

## **NOVEMBER 2023**

### **FROM OUR GRADUATES:**

From **Larry Thomas**: "Thanks again for the wonderful newsletter. It always brings back memories."

**Clara Sue Griffis Arnsdorff**: NE doesn't have a homestead exemption. Hope it passes. A friend in Waco was lamenting the drought and the loss of old growth trees. That is really sad. It has been incredibly dry here too but nothing like TX. Climate change is a reality which is going to be devastating.

**David Dibb**: " Final accounting on Directories: About 55 classmates got a directory. No checks or directories were lost in the mail, as far as I know! Judy Murphy contacted me and asked to change **Guy Collins** from "Address Unknown" to just Durham, NC as she stays in contact with him. Regarding the reunion pictures: I especially enjoyed seeing the faces of many I had been in contact with about the Directory over the past couple of months." \*\*\**(Retracted: One directory was lost.)*

### **UPDATES:**

**!! Clara Sue Griffis Arnsdorff**: Cell phone number for Clara Sue is: **(402) 305-8627**- Update your directory.

**!! Bev Murphy Wells**: correct email address is: [wells.bev@gmail.com](mailto:wells.bev@gmail.com) update your directory.

**Jane Berry Neece** lost her sister June Berry Hoke on October 2, 2023. Condolences to Jane.

**Gwen Ewing Hodges** reports experiencing a lack of energy due to her cancer treatments. Gwen usually attends our reunions but had to skip this year. She was missed!

### **REGARDING THE REUNION:**

**Gwen Ewing Hodges**: "Great pictures. Thanks for sending! Looks like a wonderful day/ so sorry to miss!"

**Barbara Brunett Hunt**: "The pictures were wonderful and wish we could have been at the reunion. We had just returned to west Texas from a 3200+ mile trip to Georgia to see Whit's family. That said, we saw no way we could drive another 800 miles to Waco and back. Glad you had a good time, hope to be at the next one!"

**Malissa Starnes Baugh** LOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOVE the pictures! Thanks for sending! What a special occasion!

**Susan Harkness Hill**: "Thanks so much for sending all the great pictures. I was hoping you would. Looks like lots of fun I missed out on. So sorry I couldn't make it. Maybe the 65th!

**Steve Brown**: "Thanks for sharing the information and pictures from the reunion. Kathryn and I wanted to be there but we had just returned home to Ruidoso, NM from a two week trip to Arkansas and Tennessee. I was glad to hear that there is a plan for a 65th Reunion. We will plan to be there."

### **SOME RULES FOR A GOOD OLDER LIFE:**

1. Keep a healthy life, without great physical effort. Do moderate exercise (like walking every day), eat well, and get adequate sleep. It's easy to become sick, and it gets harder to remain healthy. That is why you need to keep yourself in good shape and be aware of your medical and physical needs. Keep in touch with your doctor, get tested even when you're feeling well. Stay informed.
2. Don't stress over the little things. You've already overcome so much in your life. You have good memories and bad ones, but the important thing is the present. Don't let

the past drag you down and don't let the future frighten you. Feel good in the now.

Small issues will soon be forgotten.

3. Be proud, both inside and out. Don't stop going to your hair salon or barber, do your nails, go to the dermatologist and the dentist, keep your perfumes and creams well stocked. When you are well-maintained on the outside, it seeps in, making you feel proud and strong.
4. Don't lose sight of fashion trends for your age but keep your own sense of style. There's nothing worse than an older person trying to wear the current fashion among youngsters. You've developed your own sense of what looks good on you - keep it and be proud of it. It's part of who you are.

## **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

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| 3  | Jim Monnig<br>Sissie Blair<br>Penne Percy |
| 6  | Barbara Brunett Hunt<br>Gary Roberts      |
| 12 | Carolyn Wolf Lloyd                        |
| 24 | Babz Wester Musser                        |
| 27 | Nena Hunt Wallace                         |

## **OUR “FALL COLOR” CRUISE** *By David Dibb*

Our son and wife have the cruise-bug, and their family takes about 3 trips a year on Carnival. Both their kids are in college now, so they thought they'd take us with them this time. As an 80th b'day present, they paid half our cost on a “Fall Color Tour” up the Atlantic coast from NYC to Halifax, Nova Scotia (Canada)

Our cost included the cruise, the hotel room in New Jersey (1 night) with car-parking for the trip, and shuttle service from the hotel to the cruise terminal and back to the hotel after the cruise. (When we got back to NYC, the record-setting flooding had begun, and Uber, taxi's, and shuttles were charging double to get people to high ground and alternate transportation options, so it was great we had all that set up at pre-flood prices. Our hotel was in Jersey, so we hit the New Jersey Turnpike heading home, and were not impacted by the flooding in Manhattan and elsewhere, like people who had counted on Amtrak, buses, shuttles, and airlines to get home, or, worse, had planned to spend a few days sightseeing in NYC.)

We left from and returned to NYC, and New York Harbor was by far the most memorable part of the trip. First stop, Portland, ME, is a beautiful spot with private yachts and sailboats in the harbor, and not much industrial activity. It's an easy walk to shops and restaurants and waterfront views. I found the lobster roll I was looking for at a waterfront restaurant overlooking some fishing boats.

At the next stop, Saint John, New Brunswick, we had pre-booked a bus excursion into the city, which was good, because the port area itself was not very pretty. Saint John has strong Irish roots (they came to escape the potato famine), and our tour guide was a very red-headed Irish lady who kept a constant monologue going about almost every building and street we passed. It was fun and educational. We opted to get dropped off in the shopping district, not too far from the ship, where I found another lobster roll at an indoor seafood market. This one was served cold, and besides being half the cost of the toasted restaurant version, I thought it had a better, fresher flavor.

The last port-of-call was Halifax, Nova Scotia. If any of your high school Latin lessons stuck, you might guess Nova Scotia means "New Scotland", and we were met by guys in kilts as we exited the ship. This port was even more industrialized than Saint John, and there were 2 other cruise ships docked. Halifax boasts it has the longest boardwalk in the world (over 3 miles). That did not appeal to us! But we did find one authentic shop close by with Scottish tartans and beautiful lambs-wool scarfs and local goods.

Ten years ago we drove all the way from South Carolina to Prince Edward Island. We went up through Vermont, Connecticut, and Maine, and came back down through Boston and Baltimore on the ultimate New England fall color tour. One of our stops then was Halifax, so I know there is a lot more to it than what we saw. I just think a cruise stop does not do it justice. (This Cruise was billed as a Fall Color cruise, but the colors were late and we only saw green leaves and blue water).

On board the ship, it's all about the food. There are so many wonderful choices that you find yourself planning the timing, location, and menu of the next meal as you are finishing the current one. Every night was a 4-course meal you might only experience once or twice a year at home: filet mignon, lobster tail, fall-off-the-bone ribs, fried chicken that put the Kentucky Colonel to shame, creme Brule, spumoni, alligator, clam and calamari (if they called it squid, who would eat it?), and Guy's (Fieri) Burgers, or a Rueben for lunch that any New York deli would be proud of.

Finally, how much you enjoy all this depends a lot on who you enjoy it with. Go with someone you can have fun with. Our 53 y/o son, Kevin, is still a kid at heart, and his wife, Jenn (a New Yorker), took care of so many details for us in advance (and when things like flash-flooding came up), that we really came to appreciate them both even more. Anita and I have enjoyed traveling together for over 50 years, and even though sailing in the general vicinity of where the Titanic went down is NOT on her bucket list, we had a good time on board this beautiful Italian-themed ship.

Would I recommend this cruise? If you haven't done Alaska from Seattle, do that one first. And before you book this one, check the Fall Color schedule.



**Leaving New York Harbor**

**Portland, Maine**



**David and his lobster roll**



**Beautiful, but hilly, shopping area in Saint John**



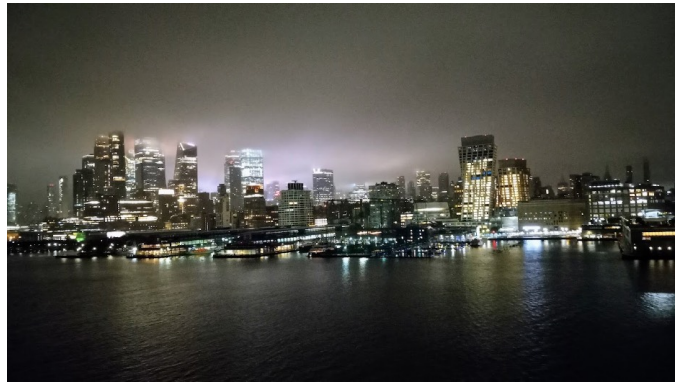
**Anita in Saint John with the Tour Guide**







Family dinner Jenn, Kevin, Anita, David



back into NY harbor at 5AM on "flood day"



**1 Larry Thomas reports:** “ I’ve collected scale model cars since early childhood. I put the model car on the sidewalk in front of me standing in front of the old high school and my wife took the picture as part of my 80th birthday celebration last year.

This was my first car-- a 1955 VW in this color. It was a non-US spec version with kilometer reading on the speedometer. I scared a few classmates going down Waco drive showing 100 on the meter before I explained that its 100 was only 62 mph.

Then we would go to Chatham’s and flip out the semaphores which was a lighted orange arm close to the driver’s window that was used in Germany in place of turn signals. One carhop was so surprised that she spilled our drinks.

If you are one who rode with this wild 16 year old, my apology.”

**\*\*\*Okay, grads —curious minds want to know.... If you were one of the crazy teenagers who rode with Larry in this car, let us know! What a trip down memory lane to share!!**

**Pictures follow:**





## 2 Some 2005 memories of Howard Dudgeon:

**A** "Johnnie Riola was head baseball coach for a couple years while I was at Waco High and head football coach in 1960, the year I graduated. When I taught at WHS in 1966-1967, he told me that he got out of coaching because he could not play players who were hurt or sick. In his obituary which I have a copy of, it stated that he had 250 combat missions and 1400 combat hours WWII. He earned the Distinguished Flying Cross. He was in New Guinea about the same time my father was. "

**B** **John Davis** played on the varsity at West Junior and WHS for six years in a row. I think that he was a starter for five years.

**C** At football games the players got Coca Cola at half time. One game the managers forgot the bottle opener. John Burleson opened the bottles with his teeth. I was told this- -I don't remember it.

**D** **Glenn Hurta** got a concussion in 1957 when he was a sophomore and then hurt his knee in the Temple game in 1958. He never had surgery on the knee but may have had surgery later in life because of the concussion."

## A few more reunion pictures from Bev Murphy Wells and Tommye Ruth Blair Toler:



View from the President's Suite at McLane Stadium



Bev Murphy Wells helping Jeanne Holland Harman carry her flowers down to the car after the party was over.





Glenn Hurta, Howard Dudgeon, Al Ctvrtlik



Nena Hunt Wallace, Robert Wilson

In the background: Bob Wallace, Ralph Sparks, Ken Baker, Scoot Baker and Carolyn Taylor

## **HUMOR:**

Them: What inspires you to  
get out of bed every morning?  
Me: My bladder mostly.



**To get rid of  
unwanted junk  
during the  
holidays ...**

**Put it in an  
Amazon box and  
leave it on the  
porch.**

I dusted  
once.

It came  
back.

I'm not  
falling for  
that again.

THE FACT THAT  
THERE'S A HIGHWAY  
TO HELL AND ONLY  
A STAIRWAY TO  
HEAVEN SAYS A  
LOT ABOUT  
ANTICIPATED  
TRAFFIC NUMBERS



**“Some people try to turn back their "odometers." Not me. I want people to know why I look this way. I've traveled a long way, and a lot of the roads were not paved.” — Will Rogers**

**“The only thing necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing.” - Edmund Burke (1729-1797)**

**“The older you get the tougher it is to lose weight because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends.”**  
- Bob Hope

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