



### 50 YEAR REUNION SEPTEMBER 21-23, 2012

It doesn't seem possible, but it will be 50 years next June since we graduated from Western Hills High School. 420 graduating seniors gathered at Cincinnati Music Hall and received their long-awaited high school diplomas. It's time to celebrate that accomplishment of 50 years ago as well as life's experiences, and to renew old acquaintances. It's also time to start losing the pounds, covering the gray and planning to attend a reunion to remember.

Several reunion committee meetings have been held, and plans are progressing for our 50 year golden celebration. Please mark your calendar and plan to join classmates. On Friday evening, September 21, 2012, we'll meet at Kreimer's Bier Haus in Cleves for a casual get together.

Remember Twin Lanterns? It has recently been renovated and our main event will be held there on Saturday evening, September 22, 2012. More details about the Friday and Saturday night events will be sent later.

Reunion committee members are working to make this special weekend a memorable one. The committee consists of Dick Backus, Richard Braun, Judy Heidrich Creasy, Karen Peet Hardtke, Janice Hellman Kahsar, Lynda Marsh Kugele, Betty Uffman Lee, Shelby Loudon, Nancy Von Nida Morgan, Jayne Berning Patton, Lee Scroggins, Carole Eyrich Sieving, Judy Casto Sparks, Gail Sparks Suiter, Sue Gittinger Tucker, Joellyn Gambrel Winkler, and Mary Jo Bizzarri Wray. Contact any member of the committee if you're interested in working on the reunion, also if you're interested in having additional reunion events planned such as a golf outing, school tour, brunch, picnic, etc.

### YOUR HELP IS NEEDED FOR A SUCCESSFUL REUNION

Your help is needed providing information about yourself to be included in our 50 year reunion book. Please submit 150 words of biographical information (including contact information) to Gail Sparks Suiter at gailsuiter@aol.com, or 5602 Kingsbury Road, Fairfield, OH 45014. Classmates will enjoy reading about your life and how you've spent the past 50 years after leaving the hallowed halls of West High.

Also, please help by checking the Missing Persons List on the back page of this newsletter, and contact Gail if you can provide information for missing classmates. We'd like to contact as many from the Class of '62 as possible, so they're informed about our big 50 year celebration!

The reunion committee is planning to preserve treasured memories on a DVD slideshow to play at the reunion and to be available for classmates to purchase. Please search through your high school photos, and if you have any you'd like to be considered for the DVD, please email jpg. photos to Judy Heidrich Creasy at jcreasy@fuse.net. or "snail mail" copies to Judy Creasy, 2651 Morgan Ross Road, Hamilton, OH 45013.



*Shelby Loudon with granddaughter.*

### SHELBY LOUDEN

Fifty years - seems like yesterday, doesn't it? Well, maybe not. But the years seem to have flown by. Our generation has seen the atrocities of war and civil unrest. But we are also the generation to witness some of the greatest technology of our time.

I am currently semi-retired, if you can call working thirty eight to forty hours a week semi-retired. I serve as Emergency Medical Services Director for a small college here in Cincinnati. We offer a two year degree program in Emergency Medical Services. When the student leaves he has a degree and his paramedic certification.

I also spend two or three evenings a week at Butler Tech teaching in the EMT program. If that isn't enough, I have a business partner (another retired firefighter) and we offer courses in Basic Life Support and Advanced Cardiac Life Support.

I have seven grandchildren, and are they ever wonderful. I lost my wife and oldest daughter to cancer in 2003. My youngest daughter will be back in Cincinnati after her husband's Ph.D. is finished. I can't wait! I have a "lady friend" or two, but I'm satisfied with the single life of a 66 year old.

I enjoy traveling, especially to my favorite Florida city of Key West. I'm going back to Hawaii again come Hell or high water! For those who have never been, it is truly paradise on earth.

The technology I referred to in the beginning I am alive today because of it. April 2010 I suffered an abdominal aortic aneurysm. It was an emergent procedure called an endovascular stent graft. Four days later, I'm out of the hospital. That's why I'm looking forward to the reunion to see old friends once again!



*Andrea (Sue) Hale Smith in front of her gallery 'Tis in Prescott, Arizona.*

### SAVING A LANDMARK

In 1992, my husband and I moved from our long time home in Long Beach, CA to a small, historic Prescott, AZ. I had hopes of pursuing the art career I had begun when I quit teaching. I soon found there was but one gallery in town where I was able to show. There were many galleries, but they showed only art of the southwest genre.

Then, in 2007, I approached my mother and requested aid from her foundation to purchase a building that could house a gallery for the artists in the community who were not doing southwest pieces. In May, my friend and I were on the square and saw a "For Sale" sign on the three-story, historic, Knights of Pythias building. We thought it perfect. The gallery would be on the first floor, the offices on the second floor could be leased for income and the third floor's long, open space would be great for many community and private activities. Well, obtaining the building was quite simple enough, with the recession creating a buyer's market, but what was found beneath the facade were crumbling innards.

For two years, the public saw nothing but a plywood storefront, which concealed the meticulous labor going on within. The complete three stories of brickwork were reinforced. Rewiring and repiping took place before walls and floors were raised and laid. Always, attention was paid to what had been there originally. If it couldn't be repaired, it was replicated. If it couldn't

be replicated, copies as close to the original were chosen. Finally, the day came when the plywood came down and the Phoenix was shown to have truly risen from its ashes.

Here stands a building that was first dedicated in 1895. It is the tallest building on the square and one of few to have survived a great fire in 1900. In spite of her history the old gal was headed for a dire end. If my mother had not been willing to step forward and save her, a certain condemnation and ultimate destruction would have been her fate.

She is now, as I dreamed. The gallery displays wonderful eclectic work by our local artists and with our ten per cent commission, it is quite affordable. The second floor is much as it was with offices, pocket doors and period wainscoting. The third floor is the community's delight with celebrations, meetings and classes made available at low costs.

We had a wonderful rededication ceremony in June 2010. The building is now known as 'Tis and my mother was presented with an honor from the Arizona State Historical Society for the best restored historical building of 2010. Though, this was quite exciting, no public recognition can quite match the much heart felt thanks, written and verbally, which is bestowed upon us from the Prescott community.



*Sandy Thieman Rosenzweig (left) and Carol Horton Heina in Orlando, 2011.*

### TAKE A GIANT STEP THROUGH LIFE

Eagerly looking forward to our upcoming fiftieth reunion, I took a step backwards in time to the 1962 Western Hills Annual, whose theme was "Take a Giant Step." I started thinking about all the giant steps I've taken since our high school graduation. I was feeling somewhat overwhelmed by the many giant steps I had to take following high school graduation, such as deciding on a career; deciding on where to live; whom to live with, such as getting married or staying single; and having or not having children. I made all of these decisions in the first decade following high school graduation, but as my life evolved, I realized that life offers constant changes and opportunities to reinvent and transform ourselves. Taking frequent giant steps becomes a life long process.

In high school, I thought I knew what I wanted to do for my lifetime career - be teacher, wife, and mother. I accomplished all of these goals, but much differently than I had envisioned. I taught English and became a high school counselor, but my most satisfying teaching and counseling moments occurred as a mother and now a grandmother. My grown children Debbie and Bob, along with their spouses Kevin and Joanna, live within a fifteen-minute drive from my house. I visit them frequently along with my three grandchildren, Martina (13), Sean (11), and Gabriella (4). I have many opportunities to watch the grandkids, discuss schoolwork and life issues with them, attend their sports and after school events, and do lots of fun activities with them like our annual family vacations to Hilton Head, SC, Banner Elk, NC, and various beaches throughout Florida. I've always had lots of teaching moments when I worked at tutoring under achieving students, heading groups such as PTA, Welcome Wagon, various Bible studies, Women's Club, and our local HOA. In addition to being a school teacher and high school counselor, I worked about ten years as a real estate agent, and was an active ownership partner of a Paso Fino horse farm in nearby Ocala, FL. We had a breeding farm and showed horses in Florida and other states.

## DAVE POHLMAN

I never envisioned living in Florida, but having moved here in 1982, I've lived here longer than anywhere else. When I met and married my husband Ernie Heina in 1966, following my college graduation from the University of Cincinnati, I thought we would live near Cincinnati for most of our lives. After graduating from Kansas State University in 1965, Ernie was employed as a sales engineer for electrical generation equipment with Westinghouse Electric Company. After our marriage, we both worked and attended night school to obtain our master's degrees. I received a Master's in Education, with a major in counseling and guidance from UC in 1968, while Ernie received his MBA from Xavier in 1968, also. In 1969, we moved to Akron, Ohio, where Ernie was transferred, and where our two children Deborah (Debbie) and Robert (Bob) were born in 1970 and 1972, respectively. In 1978, we were transferred to the Philadelphia, PA area, where we lived in West Chester, PA until 1982.

In the early 1980's, Westinghouse built its power generation sales division world headquarters in Orlando, FL where we relocated in June, 1982. Our children, then ages twelve and ten, were thrilled to have a house with a swimming pool and to live within a day's trip to Disney World. We have lived in Orlando close to 30 years to date. We have both retired from our careers and will probably take our last giant step into the eternal sunset from sunny Florida.

My husband and I have taken the giant steps of burying all four of our parents, many beloved pets, and praying constantly for our daughter's long term survival from breast cancer for which she was first treated in 2004. We have found truth in the proverb that whatever bad things don't kill us make us stronger. Whatever giant steps remain on our horizons, I'd like to encounter as if climbing my beloved Grandfather Mountain in Linville, NC, climbing slowly and steadily, enjoying each passing moment. Then my view from the summit will be the climax of the beautiful journey called life.

Carol Horton Heina

I went to Ohio University. I played football, and was a gymnast. I took 5 years to graduate with a bachelor's degree in Physical Education. I married and joined the Air Force. After a 1 year wait I was sent to pilot school in Selma, AL (probably where I went missing?). I then spent 20 years in the Air Force, mostly flying airplanes. I did spend the last 4 years doing research for a couple of laboratories. I got a Masters in Psychology in 77. I have been married twice and divorced the same number of times. I was stationed in Colorado Springs in 69 and knew I had found a home in Colorado. I had the pleasure of fathering 2 children along the way. Daughter Anne (40) lives in Gilbert, AZ and is married to Todd, a Gilbert firefighter. Their daughter Natalie is 3. Son Scott (42) and grandson Brody (7) live in Summit Cove, CO. Scott manages both restaurants (see below).

After retirement I moved back to Colorado with no job and no prospects so I started a consulting company. I have seen some success both individually and as a research staff member for the Institute for Defense Analyses, a federally funded research and development center working directly for the Department of Defense. I am active in my church and gotta go along with Herb Schaffer. Met God on the East side of Pikes Peak in 69 and while I haven't been a great church goer overall, I have never doubted that God is the creator and it is His plan.

For fun, I own controlling interest in a Celtic Pub and a German beer hall, both in the Colorado high country near Frisco, CO. I am also an historical interpreter for several organizations and portray a mountain man during the fur trade era from 1795 to 1840. I run a mountain man rendezvous in Colorado and play and sing songs of the fur trade period (mostly old Irish drinking songs). I am a biker (Harley Davidson FLHTCUI) and Suzanne loves to ride in the mountains with me. I have 3 timeshare condos in Cabo San Lucas and visit them 3 or 4 weeks each year. Usually when it is cold in Colorado. Suzanne and I are going to Cabo for a week this November.

I have been dating the same wonderful lady for 8 plus years and we love traveling and just hanging out. Last year we spent a weekend in Estes Park, CO to attend the Scottish Highland games and the Scottish/Irish festival. Then 4 days later we headed for Scotland and Ireland for real. When Suzanne quits working (Data base manager) we are going to buy a modest trailer (25' or 27') and travel every 2-lane road in these United States - at least that is the plan.

I am very accomplished as I have the best lady, the best kids, the best friends in the world! God loves me! As for the other stuff, it is but trivia: played on the last football championship team at Ohio University (have the ring to prove it), flew over 3,500 hours in the USAF, 350 combat hours and about 65 hours Super-sonic (sure miss that), I have published a dozen scientific papers, briefed NATO in Brussels, Belgium and the Joint Chiefs of Staff, I am published (a chapter) in the notably boring "The Handbook of Aviation Human Factors."

So that brings you up to date with what is going on in my world.

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*Dave Pohlman at the mountain man Como Rendezvous in Colorado.*

## MISSING PERSONS LIST

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JANET BATEMAN  
CHARLES BARRY BRANDT  
MILDRED BROCK  
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