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From the editor:

We need some help. We have lost contact with **Jane Lucas**. She does not have a working email address; no phone number works, and the note I wrote to her at the address in our directory was returned as **UNKNOWN -UNABLE TO FORWARD**. If anyone happens to have any current information for Jane, please let David Dibb or me know so we can update things. We must keep in touch with as many graduates as possible! If **YOU** have any changes regarding your own contact information or know of changes for **any** graduate, please keep us informed. Thank you!

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From our graduates:

Bev Murphy Wells: “Thanks to Bob Easter for his graceful thoughts on the loss of friends, classmates and loved ones. He expressed it with such careful thought and introspective contemplation. Thanks too for the medical updates. So sorry to hear about those who are struggling with various medical challenges. All of these people are so important to us! “

Pat McGlaughn Dooley: “Praying for our blessed class. God loves us- everyone.”

Regarding the 50's/60's "Down Memory Lane" video:

Nanci Stiteler Felice: Thanks for this video of memories still so clear. I still prefer 7 Up to most soft drinks tho they're hard to find. I'm glad Bev Murphy Wells found this to pass on to all us 1960ers!

Jerry and Helen Bridges: “Thank you and Bev for brightening our day. Fond memories of a more innocent time.”

Jim Cypert (WHS'61) “I remember nearly all those things from back in the 50's! I enjoyed it.”

Tommye Ruth Blair Toler: “Thanks. Lots of memories. “

Linda Phelps McKee: “That was great. Really enjoyed a trip to the past. Thanks for sharing.”

Carolyn Wolf Lloyd: “Priceless! Thanks for sharing.”

Stan Lennard: “Enjoyed watching and listening . . . and got a little choked up. So glad I was blessed to live in those "good ol' days!"

Karon Shinault Jackson: “ What a Hoot! I had forgotten so many of those things but remembered most of them. Thanks for the trip down memory lane!”

Malissa Ruth Starnes Baugh: “Well, sad to say but I remember almost all of these "good old days"! So fun! Thanks for sending Bev and Jeanne!!! Love to all.”

David Pettus: “Great trip down memory lane!”

David McPhail: “ Thanks for sharing...brought back so many memories from the past!”

Regarding Carole Fisher Clingman:

Sharon McCarthy Odell: "Oh my. We are losing so many of our classmates. Sad we are at that age.

Bev Murphy Wells: "Sorry to hear about Carole. She was a lovely person. My sincere condolences to her loved ones and family. We are sadly losing so many."

Susan Harkness Hill: "How sad to hear of Carole's death. She was a special friend in high school, but we quickly lost touch afterwards. I remember that 2000 reunion and how great she looked."

Janene Loftis Jett: "Carole was my childhood friend. She lived in the house behind mine, so we spent many days playing. Her yard had a really nice slope to it so the neighborhood kids enjoyed many games of "king of the hill" in her front yard. We were in Blue Birds together, attended elementary school together, as well as on into high school. She was a sweet, kind, gentle person."

UPDATES:

Dave Pettus: Dave lives on the big island of Hawaii which has been experiencing fires. He reported earlier in August that so far he and Sherry were fine. The fires were 25 miles from them but the wind blew the opposite direction from their location so their home was not in peril. What a relief! However, Dave has friends who had to evacuate.

Linda Shelby Lyons: Linda had radiation treatments at MD Anderson on August 4-9. The medical staff had some difficulty regulating her pain levels so Linda spent several days in the hospital both before and after the treatments. In addition to healing from radiation, she is currently being treated for pneumonia. She is now in an assisted nursing facility until she gets stronger. Linda's daughter, Diana, has been with Linda almost constantly. Everyone wants to adopt Diana as she has been an ideal caregiver.

Janene Loftis Jett and her husband, Ernest, lost their daughter **Adrianna Michelle "Addi" Jett** on August 7, 2021. Those of you on Facebook are already aware of this but several in our class do not participate on Facebook. We extend our deepest sympathies to the Jett family.

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Pat Carpenter Turner: Pat's daughter posted on Facebook that 10 months later after Pat's 2 heart surgeries, rehab, and several rounds of kidney dialysis, she looks amazing. Judge for yourself! Look at that big, happy smile.



September Birthdays:

- 3 George Compton**
- 6 Shirley Joy Rogers Keele**
- 9 Mary Beth Cash McMahan**
- 12 Linda Shelby Lyons**
- 15 Bev Murphy Wells**
- 21 Pat Payne**
- 26 Dana Sauer Keifer, Bill Alexander**

A NEAT IDEA:

Do you have an old chair that has lost its bottom and you cannot fix it? Have you ever seen an old chair that you really like but it needs repair and you are not willing to tackle the challenge? Try this for an idea with old chairs...spruce up your porch or patio and utilize that old chair to become a real piece of interest.



MEDICAL CORNER:

To take better care of yourself, here are a few interesting facts from

THE GOOD BODY www.thegoodbody.com/health

- 1 Laughing is good for the heart and can increase blood flow by about 20%.**
- 2 Your skin works hard. Not only is it the largest organ in the body, but it regulates your temperature and defends against disease and infection.**
- 3 Always be an optimist as it helps you to live longer. Optimists often have lower blood pressure and tend to have healthier behaviors.**
- 4 Exercise gives you more energy—even when you are tired.**
- 5 Sitting and sleeping are great in moderation, but too much can increase your chances of early death.**
- 6 A lack of exercise now causes as many deaths as smoking.**
- 7 39% of adults in the world are overweight.**
- 8 The US spends almost 3 times more on healthcare than any other country in the world, yet ranks last in life expectancy among the 12 wealthiest industrialized countries.**

PICTURES:

1980 (20th reunion)

Karen Kirkland, Don Phillips



1980 (20th reunion)

George Compton, Bill Harman



My cousin, *Jim Cypert (WHS'61)* has had a hobby of woodworking ever since I can remember. His father (my uncle) was a master with this same hobby. Well, Jim has surely followed in his father's footsteps as being classified "master".

Jim has just made a reproduction of an antique English 'settle' (another name for a *fancy bench*) as a housewarming present to go in the "English Pub" (originally constructed as a game room) in his son's new home. Below is a picture of his creation. It measures 53 inches long and 63 inches high, is made from alder wood, and is frame and panel construction. Jim said he does not like to rush through projects so total calendar time spent on this was about two months. Actual work time was probably more like 4-5 hours a day (as he waited for the glue or finish to dry some of the time). This bench was made in pieces, finished in pieces and then completely assembled after the final coat of finish (3coats). I was so fortunate to sit and drink a glass of wine on this magnificent piece of furniture before it was delivered to the new abode. Wow! What a treasure of a present! What a talent!



Familiar?? :



We can all relate to the following !!!

I am a Senager. (Senior teenager):

I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 60 years later.

I don't have to go to school or work.

I get an allowance every month.

I have my own pad.

I don't have a curfew.

I have a driver's license and my own car.

The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant and I don't have acne.

Life is great.

I changed my car horn to gunshot sounds. People get out of the way much faster now.

Gone are the days when girls used to cook like their mothers. Now they drink like their fathers.

I didn't make it to the gym today. That makes five years in a row.

I decided to stop calling the bathroom the "John" and renamed it the "Jim". I feel so much better saying I went to the Jim this morning

Old age is coming at a really bad time.

When I was a child I thought "Nap Time" was a punishment. Now it feels like a small vacation.

The biggest lie I tell myself is, "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."

I don't have gray hair; I have "wisdom highlights"! I'm just very wise.

If God wanted me to touch my toes, He would've put them on my knees.

Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven't met yet.

Why do I have to press one for English when you're just going to transfer me to someone I can't understand anyway?

Of course I talk to myself. Sometimes I need expert advice.

At my age "Getting lucky" means walking into a room and remembering what I came in there for.

JOKES:

I MIGHT WAKE UP EARLY
AND GO RUNNING. I ALSO MIGHT
WAKE UP AND WIN THE LOTTERY.
THE ODDS ARE ABOUT THE SAME.

Wife and I went to the
store with our mask on,
got home took off mask,
and brought home the
wrong wife...pay
attention people!!!

