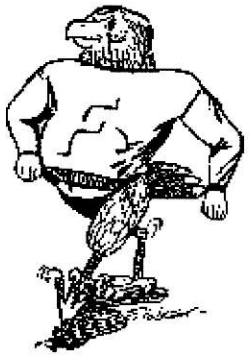

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At that site you will find our complete roster, newsletters and other info.

CHICAGO — Join the fun for our 4th "official" FAHSAA

Dick Bartelt '65 has agreed to host our 4th "official" Frankfurt High School Reunion. This crazy and fun journey started way back in 1983 when Gary Sams '65 sent out a few letters saying he had always wanted a high school reunion.

Two years of hard work and nearly seventy of us from the classes of '64 -'67 showed up in downtown Chicago. Judy Dowty '66, Terri Brock '66 and I were sure we would recognize no one. As we first entered the hotel lobby our strategy was to quietly whisper "Frankfurt High" to anyone appearing to be in their thirties. Bruce Hinkle '66, with a quick snap of the neck, confirmed our method.

Every five years since then it has been "Back to Chicago" where Dick and Kathy Bates Johnson '66 have hosted a great weekend. In the years in between some of us have managed to see each other every summer at our "unofficial" reunions but mandatory business meetings. Kind class members from all over the country have hosted from Nashville to San Antonio, Seattle to Charleston, St. Louis to Baltimore. We've covered the USA hoping we would pick up even more alumni with each new location.

This past summer Jan Surkin '65 was the gracious hostess in a beautiful, sunshine-filled San Diego. Carol Fraser '63;Carol Cosentino, Leslie McDonald, and Signe Indvik '64; Don Becker and Eric Wolfe '65; and Mrs.Betty Latenser, mom of Mary Jean '66 and Petie '67 were all first timers.

Everyone is welcome to join Dick this summer, June 23 - 25 at the Holiday Inn City Center, Chicago. Terry Brennan, Bob Begg, Marti Farley & Bob McGregor '65ers; KathyBates, Judy Dowty, Lorraine Burch '66ers; and Marcia Morrison '63 have written they'll be there. Alaeldin Rachid '66 is hoping to come, his brother Ihsan '65 who lives in Qatar has written he's flying in.

Now that we're all in our fifties, you'd think you would take the initiative and show up. FAHSAA Prez

Y2K Reunion

June 23, 24, 25 2000
Chicago, Illinois
Holiday Inn-City Center
300 East Ohio St.
Chicago, IL

Reservations —312-787-6100, refer to Frankfurt High Classes of '63-'66

Room Rates

Single $135.00/night
Double $135.00/night

Only 30 rooms reserved at these rates until May 23, 2000

Registration Fee — $20.00 (Covers hospitality suite, administrative & facility fees)

Friday Night — Boat Ride on Lake Michigan with Buffet: $35.00

Saturday Night — Dinner Dance at Hotel: $40.00

All activities — Cash bar

Transportation — Shuttle from O'Hare about $15.00, Cab about $30.00, Subway from Midway or O'Hare $1.50

$$$$ Chicago

Our man in Chicago, Dick Bartelt '65, has been kind enough to front all down payments for this year's Chicago Reunion. Dick has put down about $3,000 of his own money because this popular city is looking to be booked big time in this millennium year and would not even talk to us without large down payments.

So, if you know you are coming, please go ahead and send in your registration and help Dick out. That's the reason we suggest on the accompanying registration form that you make your checks payable to Dick. Annual dues may be included in the one check. All will be happy to know our treasurer, Alice, will be getting monthly records and dues checks from Dick. If you aren't able to come to the reunion, or are unsure at this time, please send, your separate dues of $30 to Alice A. Malton (see address on front page).

Reunion Aid Fund

If you need financial assistance with your hotel, registration or events at a five-year reunion and have not had assistance in the past five years, please contact Alice Malton for a confidential helping hand. It's for the asking.

News from Jan

As the hostess in San Diego I received a number of notes from far and wide. Newlyweds among us: Don Becker to Peggy Peté, both '65 classmates. Mike Major '67 was contacted by Mimi Venn '66 after reading that he had attended the reunion in Baltimore. That led to yet another knot tying.

Bill Leftwich '65 is busy building twin-engine experimental aircraft for the overseas market.

Phyllis Bergman '66 couldn't attend because she was in Africa in the Masai Mara Game Reserve doing animal research and health care.

Brian Woodruff '65, now married to Jane, has a four-year-old son, Kiver.

Danny Tomberlin '65 has opened Tomberlin Designs in Florida.

Craig Broome '65 is still in emergency medicine and enjoys boating and playing tennis and hopes to see all in Chicago.

Marcia Morrison '63 lives in western New York where she's the Director of Fine and Performing Arts at a Community College. She's hoping other '63ers will be in Chicago.

Betty Nicholas, esteemed FHS faculty member, will retire from Department of Defense schools on December 16. Congratulations!

Passings

David Eitelbach '65; Christy, daughter of Judy Kellond Bader '66; Jennifer, daughter of Natalie Steele Armstrong '65; Mrs. Atkinson, mother of Alice Atkinson Malton '66. *Janet Surkin Heidorn*

Get One Free

At this past business meeting, Steve Downs '65 proposed a $250 decade dues membership resulting in one free year. The first to take advantage of this incredible opportunity was Sharon Humphrey Campbell '66. Sharon has also helped us to boost our coffers.

We felt we had to increase our annual dues for the first time in fifteen years to defray costs of this organization. If you enjoy getting this newsletter and checking out the updated roster, please support us by giving annual dues of $30. Thanks in advance.

New Officers

Been looking for prestige, something to do in your spare time, a bit of travel and much, much glamour in the new millennium? Here's your golden opportunity! All officer positions will be up for grabs this coming summer at the Y2K business meeting in Chicago.

Even better: all positions are for a five-year reign. Please think seriously about becoming an integral part of FAHSAA.

So far, Gary Sams '65, Virginia Search Chessnoe '64 and Susan Milstead Murphy '66 have held the leadership helm as presidents. Sue Harlan Alley '65, past treasurer, secretary and newsletter editor, Al Willett '65 and Donna Sill Willett '66, past co-treasurers, Hal Corbin '65, our pro bono lawyer, and all current officers have given much time and effort to this cause. Please feel free to contact any of us about our

roles.

One requirement is being able to attend annual business meetings. *SMM, Prez*

The "Kids" Are Coming Too

Way back in the beginning, the classes from '63 to whatever were always welcome at our reunions and business meetings. After we grew and grew, the "kids" from '67-'71 formed their own group. They recently asked permission to join us in Chicago this coming summer. It was given gladly. The youngsters will be staying in the same hotel, the Holiday Inn City Center. We will have separate hospitality suites for the two groups, but everyone is welcome to stop by either one, any time. At this point we will have a combined cocktail, cash bar event before the traditional dances on Saturday night. As the evening continues, it is almost certain that the groups may be merging to rock 'n' roll.

My Corner of the World

For nearly nine months, my spouse and I traveled cross-country, Idaho to Florida, north to south, trying to decide where to hang our hats. Virginia won out. We purchased a cell phone to keep in touch, we had no house.

Lynn Plunkett '66 called to say she found FHS on the Internet. When pressed for anyone else, she came up with a set of twins: Mike and Joe Vinci, '66ers living in central Florida.

A few weeks after I moved to Richmond this past summer, I was hired to do a location scout for a TV commercial.

An acquaintance suggested I see Jane Sisson's backyard. I had been taking photos for about 15 minutes and started to leave. Jane asked where I was from. I gave my standard *"everywhere."*

"Where is everywhere?" she queried.

"I lived in Germany."

"Me too. I went to school there."

"Me too."

"I attended Frankfurt High."

"Me too."

"I graduated in 1966."

"Me too."

Jane Price '66 was standing before me!

And very good news as well—her twin brother, Rick Price, was not deceased as reported but also living in VA.

Recently I received a letter from John Sandidge '66. He had called Idaho, tried our cell#, both had recently been disconnected. He then wrote to my brother-in- law, an address we had used for business. His sister had seen that the organization *"Over Seas Brats"* was having a reunion this past summer in Dallas. John attended.

Allen Macklin '65, our webmeister, saw his name posted on a roster — one more Hanauer and fellow alumni found!

Bill Kellond '65 ran into Mr. Otis Halliday, FHS math teacher and coach, at a church service where Bill's wife is the senior minister at a church in Houston. Otis and his wife live in CA and were visiting mutual friends when one thing led to another.

Dick Bartelt recently had a drink with newly found John Robinson '65. We're everywhere. *SMM*

On The Web

Frank McHugh '63 has actually put senior pictures from our yearbooks on the Internet! Just check out his work at http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Thebes/1843. Pretty amazing!

So, if you've misplaced your Focus, you're in luck. To visit a really fun FHS web site created by the '67-'71 group, link to address http://www.frankfurthigh.com/.

Newsletter

Lorraine Burch '66, our co-editor, has been wrestling with MS for a number of years. I talked with her just after Thanksgiving, and she has had some rough times this past year, but was doing quite well that day. I was hoping to receive a column from her prior to publication.

Jerry Ulbricht '66 is our publisher/mailer. Allen Macklin and Jerry also send this out on the Internet for anyone who is computer savvy. This issue, with correct or completely falsified info, has been typed by me. *SMM*

Got E-mail?

Send Allen Macklin (see p.1) your e-mail address. Allen has found 90 new or corrected addresses this year, many from other web sites. Updates will be posted in the next newsletter.

Y2K Message from Lorraine

Our world proved to be Y2K compliant, with only a few "Hiccups", and I for one am thrilled. Planes, trains, automobiles, computers, cell phones, internet and coffee pots all kept going after midnight on 01-01-00 (that looks like a computer word).

The best part of kept going is our St. Louis Rams. We all know about the LA years with the Rams and St. Louis years with the Rams, however, 1999-2000 football year with the Rams has been nothing if not Outstanding! We just need to win our final two games to be Super Bowl Champs of 2000.

My life lately is somewhat like the Rams. Up and great and down and awful. I am glad to find I'm Y2K compliant! I am sorry I will no longer be the VP to a great and wonderful "Smurf" Prez. My MS and I will see all of you at as many Reunions as is possible.

Love & Respect to Frankfurters lbj '66

Treasurer's Report 6/17/98 thru 6/17/99

Income	$3,795.23
Dues	$1,220.00
Aid	393.00
Reunion	2,182.23
Disbursements	**$6,473.71**
Reunion '98	$ 3,414.67
Postage	771.81
Telephone	172.70
Supplies	32.52
Printing	2,036.73
Bank charges	18.38
Gift for hostess	26.90
Net Loss	$2,678.48
Checking Account Balance	
6/17/98	$4,029.46
6/17/99	$1,350.98

This past summer, attendees voted that no future FAHSAA monies will support the annual business meetings. They must be self-sustaining. Our dues will pay only for newsletters, rosters, and expenses incurred to run the alumni association. Rosters will be mailed only every five years, all new "finds" will receive one ASAP as well as the latest newsletter.

The roster can be viewed and downloaded from http://www.geocities.com/fhs63-66. Or to buy hardcopy for the cost of printing and postage, contact Allen Macklin.

Alice A. Malton, Treasurer

REUNION REGISTRATION Y2K CHICAGO

Please return form with your check payable to
Dick Bartelt • (847) 864-8403 • rbartelt@gmgw.com

Name and Graduating Class: _____

Phone Number and E-Mail: _____

Address: _____

Enclosed is my payment for Registration per person (after 3/1/00 $35.00)	$20.00	x ____	~ ____
Twilight Boat Ride (Friday 6/23/00 @ 8:00pm - 11:00pm) per person	$35.00	x ____	~ ____
Dinner Dance (Saturday 6/24/00 @ 7:00pm - 12:00am) per person	$40.00	x ____	~ ____
2000 dues for Frankfurt High Alumni Only—$30.00 per year, $250 for ten years. The dues help us to continue to publish and post newsletters, pay operating costs, etc.)	$30.00	x ____	~ ____

Attention All Internet-enabled Alumni

An electronic version of this newsletter is on the FHS website—http://www.geocities.com/fhs63-66. Allen Macklin and I are publishing an on-line HTML document that you can read just with your browser. All you have to do is click on the address above. I'll post the Portable Document Format (PDF) as well. All you will need to view and/or print the PDF file is the Adobe PDF Reader plug-in for your browser, or the Adobe reader application loaded on your computer. These are shareware, and you can be downloaded from the Adobe website (http://www.adobe.com). Versions are available for virtually any kind of computer, including Macs and PCs.

Once you are equipped, you can view the newsletters, search for the name of a high school chum, print out a copy of the newsletter on your own printer ... If you haven't visited the web site we encourage you to do so!

If you have been to the web site, please let us know. If we could reach a significant portion of the alumni via this electronic means, we would be able to save significant expenses normally incurred in this printing and mailing process. Since the production and distribution of the electronic version is essentially free, we could utilize color photos and post frequent editions of the newsletter. Help us save those trees by using less paper and improve communication within our group! And let me know if you'd like to start receiving your newsletter by e-mail.

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