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A Class of '76 Newsletter

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WILDCAT REUNION 2010

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Sam's Town

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Photos from last year's Wildcat reunion. A cake saying Go Wildcats Go, Richard Bryan class of 1955 with Patty Haack, class of 1956 and Randy Lopez and Mark Fenstermaker.

Note From The Editor:

Hello,

I am going to try running ads from classmates if they are interested. Display ads have to be e-mailed to me, ready for publication and classifieds can just be sent to me.

Dennis



FACEBOOK



The top photo is of Debbie Swinehart-Turnidge. The second photo is of James Garlock. The third photo is Peri Downs McCulloch and the fourth is Ramona (Mann) Flanagan. Each issue I will try to add more Facebook friends. If you know of someone from the Class of '76 on Facebook, let me know.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The mission of the **LAS VEGAS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION** is to support Las Vegas High School by providing a connective link between all LVHS alumni. We will provide benevolent, charitable and educational undertakings for LVHS and its alumni, and serve as a resource to help alumni maintain contact with each other by providing opportunities for involvement in reunions and other activities. Our goals are to perpetuate friendships, scholastic and business opportunities for alumni, to raise funds to administer scholarship and charitable programs, to promote the historical significance of LVHS and to preserve LVHS historical documents and articles for future generations.

Name _____
First Last or Maiden Name Married Name

Spouse (if LVHS alumni) _____
First Last or Maiden Name Married Name

Address _____
Street City State Zip

E-Mail _____ Telephone _____

Class of _____	<u>Membership Level Desired</u>	
	_____ Individual	\$ 25 annually
Contact for your class:	_____ Couple (both LVHS alumni)	\$ 40 annually
Yes _____ No _____	_____ Individual Lifetime	\$ 300
	_____ Couple (both LVHS alumni)	\$ 500

If a school administrator or staff,
years worked: From _____ to _____ as _____
Occupation / Position

Would you like to be an LVHSAA officer, board member, trustee or volunteer? Yes ____ No ____

What would you be willing to help with? (Memorabilia membership, history, etc.)

Signature Date

Please make checks payable to: Las Vegas High School Alumni Association

Mail to: Patty Haack, Secretary/Treasurer
Las Vegas High School Alumni Association
1854 Taylorville Street
Las Vegas, NV 89135



RAMBLINGS FROM THE EDITOR

WILDCAT REUNION

Howdy,

It's that time of year. The annual Wildcat Reunion. I am curious to see how classmates will make it this year. If you are going, let me know. I think Lydia Duarte is helping out with the reunion this year.

The Class of 1975 is having their reunion this year and hope to see many of them there.

Had a great surprise a couple days ago. Judy (Freeman) Newmarker and James Garlock stopped by my office to say hi. Jimmy was visiting from Las Vegas with his daughter and they were headed to breakfast. I had a doctor's appointment or I would have loved to sit and chit chat with them. We did talk for a while and it was cool seeing them.

I added a few more people to the Facebook page list. I have 16 or 17 altogether. If you haven't seen yourself or a fellow classmate on the page, tell them to add me.

I am not a member of Classmates but I received an e-mail that he joined Classmates. I sent a message hoping to get him on the e-mail list or Facebook.

Got a note from Charisse V. Ciambrone-Stewart:

Glad to hear things are well

My girls are well, Shea is in her 3rd year of school and Quin just graduated from Catholic School and was accepted in to the International Baccalaureate program @VHS no BISHOP GORMAN for that kid!!!!!!

Trying to finish my thesis-- and still teaching with the College of Southern NV

Love your ideas for our 35th

The 35th is coming up next year so I hope everyone is on board for a reunion. I haven't made one yet and would love to see everyone. It's been too long.

Deb Respass sent me an ad for a product. It's on the next page. If you want to send me an ad for your business or a product to run in the newsletter, please do. I may try to do another newsletter before the reunion if I hear that others are attending. It is a great affair and the committee does a great job. I will try to post photos of our classmates who attend.

Dennis



LVHS ALUMNI MAKE NATIONAL NEWS



Two Las Vegas High School sports stars have been showcased in the national press recently. Herculez Gomez, a player for the US National Soccer team, played in the in the World Cup for the USA. Bryce Harper was drafted Number One Overall by the Washington Nationals in 2010 MLB Draft

ATTENTION ALL ALUMNI YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

A Ceremony designating the old Las Vegas High School as an Historical Site AND The naming and Dedication of the old Las Vegas High School Library to be named THE ADA K. CARPENTER LIBRARY Both Ceremonies to be held Sept 10, 2010 at 11:00 AM the Historical naming on the front steps the Library in the library to be dedicated by Judge Lloyd D. George (graduate of LVHS) All of the Carpenter children, Lu, Ann, and Kurtz will be in attendance Again....all are invited to attend.

Please let any members of the Class of 1976 know about the newsletter. I don't have a lot of our classmate's e-mail. If you can forward the newsletter to them and then they can let me know if they want to receive it. Thanks.

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Las Vegas High School All-School Reunion

By Lynn Zook

Last year, I was made an honorary alumnus of Las Vegas High School due to my work chronicling the lives of many of its graduates.

The honorary status comes with many treats none as much fun as the All-Class Reunion that the [Alumni Association](#), led by Patty Haack, organizes each September. It truly is the best party in town. Sam's Town, owned by Bill Boyd, class of 1948, is the location and Boyd puts out a delicious spread.

Violet Oppedyke Tracht, 99 and an alumnus of the Class of 1928 was there again this year. Berniece Johnson, class of 1937, was there celebrating her birthday with her family, including son, Norman who was a teacher of mine at Clark High School back in the day. There was a terrific memorial to Joe Thiriot, long-time beloved teacher at the school.

It was great seeing B. Mahlon Brown, class of 1957, there. I hadn't seen Mahlon in about two years. He came down from his home in Oregon and regaled his table the entire evening. John "Buzzy" Ullom, Donna and Gail Andress, Mary Carmichael Cashman and Senator Richard Bryan were all there.

Rollie Gibbs was the master of the ceremonies. The current Wildcat Band made a rousing entrance and led the audience in the fight song as well as the alma mater. Cork Proctor, class of 1954, had the crowd laughing and howling.

By the time the evening was wrapping up, everyone was talking about next year's party. Bottom line, we can't wait!

FOR ALL THE KIDS WHO WERE BORN BEFORE THE 80's 1930's 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's !!!

Contributed by Tobey (Katz) Bergen
(Previously printed in Volume 1, Issue 7)

First, we survived being born to mothers who smoked and/or drank while they
carried us.

They took aspirin, ate blue cheese dressing, tuna from a can, and didn't get tested for diabetes.

Then after that trauma, our baby cribs were covered with bright colored
lead-based paints.

We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors or cabinets and when we
rode our bikes, we had no helmets, not to mention, the risks we took
hitchhiking.

As children, we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags.

Riding in the back of a pick up on a warm day was always a special treat.

We drank water from the garden hose and NOT from a bottle.

We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one bottle and NO ONE
actually died from this

We ate cupcakes, white bread and real butter and drank soda pop with sugar in it, but
we weren't overweight because

WE WERE ALWAYS OUTSIDE PLAYING!!!

We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back
when the streetlights came on.

No one was able to reach us all day. And we were O.K.

We would spend hours building our go-carts out of scraps and then ride down
the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. After running into the
bushes a few times, we learned to solve the problem.

We did not have Play stations, Nintendo's, X-boxes, no video games at all, no
99 channels on cable, no video tape movies, no surround sound, no cell
phones, no personal computers, no Internet or Internet chat
rooms.....WE HAD FRIENDS and we went outside and found them!

We fell out of trees, got cut, broke bones and teeth and there were no
lawsuits from these accidents.

We ate worms and mud pies made from dirt, and the worms did not live in us forever.

We were given BB guns for our 10th birthdays,
made up games with sticks and tennis balls and although we were told it would happen, we did not put out
very many eyes.

Little League had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't
had to learn to deal with disappointment. Imagine that!!

The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke the law was unheard of. They
actually sided with the law!

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FOR ALL THE KIDS WHO WERE BORN BEFORE THE 80's

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This generation has produced some of the best risk-takers, problem solvers
and inventors ever!

The past 50 years have been an explosion of innovation and new ideas.

We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned

HOW TO

DEAL WITH IT ALL!

And YOU are one of them!

CONGRATULATIONS!

You might want to share this with others who have had the luck to grow up as
kids, before the lawyers and the government regulated our lives for our own good.
and while you are at it, forward it to your kids so they will know how brave their parents were.

Kind of makes you want to run through the house with scissors, doesn't it?!



Photo from Class of 1976 Reunion

HAVING FUN AT THE HARD ROCK CAFE

I had a couple of pages to fill so I thought I'd share these photos again. Can't believe 30th was almost 5 years ago. Time sure flies.



LVHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWS AND NEWS FROM OTHER CLASSES

A Friends Get Together - Classes of 74' - 77' with Las Vegas High School

A get together was planned for July 24 for those members of the Classes of 1974, 75, 76 and 77. The event was scheduled from 8:30 pm to 1:30 am at JC Wooloughan at the JW Marriott located at 221 South Rampart Boulevard. Melodee McInnis was head of the event. Information was located at Classmates.com.

Hi Everyone,

We hope all of you are planning to attend the Wildcat Reunion on September 11th!

We need your help with a couple of things:

(1) I know some of you have websites for your class. It would be appreciated if you would put information about the Wildcat Reunion on your websites

(2) We need some volunteers to help with selling raffle tickets, seating people, etc. It would be appreciated if you could ask some of your classmates to help us out. Please send me the names of any volunteers.

Your help is greatly appreciated!! See you in September.

Patty

Alumni Stories Wanted

Hi all,

We are looking for good, upbeat alumni stories to post on the website. It can be about anything or anyone as long as it has to do with the subject of the story and Las Vegas high school. We have a couple but would love to add many more to fill the site with memories. Check it out www.lvhsaa.com and if you want to share email either myself or Patty and we will accommodate you. We would also like bios on any notable alumni either living or deceased.

cheers,

Dave Williams
class of 1972

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ON FACEBOOK

If you would like to get in touch with former alumni we now have an alumni association. There is a Facebook group devoted to Las Vegas High School alumnus well as a webpage www.lvhsaa.com which has pages of history, deceased alumni, notables etc. There is also information on reunions as well as the all alumni Wildcat reunion. The Facebook pages are great and everyone who has signed up has had good luck in finding not only lost high school friends but friends from all walks of life. For information on the alumni association, how to join, to get involved please see the website. Give it a look you'll be glad you did.

WILDCAT REUNION 2010 - FOR ALL ALUMNI AND TEACHERS OF LAS VEGAS HIGH SCHOOL

In honor of the undefeated LVHS Football Team of 1944 and all LVHS football players!

When: Saturday, September 11, 2010
Doors open at 5 p.m. - Buffet Dinner from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Where: Sam's Town Hotel - in the Sam's Town Live Banquet Room