



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **63 CLASS REP- MIKE RANKIN**
- **64 CLASS REP- KEN LAPIN**
- **65 CLASS REP- DICK BARTELT**
- **66 CLASS REP- DANNY O'CONNOR**
- **PHONE & EMAIL ADDRESSES ON THE FHS WEB-PAGE**

<http://fhs63-66.org>

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NEWSLETTER OF
FRANKFURT AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL
CLASSES 1963-1966**

SAN DIEGO 2014



President's Message

From June 18 through June 22, the FAHS classes of 1963 through 1966 were in San Diego, California, showing that city how to party. Leanne Corbin really scored with the hotel we used. Embassy Suites San Diego Downtown with their hospitality and beauty. I will admit to having gotten really lucky, and been assigned a room with an outrageous view of the Midway.

Thursday evening, Diana and Gordon Miles hosted a cocktail party for our entire group. It was done at their new place, Spike Africa's Fresh Fish Grill and Bar. The food was wonderful, and involved everything from hush puppies to fresh oysters on the half shell. It's doubtful that many of our group needed to go to dinner that night. The drinks were expertly poured and served, and it was a great evening. Thank you, Diana and Gordon.

On Friday morning, a guided tour of the Midway took place, with a number of our classmates attending. The tour guide was our very own Harlan Durgin, who actually flew off that ship. Harlan also contributed mightily to the success of this gathering by arranging for those who like water to go sailing, on Harlan's boat and on Yacht Club member's boats.

This reunion, however, may have caused a few problems, at least for Dick Bartelt and the Class of 1965. It seems that the Mighty Class of '64



"Chancellor" Frederick von Schloss

generated a total attendance of 107, with 102 attending the dinner dance. We had 29 Class of '64 members and 17 spouses attend.

Ken Lapin out did himself at the dinner dance. He surprised everyone with his performance as the Master of Ceremonies, injecting humor into a program that involved music played by our very own DJ, Frank Benton. Each song played had significance to Ken's presentation. He was dressed to the nines and did a great job, as did Frank. Thank you, Ken, and Frank, for your efforts.

I have to acknowledge other people who made major contributions to the effort. Shirley Clark set up a

Museum of Memories. Peggy McGough handled the dinner dance decorations. Danny O'Connor, who is always willing to pitch in, is actually the person who keeps the hospitality suite in shape. Another person, who never seems to be acknowledged, is my good friend Earnie Flowers. Traditionally, Earnie does our invocation, and he did it again on Saturday night. He even brought up every minister in our group. Thanks to all of you. We really appreciate what you do.

All in all, it was a wonderful weekend. Next year, it appears that the Class of 1965 has chosen Washington, DC, as our location. Stay tuned to the web site and to your e-mails for further information.

The gauntlet has been dropped, right onto the toes of the Class of 1965. Can they match the Class of '64? We'll just have to see, won't we?



With Mrs. Ellen celebrating 43 years of wedded bliss



Respectfully submitted,
Janet Surkin Heidorn '65
Treasurer

Treasurer's Report

Amount on hand August 31, 2013	\$13,734.75
DEPOSITS	9,965.00
EXPENSES	(7,185.96)
Amount on hand August 5, 2014	\$16,513.79
Included in the total is \$4621.28 in Reunion Aide.	

FIFTY GOLDEN YEARS — FAHS 1964 - 2014

To make a short story long...in the immediate aftermath of WWII, millions of babies were born and they were called Baby Boomers. Through an absolutely amazing series of random events, 341 of these Baby Boomers graduated from Frankfurt American High School in 1964. After 50 years of even more incredibly fortuitous and sometimes orchestrated events, 27 of these graduates gathered in San Diego, CA with 83 spouses and friends from other classes to celebrate their 50th High School Reunion. A list of Class of '64 attendees is follows this article..

Association President, Fred's, accompanying article accurately recog-

nizes and thanks all of those folks who made our reunion the great success that it was, so I will not be repetitive, but will focus on class of 1964 specific events.

Class of '64 attendees were specifically recognized with golden nametags to set them apart as the special people that they are. The class donated a black and gold Frankfurt American High School banner to the association to be proudly displayed at all future reunions. During the Saturday evening dinner/dance the MC presented a chronological review of the 1963-1964 school year accompanied by musical background featuring the #1 hit song of each month.

The "Perpetual 50 Medal" was passed to the class of 1965, with our sincere best wishes that their 50th reunion in Washington, DC be the best ever.

Thank you gifts were presented to Leanne, Janet, Danny, Diana, Barbara and Frank. Accompanied by the combined Mellow-teens and chorus (and anyone else who could sing) performing a spirited rendition of "Pomp & Circumstances", each Class of '64 attendee and spouse was presented with a black leather coaster set with FAHS 50, 1964 – 2014 in gold lettering so that, with each drink, they will remember this special weekend.



What went well at
our Class of 1964,
50th Reunion.

Ken Lapin
Master of
Ceremonies



FRONT ROW from left: Jerry Thompson, James Chalsma, Shirley Clark, Sue Turnage Hilbert, Fred Schloss, Sharon Miller Nilmeier-Spencer, Bob Wisenbaker, Peggy Hendrickson McGough, Barbara Booth Benson, **SEC-
OND ROW from left:** Bruce Kerwin, Terry Follas, Art Fadden, Kathleen Forse, David Ogle, Earnie Flowers, Tom Lippy, Ken Lapin, Harlan Durgan, Bill Irwin, Susan Brady Ventura, Bill Childers, Gerry McGourty

FAHS Class of '64 – All San Diego Attendees

Barbara Booth Benson & Frank; Jim Chalsma and spouse Shirley Clark; Bill & Sally Childers; Liz Fitzgerald Crissy; Harlan & Diana Durgan; Art & Darlene Fadden; Earnie Flowers; Terry Follas; Kathleen Forse; John Fullenkamp; Sue Turnage Hilbert; Bill & Pam Irvine; Bruce & Marge Kerwin; Ken Lapin; Tom & Sue Lippy; Terry Metcalf; Peggy Hendrickson McGough & Walt; Gerry & Felicity McGourty; Sharon Miller Nilmeier-Spencer and Bill; David & Clara Ogle; Don & Sheila Scanlon; Fred & Ellen Schloss; Jerry Thompson & Sandy Lane; Susan Brady Ventura and Tom; Honor Bailey Wiggins; Bob Wisenbaker & Becky Black.

New Communications

Frankfurt Alumni Association uses a Yahoo Group to pass communications between and among their members. It is unwieldy and difficult to use for some people. Those without a Yahoo account cannot become members.

As a way to stay current on information about the Association, we are going to be setting up a Facebook Group Account, where anyone with a FAHS connection can join and communicate with other members. It will be a closed group but more

accessible to Frankfurt Alumni. The Web Page will remain the same, <http://fhs63-66.org/> with information also on events and photos. We will have connection links between the two technology systems.

Notices to follow!

**“CATCH US
ON THE WEB
AND
FACEBOOK”**



2015 is 50th Reunion for 1965!

Frankfurt American High School Class of 1965 - after celebrating 50th graduation anniversaries with the classes of 1963 and 1964 it is now **our** turn. The plan is to gather in Washington D.C. or nearby and to celebrate our time at FAHS. The '63 and '64 reunions have set a high bar and we are already working to continue the tradition of looking back at the old memories and looking forward to the good times ahead. Leanne Corbin, our reunion coordinator is looking at venues and availability. We are going to consider May and June in light of the expressed concerns for heat in D.C. as spring transitions into summer. We will publish the pertinent information as soon as we have the arrangements in place. With the great public transportation in the D.C. area we have flexibility and will be able to reach the full breadth of entertainment and enlightenment easily. At this point we are looking at a group event for Friday night and a dinner dance Saturday evening.

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In addition to celebrating the Class of '65 50th, we will recognize the fact that we have been gathering as Eagles since 1985 – yes for 30 years. Events we are looking into are Capitol and White House tours, visits to veteran's memorials, including the Viet Nam Memorial and a river cruise. We expect to open the hospitality suite on Thursday and have it open until mid-day on Sunday so get your stories ready and feel free to bring any memorabilia you want to share. Barbara Motson Leiser, Tony May, Jean Marie Hanson, Bill Bowling and John 'Speedy' Lopez have offered to help with local details so we are in good hands.

Now for your part: start contacting everyone you want to be at the reunion! Nothing encourages people to participate like a personal contact. The roster with our most up to date information is available on our website. Check the information, yours and anyone else you can confirm and make sure that we have the right information. We will send out save the date notices and invitations as soon as we have the venues set. We will also confirm any tours or group visits to memorials or the like. Everything will be organized to ensure a great reunion – it is up to all of us to ensure the best turnout possible.



Thank you, Ken Lapin, '64, for the Banner for our Alumni Association and Harlan Durgin, '64 for your many reunion sails on San Diego Bay.



MUSEUM OF MEMORIES! BECAUSE WE AREN'T OLD ENOUGH TO BE ANTIQUES!



BUSINESS MEETING SATURDAY MORNING WAS WELL ATTENDED.

Bill & Sally Childers, '64



**Peggy Hendrickson
McGough
& spouse
Walt, '64**

Art & Darlene Fadden, '64



**MORE SAN DIEGO
REUNION PHOTOS
ARE ON THE
FRANKFURT
AMERICAN HIGH
SCHOOL WEB
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**SUNSET
BEHIND
THE U. S.
MIDWAY**



Harlan & Diana Durgin, '64