

APRIL 2022



From our graduates:

Tommye Ruth Blair Toler: "I enjoyed the March Town Crier. Robert Wilson's idea for a spring or summer birthday party is great. I've emailed him "yes". I also enjoyed the photo of him and his wife.

Dana- I loved the story about Toby! He sounds like a lot of fun and great company.

Pat Payne- I saw "don't let the old man in" on Facebook and I love it!

Gayla- I'm so glad your shoulder surgery went well.

Cathy- I hope you get healing for your ankle.

Sorry to hear about Darrell Gill's Parkinson's.

Happy Anniversary to Bill and Jeanette Markum. It's a great picture.

I like the information about Alzheimer's vs Aging. I feel a lot better now."

Clara Sue Griffis Arnsdorff "Thank you again for the newsletter--I enjoyed it as always, and wish I could attend the class celebration of the big 80. I know TX has had its share of bad weather this year--Nebraska has been spared for the most part, but still we have had frigid temps. Hopefully Spring is near."

Robert Wilson: Robert wanted to share what Clara Sue had written to him about the hamburger party. It is:

"That idea of hamburgers is priceless---wish I could come, but Nebraska is a long way from Waco. I will be thinking of all of you and hoping there's a great turnout for your party. I will be 80 on the 14th (March)--so counting down. It just doesn't seem possible that 'we' are all nearing this milestone. Best wishes from Nebraska to all my classmates."

- Clara Sue Griffis Arnsdorff

Jim Monnig: "Supposedly when the Buddha was asked about old age he said, "I am always at the beginning ".

Judith Hamff Murphy: I love hearing from all the people. Nena's hospital experience with her police granddaughter was hilarious. California is opening up again--and it's nice to get out to plays and music venues and restaurants, etc. I'm planning a three week trip to Italy in May-June, keeping my fingers crossed for success this time.

Bev Murphy Wells: It's so much fun to read the stories of classmates. Really enjoyed reading about Dana's new furry baby, Toby. He sounds like a real delight! I'm sure her cat thinks, "Where does he get all that energy!" Great news about Gayla's successful surgery too, so glad it went well. What a great idea Robert Wilson has to celebrate the 80th birthday! Hope it all works out. Also, great pictures of those celebrating milestone marriages too. My, they all look so good! The "back-in-the-day" photos are always a joy to see too. I seem to always learn something from the medical corner and I loved the Irish blessing and funnies! Still praying for those who are listed with physical challenges and future encounters with illnesses, and praying for Ukraine. Thinking of all the turmoil in the world today and being thankful for how our lives have been truly blessed through the years.

UPDATES:

Anitra Harrell Henrion: Will be having back surgery on March 30. This will limit Anitra in her activities and mobility for about 3 months. Please keep her in your thoughts.

Bob Easter: Bob reports he has had a serious sinus infection and horrible cold but is currently on the mend. It seems this has been making the rounds in Austin as Carolyn has now caught it.



1 Sharon McCarthy Odell: Sharon is Crime Watch Director for her Canyon Creek neighborhood of 2,800 homes in Richardson, Texas. She was featured in the recent quarterly issue of their magazine Canyon Creek Life.

Meet your CC HOA Board!

Name & Position: Sharon Odell, Crime Watch director

Years on Board: Two

Community Involvement: Richardson Woman's Club, First United Methodist Church Richardson, Volunteer at Network's Senior Thursday, Richardson Reads One Book

Why do you like serving on the HOA?:

As a 50-year resident of Canyon Creek, I have served on multiple community boards, but not on our HOA Board. The Crime Watch position seemed a good fit since my husband Jack and I were Block Captains for many years and the first two to qualify as Crime Watch Patrollers when the Canyon Creek program was started. I enjoy working alongside these volunteers and feel Canyon Creek's Block Captains and Patrollers are the unsung heroes of our neighborhood. They are never in the spotlight nor do they seek it, yet together they are the backbone of our community by partnering with the Richardson Police Department to ensure our neighborhood is a safer place for everyone.



2. Tommye Ruth Blair Toler: . "I love West Texas, especially Big Bend National Park and its surroundings. If you have never visited the park you are missing beautiful scenery, a blend of mountains and desert, and a wonderful part of our Texas.

One spring my daughter, Robin, and I were in Big Bend and we decided to walk the Window Trail. It was hot already in the desert but up in the Basin it was much cooler. We started down the trail and shortly we found a sign that read: "What to do if you encounter a mountain lion. Don't run, and make yourself look as large as you can." We looked at each other, each of us about 5 feet 2 inches, and we turned around!

On another trip I did walk the Window Trail and I saw deer but no mountain lions. It's a beautiful trail. When you arrive at the Window you have a great view of the desert below. "



3. Howard Dudgeon:

(a) "There was a small convenience store on 18th Street down from Sanger school where I went to grade school. It was owned by Dorothy and Gus Koppa. They had an African American man who worked for them named Audley. He had 4 thumbs.

(b) On graduation day after the graduation ceremony from West Junior 05/30/57- Ralph Klatt, Jack Martin, Pam Utley, Carole Cook?, another girl and I rode around town all the rest of the day in Ralph's Chevrolet convertible."

4. Clara Sue Griffis Arnsdorff:" Our local community theatre is doing a production of 'Grease' this month. It reminds me so much of our years at WHS---without much of the drama portrayed in the show. I do the publicity for the show, so I have been privileged to watch rehearsals and to enjoy the singing and dancing---we didn't quite have that level of 'fun' at WHS, but it is still fun to watch and enjoy the familiar music."

5. Judith Hamff Murphy: "I had a couple of interesting (maybe bizarre) interactions with teachers at WHS in my senior year, and I've wondered ever since if anyone else had similar experiences. Anyone else interested in sharing similar situations?"

I took my second semester class schedule to Miss Hamilton for her approval and when she saw I was signing up for a calculus class she said "Judith honey, you don't need calculus, you're a girl!" And that was the only time any teacher ever blatantly used sexism against me in my 12 years of public school.

1. (BTW: I did need a little calculus to get out of grad school--and a nice UCSD math major sitting next to me in the class told me that she would teach me the calculus I needed for that class if I'd go for a coffee with her for half an hour. It worked!)
2. Mrs. Dawson, my English teacher, took me aside one day and told me that she was giving me a permission slip for the "adult section" of the school library. Apparently, she thought I needed it! Of course, I immediately went to check it out. There in the back of the library was a section which students weren't allowed to use without a teacher's permission. I checked out a book--can't remember the title or what it was about--probably a novel. And I can't remember if I ever told my parents about it--probably not!"

A NEAT IDEA:



Moving is always a pain, but using plastic containers that don't stay closed adds even more frustration. **Zip-ties** to the rescue! After putting on a container lid, drill a small hole through the lid and handles. Run a zip-tie through the holes and you're on the road.



Happy Birthday -the class of 60 turns 80.

Many of you have expressed an interest in celebrating our 80th Birthday.

July 12, 2022 from 1 to 4pm. (Tuesday)

Meal provided FREE of charge.

Please RSVP to Robert Wilson at :

(210)287-9490 text or call

or e-mail- rwilson60waco@gmail.com

More details later.

Robert Wilson

Birthdays for April:

- 1 Edgar Gatlin**
- 6 Pam Wilson McCanish**
- Nancy Guggolz Rogers**

Thoughts to Ponder:

Happiness is not pleasure- it is victory.

Worry is stewing without doing.

Many things can be kept only by giving them away.

He climbs highest who helps another up.

There ain't no free lunch.

The way you see life will largely determine what you get out of it.

Success is knowing where you are going.

Dieting- the penalty for exceeding the feed limit.

A man who finds no satisfaction in himself, will not find it elsewhere.

Experience is a hard lesson because it gives the test first, the lesson afterwards.

Pictures:

Joel Ezar- 1955



David and Anita Dibb have been visiting Texas to see the bluebonnets. The only ones they have seen, so far, are in his sister's backyard in Kerrville.



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"Do kindly things for people, for nothing can so completely erase gloom and create new vigor as the practice of caring and goodwill." - Norman Vincent Peale