

## **AUGUST 2023**

### **From The Editor:**

**Robert Wilson**, (our fearless leader) has established a date for the 63<sup>rd</sup> reunion. It will be October 10, 2023 (Tuesday) at the Baylor Club located in McLane Stadium. The time will be 2:00 pm-8:00 pm. More details will be provided once everything is finalized. In our advanced years who knows 'if or when' there will be another reunion, so **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**. Remember, **YOU are responsible for anything** other than the meal at the Baylor Club.

### **From Our Graduates:**

**Tim Lasseter Latta**: The July issue is so good. Love the story about Bobby. Jim is a great storyteller.

**Betty Luedeker Gatlin**: Thank you, everyone. I knew some of this about Bobby and, of course, I experienced the ice storm in Williamson County. I worry daily about my shredded trees and our shrinking lakes. It saddens me every time I see a new obituary, but it is good to hear that others know and worry as well. Thank you for sharing!

**Betty Tusa** (wife of **Vince Tusa**) Thank you for keeping us informed on Vince's class.

Vince is still working; he decided not to have his garden this year— that is his first step on retirement, I think! But, still is mowing, weed eating, keeping farm looking meticulous! He loves his patients and time at the clinic and "farm" going!

**Bev Murphy Wells**: What a great tribute to Bob Easter by Jim Monnig! Really enjoyed his story and to see the Payne's having so much fun with their family! The story from David Dibb sharing about his friend Naomi and the Geist family pictures with Don Busby moving to Florence is not a coincidence...that's a God thing! It's always good to read about everyone's trips and travels. I remember ice storms in Indiana but thankful never had the close call experienced by Bill Alexander. Again, so thankful for all the pictures of the quarterly luncheons (good to see Jeanne in one of the pictures too); agree with David, without Jeanne, we would more than likely be floundering around with news of our class otherwise! And the Hebrews scripture "**Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.**" Hebrews 13:2 was the main scripture quoted by Dale Evans and Roy Rogers in their book "Angels Unaware" book back in the 50's which was a great read to me!

### **Updates:**

**Bob Easter**: Last report from Carolyn (Bob's wife) is that they are taking things one day at a time. Bob is on a very low dose of the new medicine so it may take a couple of months before any significant progress is noticed. Everyone remains very hopeful.

**Rita Coates Burnett**- new address:

6602 King Ranch Drive  
Temple, TX 76502

**Al Ctvrtlik** new address and info:

Lake Shore Estates Retirement Center  
3209 Village Green Drive  
Apt 205  
Waco, TX 76710  
Ph- home 254-294-8042  
Cell- 254-644-4694

**Rodger Kuhl:** Rodger went to Dean Highland beginning in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade. He then attended North Jr before he moved from Waco after the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. He graduated from Baylor, has recently been in touch with some of our graduates, and drove up from his home in San Antonio to attend our July 11 quarterly luncheon. He will be added to our list as soon as an email address has been established. Rodger goes by "Rodge" now and said his last name used to be pronounced like "Keel" but nowadays is pronounced like "Cool". His cell phone number: Cell: 210-416-1078

**Gwen Ewing Hodges:** Gwen reports that her body has responded very well to the cancer treatments with no side effects. Her cancer markers have come down remarkably and prayers are working! She says: "I could not ask for better medical care and my Faith is strong. It is so sweet of everyone to be concerned. Love to all."

**Judith Hamff Murphy:** Judith broke her ankle while in Lisbon, Portugal and returned to San Diego for surgery. After spending some time in a rehab facility to regain her strength, she has now returned to her home with home healthcare. She is in no pain but can have no weight-bearing on the ankle for three months (probably through September). I have a feeling that nothing is going to keep this world traveler down very long.

### **Regarding Jeri Boren Guyton's gardening expertise:**

**Greg Howell:** "Wow! A lot of our class have lived a special life. What a landscape they had. Lots of work."

**Malissa Starnes Baugh:** "Oh, my! The pictures are absolutely breathtaking! Such a beautiful place! So sad that we have lost another classmate! Thanks for sharing Jeri's lovely place!!! A piece of heaven on earth! Lots of hard work and dedication is evident!"

**Tommye Blair Toler:** "I'm sorry to learn of another classmate's passing. Thanks for sending the article. Wow! What a showplace. She was really dedicated to the land."

**Betty Luedeker Gatlin:** "This is very impressive. We have such talented classmates."

**Bev Murphy Wells:** "Jeri had a true master's Gardener credentials...what a beautiful paradise she created...what a gift to all who enjoyed and visited! I hope its beauty will continue on in memory of Jeri!"

**Clara Sue Griffis Arnsdorff:** "Thank you for sending the link to the beautiful garden home---seeing those pictures was a wonderful way to start the day."

### **For Rita and Ed Burnett:**

**Gwen Ewing Hodges:** "Heartbroken for this wonderful couple who I believe every one of us loved! Condolences to all who loved their son. 🙏🙏🙏"

**Pam Prickett Tucker** (whs '61) "Such sad news."

**Bev Murphy Wells:** "Heartbreaking news about Rita and Ed Burnett's son, Bob. There's no greater loss than losing a child. And then, losing two. I remember the BBQ at Rita and Ed's and how much fun it was to see so many who have now passed too. Many thoughts and prayers for Rita and Ed."

**Sharon McCarthy Odell:** "Sending my deepest condolences with prayers of comfort and healing to Rita and Eddie. This breaks my heart."

### **Regarding our Deceased List:**

**Nanci Stiteler Felice:** "Thanks so much for this list, Howard! As I read each name I could picture how they looked in high school. The ones I had no mental picture of I intend to look up in my yearbook. I'm glad my name is not yet on the list! I have "miles to go before I sleep."

**David Ditto:** "Thank you, Howard, for keeping this list and to you Jeanne for sharing it. So sad to see and remember how full of vim and vigor we were in school. A reminder to those of us left behind, that this life is temporary. Preparing for graduation was one thing, but now, hopefully we have prepared for eternity. The test is easy compared to graduation. Just believe in Jesus and live a life of love! Then we can pass into GOD'S Grace and see each other

again. May God bless and give comfort to those classmates that are hurting and give them healing according to HIS Will. May HE bless and keep the rest of us close to HIM until our time is up."

**Gwen Ewing Hodges:** "Thank you Howard/ May all Rest in Peace."

**Jeannie Dickerson:** "It is heartbreaking to see the loss of so many friends(classmates) but there are many wonderful memories. It is hard to realize that we are all seniors now and time passed so quickly. Thank you for sharing this information with us."

## **August Birthdays:**

3 Angie Plemons Lehman  
Cathey White Land  
4 LouAnn Hilton Brady  
10 John Mullen  
19 Dill Bailey  
20 Charles Sligh  
21 Charlotte Suttle Kleibrink  
22 Pat McGlaughn Dooley  
27 Bonnie Burson  
29 Aubrey Stringer

## **WORK HISTORY**

**By Howard Dudgeon**

"I started thinking about trying to make money when I was 9 years old.

In my grandparents' neighborhood 22nd and Gorman Joe Bob Riley, Bill Kirby and I used to go through the garbage in the alleys looking for treasures. We didn't find anything valuable that we could sell but found some interesting stuff. My grandfather called us the Alley Rats Club and he paid me \$1 to stop.

My grandfather owned a dairy out on Gholson Road near Chalk Bluff. I would go out there with him after school and quite often in the summer, I would go to cattle auctions with him and he would let me bid on milk cows he was trying to buy. He would give me 50 cents for doing that. One of the side effects of going to the dairy was that I refused to drink milk for a long time.

When I was 9 years old, I was allowed to go downtown by myself in the afternoon to the movies or a baseball game. In the spring and summer, usually on Saturday or Sunday, the Waco Pirates would play an afternoon game at Katy Park. I would go early and try to be a batboy for the visiting team. My pay for being a batboy was a new baseball. This went on until the WP left town in 1955 or 1956 except 1953 when after the tornado, they played in Longview. I earned 30 or 40 brand new baseballs over the years and learned quite a few new words I couldn't use at home.

During that time Baylor was playing at Katy Park and Dutton Street Park at 14th and Dutton. I never was a batboy at DSP but was for teams playing Baylor at Katy Park. Baylor usually played on Friday and Saturday. Larry Isbell gave me a baseball one time. He played on the Baylor baseball team. I think he was a catcher. He was an all-American football player for Baylor and maybe an all-American baseball player also.

In the 7th grade 1954 I had about \$2000 in savings. I am not sure how I had that much. My father gave me stock rights or warrants that allowed me to purchase AT&T for \$100 a share. AT&T paid \$6? dividend. I bought 20 shares. I got about \$30 a quarter in dividends. My father promised me that he would match any dollar that I saved and invest it in Standard Oil of New Jersey now Exxon or Texas Utilities. He also promised to give me a dollar for every A I made in school.

In the Fall of 1954, I started West Junior. I wanted to go out for the football team. My father would not let me. I weighed 85 pounds. I never did thank him for that. Jim Maxwell and I decided to try to be football managers. We became managers of the 7th grade West Junior basketball team. It was coached by Mr. Knipper. I think we played 4 or 5 games and lost them all. I got to be football manager at West Junior in the 8th and 9th grades. In the 8th grade the football managers were Jim Dickerson, Bobby Smith and I, 9th grade Ken Freeman, Jack Martin and I. Any payment we got were our letter jackets.

One summer, I think 1955, I worked in Supply at Providence Hospital. My job was to take patients to their rooms, deliver ice to various hospital wings and do whatever the ladies in supply told me to do. I worked with Olga Osada, Ruth Barnes and Bill Frazier. Bill was my age and did the same things I did. Supply was down the hall around the corner from the emergency room. The emergency room at Providence Hospital was in the basement near the back parking lot through a door and down a ramp. A couple of times Bill Frazier and I had to help people from their cars into the emergency room. I remember several women who came in who had been beaten up and several roofers who had been splashed with hot liquid tar.

I got my driver's license in August of 1956.

I started going to Waco Bowling Center on Franklin at 32nd. I would keep score for tips after Friday night league bowling. The good bowlers would put up a dollar or two per game. There would be 10 or 12 bowlers and they bowled several games. I saw Sandy Crim pick up a 7-10 split at WBC. I kept score at Lake Air Lanes also and continued doing that off and on all the way through high school.

I wanted to be football manager at Waco High so in the spring of 1957 I went to football and basketball spring training at Waco High. My first day at football spring training Buzzy Hoover, the head manager, asked me if I had a driver's license. I did. He handed me the truck keys told me to drive about 40 9th grade football players to practice at Death Valley on 4th Street. Death Valley is what the Waco High football players called the 4th Street practice field. I had never driven a truck before and could hardly reach the pedals. The truck was floor shift and had to be doubled clutched to shift gears. I stripped gears all the way to the practice field. I drove the 9th graders to practice the rest of the spring.

Sophomore year, Pat Payne and I were Kitten managers and Bobby Sammon, Bill Barrett and Buzzy Hoover were Tiger managers. Junior year Bobby Sammon, Pat Payne and I Tiger managers and John Edens and Phillip Todor Kitten managers. Senior year John Edens, Phillip Todor and I Tiger managers Jimmy Rowton and Bubba Myers Kitten managers.

When I was manager Benny Hubbard was the photographer for Waco High athletic team photographs. The managers sold team photographs for a 15% commission. Each year we would make \$15 or \$20 each doing that. I sold pictures and worked for GW Martin. When I was a sophomore, GW Martin had junior high basketball cold drink concession. He paid me \$1 a game. The next two years I had junior high basketball concession. I earned about \$10 for a three-game session.

My other earnings were my letter jackets which were hard earned.

The spring of 1960 I got out of school at 1:00 PM. Carl Price had become the Athletic Director for the Waco Public Schools. I ran errands for him and took his daughter Lynn to music lessons. I am not sure where. She would make me let her out at 25th and Washington by Otis Stahl's. I didn't get paid, but I got a car to drive around town, Carl Price's 1952 Buick. The horn didn't work, and the accelerator got stuck every now and then. He had a Ford Station Wagon that I never drove.

I graduated from Waco High May 1960

I enrolled at UT Austin but decided to go to Baylor instead. Besides trying to be a basketball player at Baylor, I refereed junior high and b team basketball games. I would get \$10 to \$15? per game.

I got my BBA degree in December of 1964 and my Bachelor of Accountancy Degree in December 1965.

I was hired by Waco Carton Company/Gulf States Paper Company in the spring of 1966 for \$480 a month.

I was hired to teach at Waco High in September of 1966. I think my contract was \$4000 for the school year. The first semester I taught Civics and World History. Mr. Mohundro died, and they made me Business Manager. I taught bookkeeping the second semester.

I was hired by Baylor University to be Assistant Budget Director for \$600 per month on May 15, 1969.

I spent the next four and a half years trying to pass the CPA exam. The exam was held at the Tarrant County Convention Center. When I finally passed, it was pure luck. In November 1973 I had to take a detour to get to the exam site. Instead of getting lost, I got there an hour and a half early and sat in my car while I waited for the exam to start. During that time, I memorized four subjects that I had not looked at. The first three questions on the exam were about the subjects I memorized. I had total recall on them. The last question on the exam was the fourth subject I had memorized. I can remember one of the subjects that I memorized, APB 16, Intangibles and one of the memory tricks I used was 3m2cgofer. I don't know what the memory trick means anymore.

I was appointed Treasurer of Baylor in 1974.

Baylor appointed me Treasurer Emeritus in 2006 and gave me an office until May 22, 2015."



**1 Howard Dudgeon:** "On May 8, 1953 Eddie Feigner's King and his Court softball team played the Waco All Stars at Katy Park. Eddie Feigner, The King, is supposed to be the greatest softball pitcher ever. He pitched against Clayton Dugger of the Waco All Stars. The King won. I saw the game.

In the middle of July 1985 Eddie Feigner's King and his Court played the Waco All Stars again. Eddie Feigner pitched and Clayton Dugger pitched the game. The Waco All Stars won. I saw the game."

**2 Howard Dudgeon's trivia:**

- a. **Joel Ezar** coached Michael Johnson, the greatest 200- and 400-meter sprinter in history.
- b. The founder of Sysco Corporation, **John F. Baugh**, was a **1932 graduate of Waco High**. The symbol on the NYSE is SYY with market value of \$42 billion.

**3. Anitra Harrell Henrion, Gayla Miller Webb, and Cathey White Land send happy thoughts to all our classmates. Since they were unable to make the trip to Waco for the quarterly luncheon, they decided to get together for lunch in Houston.**



**4 JIM MONNIG** is still sparring. He is taking a "pretty good left" in the picture on the left. Picture on the right: The week of July 2-9 Jim and Mimi were in Denver to see their brand-new granddaughter.



In Boulder, they saw Dead and Company, who were on their final tour. Jim said, "At the end of the concert, Dave Matthews appeared on stage and that was a total surprise to everyone. It was a nice trip."



Jim and Cate

**5** James and Linda Phelps McKee just celebrated 63 years of marriage.

"Come along and grow old with me, the best is yet to be" - *Robert Browning*

"I married him for his money, and I stay with him until he gets some." - *Linda McKee*



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**PICTURES:**

**Pat Payne** in 1965 with one of God's creatures



**Pat Payne** in 2023 with another creature



**Wayne & Norma Cissell Smith, Carolyn Taylor, Jeanette Markum - Quarterly luncheon July 11, 2023**

**John Anderson** (our “rolling stone” Class President) has sent some interesting pictures from his recent trip to South Africa.



One of the most photographed spots in all of Namibia is the big white sign precisely placed at the  $23^{\circ}26'13.0''$  South Latitude line along the dirt highway in Namibia. The sign is located along route C14 about an hour outside of Solitaire, Namibia. Many visitors mark the crossing with a sticker or signature.



John is shown in Namibia standing on the oldest Sand dunes in the world. The dunes are millions of years old. The Namib desert is the second driest in the world, only surpassed by the Atacama Desert in Chile.





In eastern Namibia, John and Judy (a friend) are at the Hoba meteorite. Discovered in 1920, the Hoba is the largest 'intact' meteorite in the world. It is 16% nickel, 84% iron, and weighs 60 tons.



John described the subject in this picture as being “out for a bit of sun, and then a little antelope snack.”  
YIKES!!



Believe it or not, this is a bird's nest. Thousands of little birds live here. It is more like an apartment of bird nests. The entrances to the nests are on the bottom for several reasons: to survive the boiling summers, survival through the freezing nights, and for protection from predators that would like to make their way into the nests for a meal. Predators vary from rats, cape cobras, genets, black mambas and other predatory birds. Thus, it is important to be attentive when standing close to one. Photographic evidence has proven that some of the nest structures are over 100 years old.

Preferred nesting sites are generally long, smooth, poles or sparsely branched trees in order to deter predators. Telephonic and electrical power companies have battled for years with the design of the telephone poles and power line structures so that the structures can cope with the weight of these nests, especially during the rainy season when waterlogging is an issue and they become so heavy that they drag down the supporting poles. The rainy season in this area is usually January, February, and March with an average about 278mm each year.



a close-up of the openings to the different nests

## **HUMOR:**

**Do you ever get the  
urge to start  
organizing and then  
2 hours later you're  
just looking around  
at a mess like...  
what the hell have I  
done?**

**“The difference between stupidity and genius is that genius has its limits.” –  
Albert Einstein**

**“At every party there are two kinds of people – those who want to go home and  
those who don't. The trouble is, they are usually married to each other.” – Ann  
Landers**

**“As a child my family's menu consisted of two choices: take it or leave it.” –  
Buddy Hackett**



## **Why I Mow My Own Yard...**

**Lee Trevino: a true story....**



One day, shortly after joining the PGA tour in 1965, Lee Trevino, a professional golfer and married man, was at his home in Dallas, Texas mowing his front lawn, as he always did.

A lady driving by in a big, shiny Cadillac stopped in front of his house, lowered the window and asked, "Excuse me, do you speak English?"

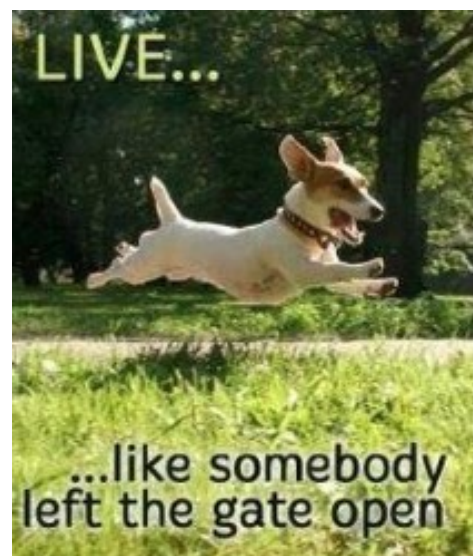
Lee responded, "Yes Ma'am, I do".

The lady then asked, "What do you charge to do yard work?"

Lee said, "Well, the lady in this house lets me sleep with her".

The lady hurriedly put the car into gear and sped off.

**I see people  
around my age  
mountain climbing,  
I feel good getting  
my leg through my  
underwear with  
out losing my  
balance**





**Things that used to hurt  
my back:**

- Jumping off of garages**
- Crashing my bike**
- Falling out of a tree**
- Diving in the shallow end**
- Contact sports**

**Things that hurt my back  
now:**

- Sneezing**
- Washing the dishes**
- Brushing my teeth**
- Tying my shoes**
- Rolling over in bed**

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