



The 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion is now in the history books for the WHS class of 1960. I did not attend so I can only report second hand. You can go to our website: [www.whs60.org](http://www.whs60.org) to view the reunion pictures that several took. In editing with names, some of the pictures have lost a little clarity. The names are important tho, because our faces have changed a bit in 60 years. Our website has pictures from several of the past reunions –so be sure to check those out, also. Elizabeth Bentley does a great job of keeping everything current. Again, thanks to Pat Payne who pays for the site. Their dedication is a great service to our class!

The attendance for the 60<sup>th</sup> reunion totaled 42 Tuesday night and 43 Wednesday night during this most unusual year of 2020. Linda McKee took everyone's temperature, folks entered with masks, but with eating/drinking/visiting, the masks slowly came off and folks enjoyed themselves. I understand on Wednesday night many "let their hair down" to the music and singing by Ralph Sparks as the dance floor was active. The pictures show the young at heart "cutting a rug".

Robert (Little Red) Wilson was chairman and Ken Baker, treasurer. Ken and Scoot did not get to attend as they would have had to go into quarantine for two weeks afterwards because of the rules set by the place they now call home. Linda Phelps McKee and Gayla Miller Webb were in charge of decorations for the tables. Linda had an extra bit of work as Gayla was unable to make the reunion. Tim Lasseter was in charge of golf in which there were 9 players. (Have you ever heard of a golfer who does not like to play?) Karon Shinault Jackson was in charge of telephoning and contacting folks...and once again, I am told she did a remarkable job. I believe Robert Wilson and Janie McPhail helped locate the missing. Howard Dudgeon again had the duty of updating the deceased books. David Dibb, our new directory keeper, came through like a pro with directories (financed by Linda McKee and Gayla Webb) for all who attended. Malissa Baugh did another fantastic job with the beautiful tiger name tags. I believe this is her fourth time to do the name tags.

Yes, it always takes a village. Thanks to all who worked hard and to all who attended. I understand some graduates in attendance want a 65<sup>th</sup> reunion. I know there were many who wanted to attend this year but the presence of a Pandemic in our nation caused them to remain at home. If and whenever we have another reunion, let's hope the Pandemic is no longer with us but the rest of us will still be alive to MAKE HISTORY WITH THE CLASS OF '60. We are the best- No brag, just fact!

The following page is dedicated to all our dearly beloved graduates who have departed too soon and are greatly missed. Oh, the memories we had back in 1957-1960 when we were in high school! There were so many miles to travel for each of us. With a reunion, though, we get to re-live some of those memories with classmates who are still lucky enough to be walking around on planet earth.

To steal from Carol Burnett and what seems to fit most appropriately with our group: "I'm so glad we had this time together, to have a laugh or sing a song. Seems we just get started and before you know it, comes the time we have to say, "So long".

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=onGYYGE1vOw>

Stay healthy and make some memories.

[www.whs60.org](http://www.whs60.org)

## In Dedication

### Waco High School Class of 1960 Memorials

Martha Kay Albright 09/26/20  
Simon Almanza 04/02/15  
Vic Anderson 10/15/14  
Noah L. Appleton 11/09/17  
Patsy Diane Balch 08/22/95  
Sharon Barbee 03/20/14  
Woody Beshear 02/13/15  
Eugene Lewis Best III 11/10/11  
Dianne Bettinger 07/31/15  
Janice Boehme 05/14/94  
Jim Boos 03/02/05  
Don Bradburry 11/25/97  
Benny Bradshaw 08/04/70  
Donna Kay Braswell 05/31/94  
Stephen T. Brown 06/07/18  
Tommy W. Bryant 08/23/12  
Elizabeth Kay (Betty) Buckler 12/22/17  
Joyce Busby 03/16/07  
Diann Cameron 03/10/12  
Eugene (Gene) Carson 11/21/18  
Robert Lynn Cates 06/06/95  
Bobby O. Cathey 04/18/16  
John Thomas Chambliss 04/12/19  
Buddy Chesser 12/28/13  
Claudia Clark 07/12/75  
Sandra Cochran 02/10/06  
Paul David Constantine 04/23/17  
Alta Cooley 11/06/14  
Martha Gaelyn Corbin 02/04/98  
Joe Pleasant Crenshaw 06/09/14  
Joan Curton 08/23/03  
Mary Ann Dyer 01/04/16  
Jenny Lynn Easter 10/07/19  
Charles Eddleman 04/19  
William Eggebrecht 07/05/80  
Jack Ewing 06/30/20  
Amy Eyssen 01/18/17  
Joel Ezar 06/26/09  
Gene Farr 02/04/17  
Frances Sue Fearn 01/17/05  
Ronald Fisk 09/12/08  
Bobby Joe Fitzpatrick 03/30/17  
Virginia Lee Fletcher 02/29/20  
Joe Fulwiler 09/12/14  
Judy Fulwiler 1970  
Mignon Furqueron 10/29/03  
Edd Wayne Gibson 02/18/90  
Kathryn Janell Gooch 03/03/10

Ann Goodman 10/07/09  
Ralph Eugene Gray 06/16/03  
Dixie Gwin 10/15/15  
Benny Haddock 04/30/92  
David Haferkamp 02/14/20  
Barbara Beth Hammond 07/07/10  
Boyd E. Hampton 02/17/17  
M. Luann Hanna 11/03/19  
Linda Jeanette Hardwick 04/05/62  
Bill Harman 04/30/83  
Robert Carleton Harrell 06/27/17  
Douglas Harris 05/19/17 up  
Billy Hays 02/05  
Eloise Heaberlin 04/10/12  
Jan Louise Herring 04/09/06  
Robert D. Hill 06/26/16  
Scott Home 01/12/19  
Barbara Jean Howard 01/20/08  
Linda Jean Jarrett 11/26/09  
Hariadene Johnson 01/11/06  
Barbara Marie Jones 11/21/12  
Barbara Ann Kaatz 09/13/11  
Ronnie Keeler 02/08/14  
Virginia Sue King 08/25/93  
Karen Kirkland 09/08/11  
Leverett Lesley Lawrence 12/12/67  
Dwayne Lee 06/06/16  
Donna Sue Linder 1997  
Herman Ray Londenberg 12/16/09  
Bobby McCauley 10/19/10  
Wyndell Royce McDaniels 08/25/09  
Patric McMillan 07/12/07  
Jerry Lee McRay 07/07/16  
Charles McWhorter 11/26/14  
Roy Marlow 09/66  
Edwin Jack Martin Jr. 07/07/18  
Jan Massey 10/11/14  
Leroy Mitchell 2004  
Marsha Mixson 07/31/15  
Mary Moreno 02/18/97  
James Moudry 11/02/84  
Allan Lloyd Myers 05/27/20  
Ann Nagle 07/19/17  
Frank Neel 04/29/19  
Johany Norris 12/29/12  
Lanelle Northern 09/08/10  
Dennis Harold O'Brien 03/19/93  
Joseph Dennis O'Neill 11/20/19

Robert Marcus Otterstad 12/20/19  
Betty L. Overman 10/10/05  
Stanley Don Parsons 10/04/05  
Linda Peacock 05/23/19  
Linda Pearce 01/24/10  
Johnny Edward Pearson 11/19/09  
David Peeples 01/04/20  
Roy Phillips 01/06/19  
George Porter 04/20/09  
James T. Rankin 03/19/81  
Joe Ratcliff 09/01/16  
Doyle Richards 05/06/93  
James Robert Rierson 05/11/15  
Mary Rodriguez 04/16/15  
Carol Rowe 2001  
L. O. Rutherford 11/14/68  
Frank Sanchez 12/24/10  
Jerry Dale Sartor 12/10/10  
Wanda Jo Sawyer 11/20/13  
Mary Ann Scott 06/02/96  
Carey Ann Smith 08/13/16  
John Snider 09/13/05  
Johnney Snow 04/02/71  
Erik Spencer 06/12/19  
Patsy Stephens 10/04/15  
Margaret Street 08/08/10  
Bob Summers 06/75  
Rayburn Lynn Taylor 05/25/17  
Dixie Terry 2005  
Doris Virginia Thrasher 04/03/18  
Paulette Todar 09/03/03  
Donna Todd 01/17/66  
Lloyd Todd Jr. 04/11/84  
Les Tooker 09/20/90  
Richard Neill Tooker 03/24/20  
Milton Tucker 06/22/92  
Betty Jo Vaughan 11/01/19  
Gary M. Vaughan 06/10/03  
Hilda Vela 01/06/10  
Billy Walsleben 06/07/18  
Margaret Bostick Ward 09/24/10  
Phil Weaver 10/07/14  
Robert Welch 11/26/94  
Inez Whittington 07/10/05  
Robert Willingham 02/03/12  
Robert J. Wilson 06/26/10  
Sharon Ann Wynne 03/24/07  
Wallace Barton Zachary 10/01/18

As you all know, **David Rosen**, our graduate, has been an RN in Waco for 30 years. He has made an excellent reputation for himself during that time! Back in April I ran a piece that David sent regarding how he had suffered with lingering back pain but had been helped by using cold laser. Another of our graduates, **Robert (Little Red) Wilson**, read this article, talked with David about it, and took some treatments. Robert wants to share his experience with us. I will also rerun David's piece for anyone who might be experiencing a long-term pain issue. We are all in this together and any way we can help one another with any information that might make life a little more tolerable, we need to share the news.

### First: from Robert Wilson:

"I have lower back pain from 4th and 5th vertebra. After six laser treatments from David Rosen my back does not hurt. I play golf 3 or 4 times a week. I also have arthritis in my right wrist and right thumb. My wrist no longer hurts. My thumb is better but still needs help. My Medical pain Dr. said even if it did not help me, the treatment would not hurt me. I am glad David reached out to me. I think David can help most of our class.

Give him a call."

Robert Wilson

### Rerun of David Rosen's message of April 2020:

#### **!!!! Most important message from David Rosen:**

"After reading issues of the Town Crier over the years, I have seen that many of our fellow classmates suffer from common pain issues. My motorcycle accident while at WHS caused me years and years of unbearable back pain, which began about ten years after we graduated. Finally, I got relief after being treated about six or seven years ago with an ml830 cold laser...and have been almost back pain free for the past six years (face it...at our age we are never pain free, everywhere). I was so impressed with the cold laser that I opened a small, appointment only pain clinic here in Waco about a year ago. Since I am still a full time 30 year-RN (my second career), I treat pain patients by appointment only. If you have time to include this message for fellow students, have them look at my web site and read about the cold laser. I'll be happy to visit (about pain) with any 1960 graduate (including spouses) and give a couple of free treatments to see if the laser will help their pain. With the laser, there is no heat, no shots, no surgery, and no invasive procedures."

Thanks,

David Rosen

Web: [www.paintreatmentwaco.com](http://www.paintreatmentwaco.com)

email: [daroe42@yahoo.com](mailto:daroe42@yahoo.com)

## FROM OUR GRADUATES:

**Clara Sue Griffis Arnsdorff:** I loved reading about Linda (Phelps McKee)'s many ventures---and seeing the beautiful pictures of her home. She has a true talent for decorating. I especially loved the National Geographic framed collection--that is a truly novel idea. I also spotted some antique or repro iron banks atop a ledge over the framed collection.

I share the charges of being a 'hoarder' as I too enjoy antiques and have an antique space which needs to be replenished frequently....gives me a chance to visit estate/garage sales, but the current problems have slowed that considerably. I understand the need we both have to 'collect'.

I enjoyed Chinky's story so much---what a wonderful life she has had.

**Linda Shelby Lyons:** Congrats to Linda McKee for her beautiful Christmas decorations. I would love to see them. I remember the bubble lights and angel hair and loved both. I have a few ornaments I saved from my childhood but rarely decorate anymore. It's just too much trouble to put stuff up then to take it down again.

**Carolyn Wolf Lloyd:** I loved reading about Linda Phelps McKee. She has had a wonderful and interesting life. Her home is absolutely beautiful. I am quite envious of all the Christmas trees. I used to decorate my one tree with lots of ornaments from places we had been, but it got to be such a hassle to take them all down and store them away that I hardly put up any decorations at all now. I guess I am just getting very lazy.

**Bev Wells:** " I have received numerous scam emails from "Amazon" look-alike sites in the past and I've even called Amazon to report about the bogus emails and they said they knew about it but they don't go anything about it. They have the money but won't investigate the culprits. So, needless to say, I don't use Amazon. I have boycotted them and advise others to do the same. Buy local and if you have a local issue, you are nearby to deal with it. Never, never, never give out your credit card or back account numbers even if it looks legit...call them first and you will more than likely find out it's a "scam." Then delete that message quickly."

Other recent "breaches and scams" right now are issues with:

Staples

Warner Music Group (WMG)

Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota

Activision

And, adjust your privacy settings:

Facebook

Twitter

LinkedIn

Instagram

I have a Security website (for a nominal fee) that checks on scams and breaches on a monthly basis.

Here's another breach that was just listed for October. Granted, some of these businesses I've never heard of and have no investment in but one never knows if maybe someone else does.

**Blackbaud** 6 million peoples' information was compromised with Ransomware. The info obtained was: name, email, phone number, date of birth, gender, provider names, dates of service department visited, and philanthropic giving history."



**With the Pandemic, we have been pretty much staying at home and avoiding crowds. Here are some places one can visit if any of the destinations might be near your home. These crowd-free spots have the beautiful fall colors to enjoy.**

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Ozark National Forest, AR          | 8. Lost Maples State Park, TX         |
| 2. Taos, NM                           | 9. Cheaha State Park, AL              |
| 3. Sedona, AZ                         | 10. Cape Hatteras, NC.                |
| 4. Great Sand Dunes Nat'l Park, CO    | 11. Wasatch Mountains, Utah           |
| 5. Shenandoah Nat'l Park, VA          | 12. Cumberland Falls State Resort, KY |
| 6. Pictured Rocks Nat'l Lakeshore, MI |                                       |
| 7. Tallulah Gorge State Park, GA      |                                       |

**UPDATES:**

**Do not forget to order a class directory from David Dibb. Only \$4.00 He has done a wonderful job for a very small price.**

David Dibb  
 4004 Byrnes Blvd  
 Florence, SC 29506  
 Email: [dnadibb@dibbfamily.com](mailto:dnadibb@dibbfamily.com)

Darrell Gill has reported that he is fine after having tested positive for the Covid-19. He quarantined for two weeks.

Jerry Causey: new address:  
 1706 Fairway Drive  
 Apt # 425  
 Walla Walla, WA 99362

Sondi Nelson Pace reports that Ray came home on October 21. She says: "We are SO glad he is home after 59 days in three hospitals! Feeling quite blessed! Complete recovery will take quite a while; his wound is being treated as a 3rd degree burn. We are thankful for dedicated Drs, good friends who are praying, & terrific family support. Thanks & appreciation to all!"

Sissie Blair: new phone number- 469-409-8432

**November Birthdays**

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|----|------------------------------------|
| 3  | Jim Monnig, Sissie Blair Shandalow |
| 6  | Barbara Brunett Hunt, Gary Roberts |
| 12 | Carolyn Wolf Lloyd                 |
| 18 | Bob Easter                         |
| 27 | Nena Hunt Wallace                  |

## A Neat Idea:



## Medical Corner:

Stroke has a new indicator. There is Now a Fourth Indicator, the Tongue.

**STROKE:** Remember these Letters..... **S. T. R. T.** and **START (A is for ambulance)**

During a BBQ, a woman stumbled and took a little fall - she assured everyone that she was fine (they offered to call paramedics) ...she said she had just tripped over a brick because of her new shoes.

They got her cleaned up and got her a new plate of food. While she appeared a bit shaken up, Jane went about enjoying herself the rest of the evening.

Jane's husband called later telling everyone that his wife had been taken to the hospital - (at 6:00 PM Jane passed away) She had suffered a stroke at the BBQ. Had they known how to identify the signs of a stroke, perhaps Jane would be with us today. Some don't die. They end up in a helpless, hopeless condition instead.

### It only takes a minute to read this.

A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within **3 hours** he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke...totally. He said the trick was getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed, and then getting the patient medically cared for within 3 hours, which is tough.

## RECOGNIZING A STROKE

**STRT. Read and Learn!** Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke.

Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

**S \*** Ask the individual to **SMILE.**

**T \*** Ask the person to **TALK** and SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (Coherently)

**R \*** Ask him or her to **RAISE BOTH ARMS.**

If he or she has trouble with **ANY ONE** of these tasks, call an emergency number immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

New Sign of a Stroke ----- **Stick out Your Tongue!**

Another 'sign' of a stroke is: Ask the person to 'stick' out his tongue. If the tongue is 'crooked', if it goes to one side or the other, that is also an indication of a stroke.

A cardiologist says if everyone who gets this will send to 10 people, you can bet that at least one life will be saved.

**START**



Larry Thomas



1960



current

This month features Larry Thomas whose story shows the importance other people can play upon shaping our lives. Not only can others influence us, but we can make an influence on others... hopefully, all towards the positive. As Larry stated to me, "I haven't changed the world, but have overcome some adversity". We never know who or what will be that 'some little something' that really gets our attention or forever changes our lives. We must, however, keep ourselves open to receive change and then go forward with actions that set a good example for someone else. Larry experienced and did just that. Pay it forward, friends. Now, Larry's story after high school: PS: I think the guys in our class will especially be interested in Larry's "collection of toys" pictured at the end of his story.

"Although I was mostly behind the scenes in our class, I thought I would share my story with some successes and a few failures along the way.

Mrs. Wood made me repeat 11th grade English by going to summer school so that I could graduate with the class in 1960. My home room and speech teacher, Miss Coffield, handed me a small piece of paper with only this on it:

"412/424." That class ranking would motivate me to do something worthwhile.

The U.S. Army probably helped me to mature and set priorities more than anything. I joined the 36th Division of The Texas National Guard after getting into trouble and being kicked out of Baylor after only one semester.

A life-changing experience occurred when I had an appointment at the Columbus Avenue Baptist Church's parsonage where I got on my knees as Dr. Joe Weldon Bailey led me to turn my life over to Jesus Christ. God has used some incredible servants to open doors along this journey.

In 1965 Travis Dubois talked to me one Wednesday night after church. He said that if I ever wanted to go back to school to come by his office. He was the Dean of Men at Baylor and had been instrumental in my being dismissed from Baylor. I managed to graduate from Baylor with a BBA in January of 1970. I've often jokingly used those two weeks in 1970 to tell my younger friends that I, too, was in college in the "70's".

My first after-college job was the controller for the real estate subsidiary of Texas Industries when a coworker suggested I should apply for a job in Houston at Mitchell Energy. I soon found myself an economist instead of an accountant. Mitchell Energy issued me a computer terminal that weighed 35 pounds and looked like a giant typewriter. It could be attached to a land line phone (1973) and allowed me to call Cleveland where the only mainframe computer in the country was set up to do 20 year projections and forecasting for large scale real estate projects. Nowadays, you could do something like this on your iPhone. I did all the forecasting for both lenders and the government since the project was financed by HUD. Mitchell Energy owned 17,000 acres of property purchased as timberland off IH-45 and Saw Mill Road. I was part of planning a project that is now known as The Woodlands, Texas.

Another developer in Houston wanted to hire me, but I felt his job had limited opportunity. He referred me to his friend who was a Trammell Crow partner. Crow owned land on Lake Shore Drive in Waco and hired me as project manager for several properties around the Village Green/Greenleaf area off Lake Shore Drive. Later, Crow transferred me to the Dallas office where I traveled and managed land projects in 13 states. I later became a regional operating partner managing land development projects in the San Antonio area. Through all this, I learned if you developed land and sold it, you eventually worked yourself out of a job.

Then, a friend opened another door. He was a well-respected engineer serving on the board of several financial institutions and he had been my engineer on most of my Crow projects. I was able to secure funding for three new land developing projects. My company got too big, too fast. I owned over 1,000 finished residential lots and a couple thousand acres of undeveloped land in Bexar, Comal and Travis counties when the real estate market crashed in the late 80's. This situation resulted in a divorce and eventually a bankruptcy.

Finding employment was difficult. I actually sold off much of my baseball card collection to provide for basic living expenses. I had been asked if I would consider working for Baylor. Baylor was looking for a Development Officer (different type development) for the Dallas Development office. My resume was left on the desk of the outgoing VP for Development since Baylor was restructuring under a new administration. While working in Virginia, I got a call from Dr. Richard Scott at Baylor who was moving from the Business School to the position of VP for Development. I asked him if I could come down for an interview. He said, **“No, I have known you since you were one of my students. I’m offering you a job in Dallas.”**

Thanks to all those people who God sent in my life, I started over again. This was an opportunity for a new career path. Little did I know that this would lead to another opened door. During one airline flight in August 2002 as I traveled to California to meet with Baylor donors, I happened to sit next to a recent graduate, Marie, who was traveling with her single mother. They were traveling to see Marie's brother play football for Baylor against the University of California. I had put together a dinner at a restaurant on the water in San Francisco the next day for about 40 Baylor donors who lived in Northern California. There had been a couple of cancellations, so I invited Marie and her mother, Judy, to join us. In April 2004, Judy and I got married. I retired from Baylor and then worked raising money for the Texas Baptist Missions Foundation for another ten years.

Judy and I are blessed to live in a gated community in Fairview. Both of Judy's kids graduated from Baylor as did my daughter, Paige. Paige is living in the Metroplex after having retired as a Delta Airlines pilot. Together, Judy and I have 5 grandchildren who bless us every day.

Health wise, I survived prostate cancer in 2009. Currently I am not taking any medication or vitamins. I've enjoyed snow skiing, mostly in Colorado and Utah, couple of trips to ski the Alps (Italy and Austria), lots of car shows, rallies, and auto cross. We are blessed to enjoy life one day at a time despite the pandemic and whatever happens next.”





Larry in 1958 with his Volvo that he drove his Junior year

1985 New Morgan ordered from England



Classic red Mini Cooper



**Larry's two favorite things:  
1979 Morgan and Baylor**



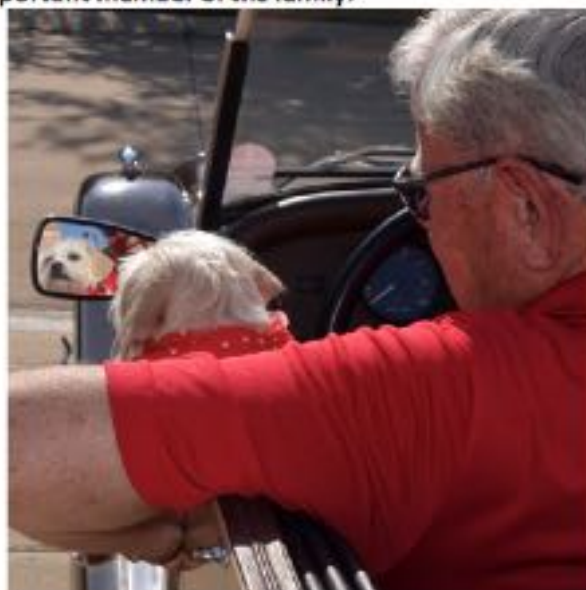
**Larry's garage art in the background  
after winning Best in Class car show**

Larry in his daughter's Ferrari-  
"Like father, like daughter"

*Acorns do not fall far from the tree.*



Larry and Gracie. Gracie is a rescue mixed breed- laso apso, poodle and something else. Obviously, Gracie is a very important member of the family.



Judy and Larry



## **PICTURES:**

**David and Anita Dibb** just returned from a visit to Blue Ridge Parkway and Smoky Mountain National Park.



They visited the famous **Mast General Store**....a very famous general store around those parts. Here is a picture of the candy barrels in the store in Waynesville, NC. We know what caught David's eye!!! That is Anita in the background....looks like the sweets caught her eye, too. Anyone remember the licorice Scottie dog candy? A bagful found its way back to Florence, SC with David and Anita.



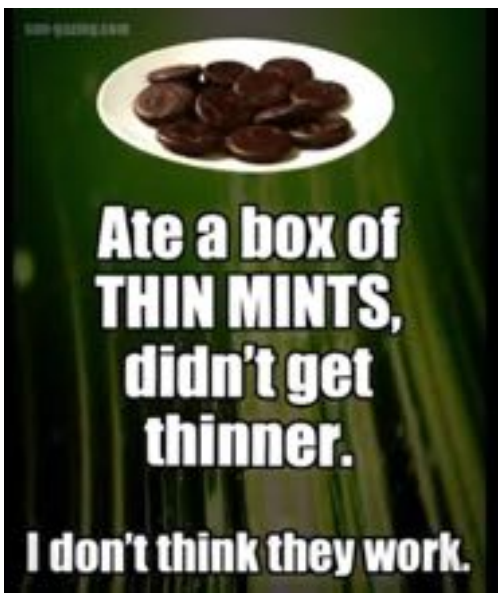
**Karon Shinault Jackson** is an artist with fabric. She does exquisite work! She has won several first place awards. This is one of her latest projects and how she describes it:

“This is my crazy quilt that almost drove me crazy! It is 30x36” but the frame is larger. *Ellie, the Elegant*

*Elephant* is named for Ellender Chase, the mother of a great friend of ours. She came to be after I found a picture of an elephant drawn in one inch squares. I had that image enlarged and began choosing silk and velvets to build the elephant using a collection of fabrics and garments assembled over many years. Some of the fabrics were from clothing I had worn and others, such as the piece for the elephant's basket, were from places I had ventured to. I thought that I could put Ellie together in about a week, but she occupied several weeks of Covid19 sheltering-in-place time. Now that she is finished she will hang on our dining room wall.”



**HUMOR:**



**YOU HAVEN'T EXPERIENCED TRUE HEARTBREAK UNTIL YOU'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT LEFTOVERS ALL DAY AND THEN COME HOME TO FIND THAT SOMEONE ATE THEM.**

**The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.**



A married man's honest confession :



"I always read my wife's horoscope to see what kind of day I am going to have..."



**Happy Thanksgiving**

**Be sure to count your blessing**