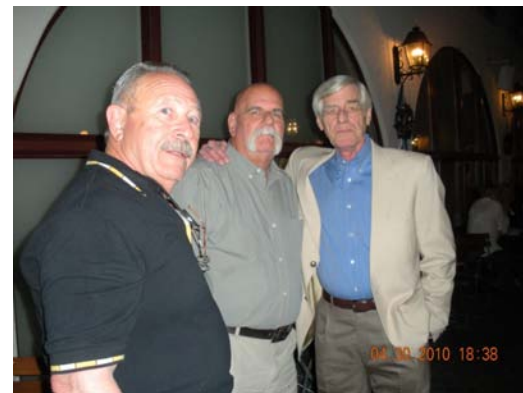
on our own. Jim came down with stomach problems; he spent the day in the hotel room. In the afternoon, everyone met back at van Dam's. Arriving on Saturday was Jean, a friend of Phil Fleming, Roger Talken, his wife Becky and a friend of hers. Chuck out-did himself with his patio smoker. BBQ pulled pork sandwiches, flavorful baked beans, drinks and other goodies. Gail Newchurch trying to make good with Rhein Mainers made her Southern Belle Mac & Cheese. She made good, her recipe went home with several people. I took some back to Jim since he hadn't eaten

all day. He felt better after eating it, so it is also a "miracle drug"! Someone decided they wanted to watch the 1974 movie, "Blazing Saddles". Almost everyone settled in for movie night. Sunday morning everyone was to meet for breakfast before heading out, however we had family to visit and Nancy had an early flight out. We ate at the hotel. Roger and Becky also were at breakfast. Glad we were able to put together this mini-reunion to include Phil Fleming since he was not around when our Chicago reunion came.



CAMP KING—Kat Maguire, Steve Downs, harried "server" in costume, Anne Maguire, Tom Maguire.

CAMP KING—Left Side of Table: Steve Downs in sports coat and slacks, Ellen Schloss, Pat Fasold, Ileana Villamarzo -Vermilyea, and her husband, Stan. Next to Stan are their two boys, Josue and Michael. Right side of the table: Fran Ey in white jacket, her husband, Bruce, and Debbie Stanley Buckley.



CAMP KING—Fred Schloss, Tom Maguire, and Steve Downs. We were the ones your Mother told you to avoid at all costs.



## CAMP KING DOES IT AGAIN



Two years ago, in Mooresville, South Carolina, a group of former Camp King residents gathered at Diane Stirling's house for a reunion. For many of us, it had been 44 years since we'd seen one another, and, of course, some of us had never met at all. When the reunion was over, we had decided to "Do It Again In 2010."

We decided to put the second reunion in Las Vegas. On April 30, 1010, about 17 of us met at the Hofbrau Haus in Las Vegas to begin the festivities. For the two years prior, we'd worked a bit at finding more of the kids who were thrown together on a tiny little post in Oberursel. We were successful in finding Tom Maguire, who'd been a bier-buddy to me, Steve Downs, and Mike Thomson. Tom and his wife, Anne, drove over from El Paso, Texas and had a bier or two. Tom's sister, Kat, flew in to see everyone, even though she was a little girl while her family lived on Camp King.

We were also successful in finding Bridget Wagner, who unfortunately did not make it to the reunion. She has said,

CAMP KING—Clockwise from left: Bruce Ey, Fran Ey, Debbie Stanley Buckley, Josue Vermilyea, Nancy Brachbill Miller, Diana Daggett, Steve Downs (at end of table), Ileana Vermilyea, Michael Vermilyea, Pat Fasold, Ellen Schloss

however, that she will be in Chicago. It had been 46 years since I'd seen either Tom or Bridget.

Present at the Hofbrau Haus were Debbie Buckley Stanley, Pat Fasold, Bruce and Fran Ey, Steve Downs, Tom and Anne Maguire, Kat Maguire, Ileana Villamarzo Vermilyea and her husband, Stan and their two boys, Josue and Michael, Diana Dagget and her sister, Nancy Brachbill, my wife Ellen, and me. More than a few beers were put away, but no one had the nerve to try a Stiefel (two-liter boot). Steve Downs, showing more courage than common sense, agreed to take on the shot of Jaegermeister, which by tradition, in the Las Vegas Hofbrau Haus, is followed by a shot to the butt by a hard-bodied girl armed with a rather long paddle. It was worth seeing, believe me. I've never seen him in such an undignified position, but it is entirely possible that he likes to be paddled anyway.

Saturday was a day to yourself, however, at 3:00 PM, everyone came over to our house for wine, beer, conversation, and dinner. Ellen had prepared a pasta dish with a béchamel sauce and real meatballs. These were not simple balls of hamburger. I know,

because I helped make them. There was also a salad and homemade cookies for desert. Steve Downs had kindly provided the wine, and did a masterful job. This time, Phil and Rachel Davis, who'd come in too late to make it to the Hofbrau Haus, joined us. Jim and Sharon Heptner, two of the finest people you'll ever meet, also came over to help dispose of the wine and food. This gathering lasted into the evening, but ultimately everyone had to leave, as many were heading back to the real world on Monday. They had to stop being 15 and 16 again and end the fantasy.

But wait, there's more!!! The next gathering will take place in Washington, DC in 2012. Debbie Stanley Buckley has graciously offered (we hit her with clubs) to host it. So, if you're a Camp King person, or if you know any Camp King people, let them know what's going on. Have them call me and let's get it on!!

I need to acknowledge some people who had every intention of attending, but were not able to do so due to illness or injury. Linda Bohan Raber and her husband, Bob, were both very ill and couldn't make it. Amy Baughn Hetrick, and her husband, Phil, also couldn't attend due to Phil's suffering a back injury. We wish them all speedy recoveries and know we'll see them in DC.

Fred Schloss  
FHS '64

*"The next gathering will take place in Washington, DC in 2012."*





Susan Brady Ventura '64, Allen Macklin '65



Bob McGregor '65, Donna '66 & Al Willett '65, Bob's daughters Madeleine & Amanda



Linda Kay Weber, spouse of Bill Correa '66 and Greg Thurman '65



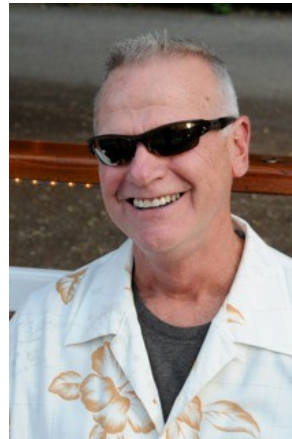
Gary Trede '65, DJ Frank Benton '66, Gary Sams '65



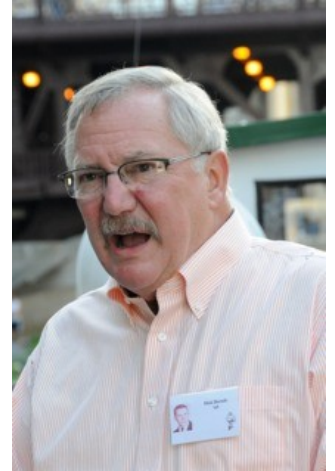
Cheryl Anderson Alston '64



Sue Milstead Murphy '66



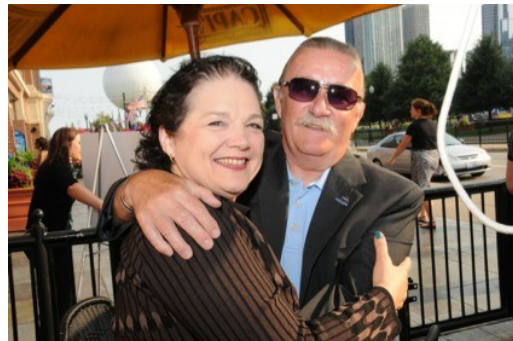
Tom Burns '65



Dick Bartelt '65



Speedy Lopez '65



Charella Martin Marx '64 and Dennis McDougall '64

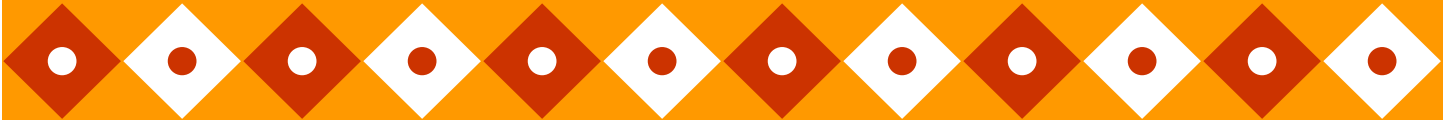


Robin Bepko, spouse of Bobby '66



A NEW ITEM INTRODUCED THIS YEAR WAS AN EAGLE PIN. LEANNE FOUND THEM AND SOLD THEM FOR \$40 EACH. THEY QUICKLY SOLD OUT. GIFTS WERE LICENSE PLATE HOLDERS WITH **FRANKFURT HIGH GERMANY 63-66** ON THEM. A KEY HOLDER WITH THE FRANKFURT EAGLE WAS ANOTHER GIFT FOR ATTENDEES.

THE EVER PRESENT FLASHING ITEM THIS YEAR WAS A BRACELET AT EACH PERSON'S DINNER PLACE SETTING ON DANCE NIGHT.



AFTER SEVERAL YEARS WE WERE ABLE TO GET CLASS PICTURES TAKEN AGAIN. ALTHOUGH A FEW PEOPLE APPEAR IN TWO CLASSES, WE WILL FORGIVE THEM THIS TIME!



#### **CLASS OF 1963 AND CLASS OF 1964**

BACK ROW Andy Isserman , Marshall Spencer Class of 63, Harlan Durgin ,Bob Begg ('65), Cheryl Anderson Alston, Ken Lapin, Peggy Hendrickson McGough, John Fullenkamp, Bill Plock MIDDLE ROW Dennis McDougall, Terry Follas, Jim Chalsma, FRONT ROW Fred Schloss, Charella Martin Marx, Bob Wisenbaker, Shirley Clark





**CLASS OF 1965**

BACK ROW Paul Bailey (66), Al Willett, Hal Corbin, Bob Begg, Steve Downs, Gary Trede, Dirk Howard, Bill Kel-  
lond, SECOND ROW FROM BACK Nancy Chalsma Brashears, Dick Bartelt, Allen Macklin, Bob McGregor, Janet  
Surkin Heidorn, Irene Rühle Ottersbach, Barbara Motson Leiser, Helga Allen Robbins. THIRD ROW FROM BACK  
Cheri Boyd Cassell, Donna Crosby Kidwell, JoAnn McManamy, Janet Gallaway, Diana Dwight Miles, Joyce Moore  
Bates, Bridget Wagner, Tom Burns FRONT ROW Speedy Lopez, Gary Sams, Gregg Thurman



**CLASS OF 1966**

BACK ROW Sue Milstead Murphy, Nonie Counts Ogilvie, Donna Sills Willett, Cindy Ravitsky, Kathy Bates Johnson,  
Carol Ann Danko, Kim Thurman, Maureen Flynn Gwynn FRONT ROW Bobby Bepko, Paul Bailey, Gary Word, Bill  
Correa, Dan O'Connor, Mauro Nava



## My first time....



Take a risk and come to a reunion. I am sure glad I did. I arrived knowing no one and left with many new friends. I felt at home immediately upon boarding the cruise boat. I instantly recognized Shirley Clark who introduced me around.

On the Chicago River, listening to our guide, gazing up at the magnificent architecture, Fred Schloss and Janet Heidorn came up gave me a big hugs and welcomed me to the group. The evening continued to astound at the hospitality suite. So many conversations of interest. Again I felt home in a new city

Flashback...Fall 1963, I arrived in Frankfurt a shy unsophisticated 16 year old from Central Connecticut. My first impressions of the school were positive. So many students approached me and invited me to join them. I felt strangely at home in a strange country, city and school. I only was allowed to stay a semester and it was the most significant emotional

Jo Ann McManamy '65 event of my young life.

What is it so special about students at Frankfurt American High School? What does it take to produce such friendly group of people? This is in great contrast to the public high school I attended in Connecticut.

And Saturday, there were cheers when I stood to say this was my first reunion. I heard a few yeah Jo Anns. The event was top shelf all the way. Thank you Leanne. My mind body and soul were fuelled. I look forward to next year's event in my own city, Boston. Thank you all for including me in such a warm environment.

### LISTEN, my children, and you shall hear....

The troops of Eagles landing in Boston June 22 – June 26, 2011

#### Reunion Headquarters Hyatt Regency Boston

- [www.regencyboston.hyatt.com/hyatt/hotels/index.jsp](http://www.regencyboston.hyatt.com/hyatt/hotels/index.jsp) conveniently located downtown and on the “T” transit system.
- The special FHS rate is \$159 per night, per room, from June 22 – 26, 2011 (14.45% tax = \$181.97 per night).



- **The block of rooms will be held until Monday, June 6, 2011.**

• A dedicated booking website has been created for our event where you can make, modify and cancel hotel reservations online, as well as take advantage of any room upgrades, amenities or other services offered by the hotel, at

[https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome\\_ei\\_new&eventID=2590169](https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=2590169).

- Or call Central Reservations at 800-233-1234 and be sure to mention the Frankfurt American High School Reunion in order to secure the negotiated rate.
- Hospitality Suite will be open from Wednesday, June 22 through Sunday, June 26.



- Our Saturday night dinner/dance will be at the Hyatt Regency Boston.

- **Please reserve early so we know how to plan our activities.**



**FAHSAA OFFICERS  
Elected at Business Meeting  
Chicago 2010**

- President (Chancellor) - Fred Schloss '64
- 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
- Webmeister – Allen Macklin '65
- Newsletter – Shirley Clark '64
- Alum Locator – Dan O'Connor '66

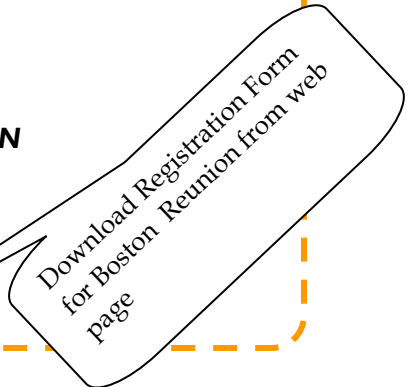
**Frankfurt American High School  
Alumni Association**

**Boston June 22 – June 26, 2011**  
We are in the process of planning scheduled activities for Wednesday through Friday nights so **look to our Yahoo Group site** (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fhs63-66/>) **for more info.** As we learn more, we'll post it there.

**Mark your calendars now.** Your FHS classmates look forward to seeing you in Boston!

**FUTURE SITES**

**2012 PORTLAND OREGON**



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