



Harding High School Alums Meet the Challenge!

Our Efforts Bring Over \$73,000 to HCP

In early June of this year a challenge was made by an anonymous donor. If Harding High School graduates would donate \$15,000 to Harding Charter Prepratory (HCP) before July 15th, he would match that amount. A secondary challenge was made by a Harding alum who promised to match all donations above the initial \$15,000 up to an additional \$15,000. A committee of Harding alums sent this message to the membership and by the first week in July the first challenge was met. Contributions donated by alumni exceeded \$21,000. Since all of these donations were doubled, the amount raised was over \$43,000. Shortly thereafter, the proceeds from the fund raising drive were used by HCP to meet a challenge by OKC based Chesapeake Energy made to the public schools. This challenge promised matching dollars up to \$30,000 raised by the school. These additional funds resulted in a total of over \$73,000 for HCP.

Many alumni responded to the call with donations ranging from \$25 to \$3500 from individuals and family foundations. Donations came from all of the HHS graduating classes. Geographically, the donors were located throughout the 48 states. One foreign exchange student, **Sergio Eschevarria**, HHS '63, responded from

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Class of 1965 Holds It's 40th Reunion

The class of 1965 “reunited” the weekend of June 24th & 25th, 2005, with approximately one third of the class attending. Additionally, spouses, friends, siblings and/or significant others of about 1/3 of the alumni were in attendance.

The class of '65 traditionally holds a golf tournament which was held on Friday afternoon at Cedar Valley in Guthrie. The golfing was followed that evening by a casual gathering at Goldies in Edmond, which is owned by **Mickey Kern**. This was the first opportunity of the weekend for class members to see each other and get name tags which, fortunately, have increased in size and have larger print. The name tags also contained a copy of the senior yearbook pictures of class members, which was an essential aid for recognition. Class of '65 T-shirts, caps and a DVD commemorating their years at Harding were sold to help cover the costs of the reunion.

On Saturday, lunch at Johnnie's on Britton Road was followed by joining the class of '62 at Harding for a tour of the building and an assembly in the auditorium. Clark Musser ('63) and the principal of HCP spoke to the assembly.

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ALUMNI EVENTS

Look for information on the first annual meeting of the membership in the next issue of *The Marionette*.

An Outstanding Alum: Brooke Smith Murphy '63

Did you ever wonder what happened to that pretty, smart blond in the class of 1963? Harding alum, **Brooke Smith Murphy ('63)** has been a lawyer for 30 years at the largest firm in Oklahoma, Crowe & Dunlevy. She got there by a circuitous route involving another member of the HHS class of 1963, **Mike Murphy**. They married after college graduation in 1967 (Brooke received a B.A. in History from OU where she was a Theta and Phi Beta Kappa) and then proceeded to "see the world" during Mike's service as a naval officer. In this case the world was Newport, RI; Key West, FL; Long Beach, CA and Concord, CA. Even though they moved often, Brooke taught elementary school in both California and Newport.



After the Navy, Mike's job moved them to Wisconsin. Their first son was born 5 months before Brooke started law school at the University of Wisconsin. Three years later Brooke graduated magna cum laude and they returned to Oklahoma City, where Brooke became an attorney, and in 1981 the first female partner at Crowe & Dunlevy. Their second son arrived that year too.

While not yet reaching her goal of appearing in court in each of Oklahoma's 77 counties, Brooke has chaired the board of trustees of Westminster Day School, and just this month completed service as President of the Oklahoma County Bar Association. She is a member of Class XIX of Leadership Oklahoma this year.

Brooke views her most important accomplishments as her two wonderful sons, now grown, her marriage of 38 years, her partnership in Crowe & Dunlevy, and representing HHS classmates from time to time. She says she would not have been able to do what she has done without the full support of Mike. Harding High School clearly provided a wonderful foundation for Brooke and Mike.

The National Honor Society Resumes Activities at Harding Charter Preparatory

Renewing the traditions of Harding High School is just one of the many goals that the eight new National Honor Society (NHS) members have planned for this year's activities. Peter Wright, class of 2007 and NHS president, has set the tone for a year filled with community activities sponsored by NHS. Peter reports, "I am greatly honored to be president of the first NHS at Harding since 1968. I look forward to having NHS be a leader with student-run community service projects."

The activities for the 2005-2006 school year include a Family Bingo Night in November. The event is geared for all ages and everyone is welcome to attend. Participants will receive a BINGO card for every two cans of food that they bring to the event. The canned goods will then be donated to the OKC Food Bank Harvest Food Drive. Further specifics, such as the date and time of the event, will be available later in the year.

The NHS is also planning a blood donation drive in the spring. This event will be coordinated with the Oklahoma Blood Institute. "We are so excited about being able to sponsor the blood drive this year because it is the first time our students have been old enough to participate. A person must be 17 years of age and weigh at least 105 pounds to be able to give blood," Vivian Nida, NHS

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Saudia Arabia where he now works and resides.

The majority of donations were not the usual large ones, donated by a few with deep pockets, but represented smaller amounts donated by individuals. The efforts of these concerned alumni grew 340 percent due to the matching funds.

The results of this drive prove that the efforts of a few, whether small or large, can make a difference. Thanks to all who contributed!

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That evening, Ellen and David Morgan graciously welcomed the class into their beautiful home and gorgeous yard that overlooks the spectacular Oklahoma City Golf and Country Club golf course. With that incredible setting, 60's tunes in the background, and a Mexican feast catered by Ted's, the class relived old stories with classmates and caught up on children, parents, grandchildren, retirement (for a few) and life for these Baby Boomers in the 21st Century! Laughter prevailed as they perused old "Marionettes" and "Aquilas" and old pictures from school days and past reunions.

A photographer was there all evening allowing everyone to pose with past car pools, grade school groups, teams and a class picture. Included in the gathering at the Saturday night function were former Harding faculty members: **Coach Allen, Coach Baxter, Coach Potter, Coach Rotzinger, Mrs. Graham** and, last but certainly not least, **Miss Miller!!** Since that night, the committee members have received many e-mails, telephone calls and notes from classmates saying that this was the best reunion ever and they can't wait for the next one, which is scheduled five year from now—2010!!

Class of '65 committee members responsible for putting the event together include **Barbara Anspaugh, Steve Bentley, Steve Bowersox, Lynn Bratcher, Janet Wetzel Freede, Vicki Von Tungeln Hobson, Jane Austin Joyce, Mickey Kern, Anne Davis Looney, Frank Miskovsky, Dave Morgan, Bill Nichols, Pam Harris Nichols, Judy Poole Phillips, Ena Mitchell Porch, Sally Rapp Story, Marilyn Novak Sullivan, Zach Taylor and David Wade.**

Thanks to **Lyle Dieckman '64**,
Mayfair Lock and Key, for providing all new
locks for Harding Charter Preparatory.

Keep Lyle in mind when you need
lock-smith services!

If you are interested in helping with a Harding High
School Alumni Association web page contact:

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Fallen Eagles

Kay Hickman-Cochran, '60, Norman OK, June 16, 2005.
Dan Evans '65 Jones, OK, March 23, 2005
Ken Hammer, '64, Edmond, OK, March 9, 2005
Dorothy Prosser-Keller, '65, Little Rock, AK, April 25, 2005.
Patricia O'Dea McIntyre, '64, Oklahoma City, OK, March 10, 1996
Debbie Moorman White, '69, Oklahoma City, OK, June 13, 2005.
Joe Savage, '58, Oklahoma City, OK, May 15, 2005.
Jeannette Mann Stewart, '59, Florissant, CO, Septemter 14, 2004.
Pat Tucker-Wright, '64 Houston, TX, July 15, 2005.

If you know of recent deaths among Harding Alumni, please send the information to:

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Accomplishments of the Organizing Committee During Our First Year

- Found approximately 1900 graduates of Harding High School (1958-1969).
- Organized a kickoff assembly.
- Joined the summer 2004 social event with the class of 1964 reunion.
- HHSAA bylaws were written and approved.
- Filed for and received tax-exempt status.
- Revived *The Marionette* and published three issues.
- Established working committees for finance, newsletter, mentoring, membership, and special projects.
- Spearheaded fund raising drives for HCP.
- Supported the Veteran's Day assembly at HCP—Viet Nam veteran, **Boyd Barclay '58** spoke.
- HHSAA members Supported the first initiation class of HCP into the National Honor Society—**O.H Rundel, Ph.D. '58** spoke.
- HHSAA members supported quality education in the Oklahoma City school district through attendance at school board meetings.

Yearly Members, It is time to renew your membership!!

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Middle Name: _____ Maiden Name: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____ HHS Class: _____

Annual/Renewal Membership (\$10.00) _____ New Lifetime Membership (\$100.00) _____

Please mail this form and your check made out to Harding High School Alumni Association to:

Johnny McCharen
HHSAA
P.O. Box 54307
Oklahoma City, OK 73154

**LIFETIME MEMBERS, HAVE YOU MOVED OR HAD A CHANGE IN YOUR
CONTACT INFORMATION?
IF SO, PLEASE SEND US THE NEW INFORMATION**

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Middle Name: _____ Maiden Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

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