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President's Message

Another reunion is now in the books. We had a fairly light turnout, but a really good time.

On Thursday, May 18, we had a mixed bag of things going on. We first boarded a bus and were taken out to Amish country. Bob Begg served as tour guide, and we saw all the carriages, horse-drawn plows, and so on, and had lunch. Some shopping was done, and we were off and running. We went to a place I'd never even heard of, the Jimmy Stewart Museum. It was fascinating to learn so much about such a great actor and WWII veteran.

Next, we went to a place called Disobedient Spirits, a distillery run by, you guessed it, Bob Begg and friends. Here, we tasted bourbon and rye and of course, the initial distilled beverage, vodka. Bob explained what they'd had to go

through to get licensed and so on and then he



"Chancellor" Frederick von Schloss

explained how booze is really made, at least legally.

Friday, May 19, we had a German dinner at Max's Allegheny Tavern. There was a musical duo that played and sang for us, and the food was good. The strange thing that I saw was Spaten Bier served in "mason" jars with handles on them to form mugs. I've used lots of Bier mugs but I've never used one of those.

On Saturday, the 20th

came the Dinner Dance. I'll be really quick with this one: it was one of the absolute best. Everyone loved the DJ, as he was very high energy and knew just what we wanted to hear. The high point of the evening, though, was when Earnie Flowers and Hal Corbin got together and sang "You'll Never Walk Alone" to Janet Heidorn. It was beautiful, and I doubt that there was a dry eye in the house. Unreal. The dinner buffet was also excellent.

Of course, on Sunday, people unfortunately began to leave. This is always a sad time for me.

That evening, Jan Heidorn, Barb Motson Leiser, Donna and Richard Kidwell, and I all went to a really wonderful restaurant called "Eleven" for dinner. It had been highly recommended to

President's Message (con't)



Fred in Pittsburgh

me by a friend in Las Vegas, Nick Palmeri, whose family owns a fine dining Italian restaurant here in Henderson, NV. Thank you, Nick.

Last note: I deliberately saved this for last. Next year's reunion will take place in Scottsdale. The dates we're trying for will be

the week-end after father's day, but they have not been confirmed. This decision was unanimous and made in accordance with the bylaws. Thanks to the board membership for doing what it takes to make this a great organization. I really am happy, and privileged to serve as your "Chancellor",

whichever you prefer).

Thanks to Leanne for all her hard work, and also to Janet, you're a treasure forever. And, of course, to Bob Begg and Dick Bartelt. If I missed anyone, that's on me and no one else.

See you all in Scottsdale. Fred Schloss



Respectfully submitted,
Janet Surkin Heidorn '65
Treasurer

Treasurer's Report

Amount on hand 9/20/2016	\$14,327.63
Amount on hand 7/20/2017	\$ 9,077.02

This included approximately \$3500 in Reunion Aide. The decrease in funds is due to the low turnout experienced in Pittsburgh. As attendance decreases, the cost per person increases. This is the reason we like to keep a good balance in the treasury.

FAHS — GRC

The Mighty Pen Project, a creative writing course at the VA War Memorial in Richmond, Virginia is open to veterans or those with a connection to vets. Sue Milstead Murphy wrote this article for her writing class.

How many of you can write a story about their ancestors and relate it to FAHS?

Glen R.Cochran (GRC)

I have an Uncle MIA.

Since April I've read through old letters, thought of family oral history and perused government documents. I called a cousin and her mother, my aunt by marriage, in Oregon and learned of events in my family that I knew nothing about.

Glenn R. Cochran was a farm boy from central Illinois.

He and two brothers joined the military after Pearl Harbor. All but one of my Mom's big family of ten kids and their spouses has passed away.

Glenn was stationed in Oxnard, CA to learn to fly B 17s, the "Flying Fortress". He served at Gowen Field Army Air Corp Base in Boise, Idaho, flew out of England on missions over Germany. I left Illinois as a small child, attended Oxnard High, lived in Boise, England and twice in Germany. Our paths crossed many times but years apart. I wish I'd asked my Mom more about her family, her life, my grandparents, her Missing in Action brother.

Most of us have known each other for over half a century. The reunions are still producing first timers, last year; the class of 1966 had 15. This year John Parrish'65 came for the first time. The Pittsburgh group was relatively small, making it easier to visit with classmates and spouses.

Saturday night's dinner is the only time many of us dance all year and do we dance. These annual gatherings of Eagles produce lots of hugs, laughter and much flipping of old year-book pages to confirm who we really were. Through the more than 32 FAHS reunions we've learned of births of a few children and many grandchildren. Marriages of alumni have occurred: Shirley Clark '64, our newsletter editor, married Jim Chalsma '64 at our '07 Texas reunion.

There have been too many deaths, horrendous diseases, fatal accidents but through it all we've become family, two or more individuals who share goals and values. A goal of FAHSAA is to meet once a year. This diverse group shares a value of inclusion, for one

and all.

It was only ten years ago I received documents stating crew members of accompanying planes saw 2nd Lieutenant Glenn R. Cochran's B-24, the Liberator, sustain damage. As it lost altitude parachutes were seen going into the North Sea near Vegesack, Germany December 20th, 1943.

My Uncle was 22 years old. On January 9th, 1944 Captain Roy Martin wrote my grandmother, Mrs. Mollie Cochran:"Glenn was considered by Officers and Enlisted men alike to be one of the best... always eager to do the best work and as navigator he was tops". In Glenn's letters he referred to a few special girls as "Swell". I think my Uncle Glenn must have been real swell.

Hope you take the time to contact family and friends from far and wide and let them know you care - whether they be blood relatives or friends who have become family. Hope to see you next year.

Susan Milstead Murphy, '66

Amish Country Smicksburg



Kimberly Thurman & Danny O'Connor scoping out the sweets.

Bus loaded and ready to go to Amish Country



Did you know that the Amish only have a one piece curtain? It appears usually on one side of the window. It is thrifty, and identifies their homes as Amish.

The sidewalk is full of Eagles looking for a good deal.



Dick and Diane Bartelt also checking out the sweet stuff.



We saw many Amish homes, and several Amish buggies going along the road. Most were driven by youngsters with their even younger siblings along. I also saw a large shed filled to the doors with wringer washing machines.

Indiana County, PA

In 1908, James Maitland Stewart was born in his parent's house on Philadelphia Street in Indiana, PA. A museum was opened in 1995 to honor the life of Jimmy Stewart.

Look at the Eagles coming out of the Museum after a tour to see the memorabilia from Jimmy Stewart's life.

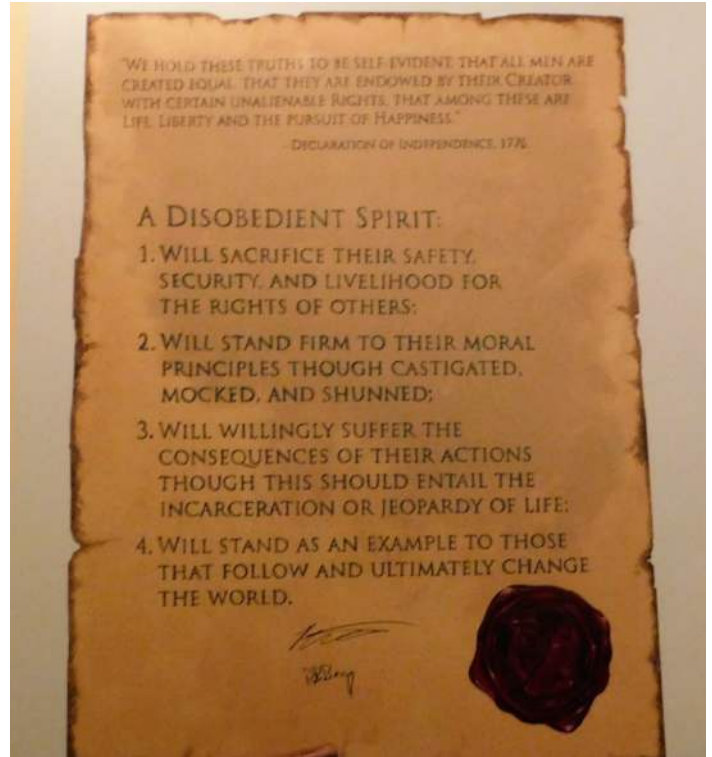


A short drive later, we left the bus in Homer City, PA to tour Disobedient Spirits, an artisan distillery

Co-owner and FAHS Eagle, Bob Begg gave a private tour.



Disobedient Spirits



Mahatma Gandhi, Ben Franklin, Martin Luther King, Susan B. Anthony, Nelson Mandela and Thomas Jefferson grace the wall of Disobedient Spirits as representative spirits.



And most of us were still standing when we walked out. There were a couple of exceptions!

Max's Allegheny Tavern



Musicians playing for our dining pleasure. Great ambiance. These musicians were entertaining and fun. Dancing was encouraged.

Ken Lapin, Janet Surkin Heidorn, Judy Kellond Bader, Fred Schloss and Barbara Motson Leiser dining in the basement of Max's Allegheny Tavern.



Danny O'Connor, Earnie Flowers, Gerry O'Connor, Charlene Gatewood, Walter Benesch, Hal Corbin also enjoyed good food, and good entertainment.



Business Meeting



Seated L to R: Cheri Boyd Cassell, Judy Kellond Bader, Nancy Chalsma Brashears, Tony Jesurun, Barbara Motson Leiser, Mike O'Connor, Patricia Krol Boorum, Gary Word, Eleanor Flores Demasco,

Standing L to R: Charlene Gatewood, John Parrish, Carol Danko, Hal Corbin

Seated L to R: John Fullencamp,, Gwyn Clark Robson, Jonathan Cable, Cheri Boyd Cassell, Gary Word, Eleanor Flores Demasco, Jim Chalsma, Ken Lapin, Fred Schloss. Standing L to R: Hal Corbin, Shirley Clark



Saturday Sightseeing



Bob Weisenbaker , Susan Milstead Murphy, Tony Jesurun, Mike O'Connor, Kathy Bates Johnson, Bob Begg

Carol Danko, John Sandidge, Cheri Boyd Cassell, Tony Jesurun, Nancy Chalsma Brashears, Mike O'Connor



ON THE MONOGAHELA INCLINE: Gary Word, Patricia Krol Boorum, Johnathon Cable, Judy Kellond Bader, Janet Surkin Heidorn

Saturday Dining and Dancing

CLASS OF 1964



Earnie Flowers, Mike Buskirk, Fred Schloss, Shirley Clark, John Fullencamp, (Bob Begg), Bob Wisenbaker, Ken Lapin, Jim Chalsma, Gwyn Clark Robson, Klaus Luman

CLASS OF 1965

Standing L to R: Denwood Parrish, Janet Surkin Heidorn, Dick Bartelt, Barbara Motson Leiser, Helga Allen Robbins, Tony May, Donna Crosby Kidwell, Bob Begg, Gary Graham, Hal Corbin, Terry Skelton



Seated L to R: Nancy Chalsma Brashears, Cheri Boyd Cassell, Gary Sams

CLASS OF 1966

Standing L to R: Gary Word, Patricia Krol Boorum, Danny O'Connor, Carol Danko, Jonathan Cable, John Sandidage, Kathy Bates Johnson, John Baylin, Judy Kellond Bader, Tony Jesurun, Paul Bailey.



Seated L to R: Charlene Gatewood, Eleanor Flores Demasco, Willie Phillips, Susan Milstead Murphy.



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NONSENSE OF THE
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EAGLES
1963—1966!

Helga Allen Robbins, Nancy
Chalsma Brashears, Jim
Chalsma, John Fullencamp,
Charlene Gatewood, Earnie
Flowers.



Standing L to R:
Cheri Boyd Cassell,
Jim Chalsma, John
Fullencamp, Nancy
Chalsma Brashears

Seated L to R: Paul
Bailey, Gary
Graham, Donna
Crosby Kidwell and
Richard Kidwell

Saturday Dining and Dancing



Standing: Joe Gatti, Susan Gatti, Bob Wisenbaker, Rebecca Black, Tony Jesurun.

Seated: Bob Begg, Kathy Bates Johnson, Sue Milstead Murphy, Mike O'Connor

Standing: Klaus Luman, Ken Lapin, Gary Sams, Melanie Goldberg.

Seated: Gwyn Clark Robson, Janis Petti, Mike Buskirk, John Parrish, Denwood Parrish



Standing: Joe Demasco, Eleanor Flores Demasco, Francis May

Seated: Tony May, Danny O'Connor, Gerry O'Connor, John Sandidage, Carol Danko



Standing: Leanne Corbin, Lynne Phillips, Willie Phillips,

Seated: Hal Corbin, Dick Bartelt, Diane Bartelt, Jonathan Cable



DANCING THE NIGHT AWAY TO A VERY GOOD DJ.

Pittsburgh Memories



Bob Begg in his formal wear, his kilt.



Barbara Motson Leiser with Manny Sanguillen, a retired Pittsburgh Pirate catcher who has been her idol for years!

Hotel: Embassy Suites by Hilton Scottsdale Resort

Rate: \$105 – 2 room suites that include Complimentary cooked-to-order breakfast and evening social

**Booking Link: <http://group.embassysuites.com/FrankfurtAmericanHighSchoolClasses>
Dates: June 21 – 24 (rate avail June 17 – June 27)**



SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA