



Report on the First Annual Meeting of HHSAA

The first annual meeting of HHSAA was held July 15th, 2006. All who attended Harding from 1958-1969 were invited. Because this was the first annual meeting we expected a small turnout. We were pleasantly surprised when attendance was more than anticipated. A slate of officers was presented and elected by those in attendance (see page 2).

The primary purpose of the HHSAA is for alumni to stay connected with former classmates and renew old friendships. Through the generous support of alumni the following were accomplished in our first two years.

- ✎ Applied for and granted Not for Profit Certificate of Inc. 501©(3).
- ✎ Publication of four "Marionette" newsletters.
- ✎ Promoted reunions.
- ✎ Attended Oklahoma City Public School Board Meetings.
- ✎ Maintained the HHSAA by annual alumni member dues.
- ✎ Supported and attended school functions



Incoming HHSAA President Susan Sisk Bond '64 and outgoing President Johnny McCharen '64.

- at Harding.
- ✎ Maintained updated alumni contact information.
- ✎ Established both private and corporate levels of giving.
- ✎ Established a Harding Eagle Fund.
- ✎ Donated professional services and goods to improve the Harding building and grounds.

Class of '66 Celebrates It's 40th

Members of the Class of '66 met in OKC the weekend of June 2-3 to celebrate their 40th reunion.

A golf tournament, arranged by **Harold Clark**, was held Saturday morning at Rosecreek. **Jack Carter** took honors by carding the lowest score. While the golfers were busy, a "girls's party" was hosted by **Marcia Quade Christoferson, Margaret Dunn Watson and Susan Galvin**. Saturday's activities started at 10:00 a.m. with a short assembly at Harding. This was followed by a tour of the school, now occupied by Harding Charter Prep and Harding Fine Arts Schools. Lunch was at - of course - Johnnie's on Britton Road.

The main event was held Saturday evening at the Sportsman's Club and featured hors d'oeuvres, an open bar, and music by Steve Crosley. A wonderful evening of laughter, conversation and the renewing of friendships was had by all. Prizes were awarded to those who could answer trivia questions regarding the '60's. **Steve Soloman** won a Greg Burns print of Harding

High that was raffled by the HHSAA. Traveling the farthest was **Su Guedes**, our '66 exchange student from Brazil. In addition, **Tom Townley** came from California and **Mickey Barnes** came from the East Coast. Everyone had a great time!

Graduates living in the OKC area have started The First Thursday Group, meeting the first Thursday of each month after work at Bahama Breeze.

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Outstanding Alum—John Campbell, M.D.

Whether you were a student at Harding High School or a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church, you probably knew John Campbell. After graduating from Harding in 1958, John attended Westminster College where he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. He was honored to have his father, Doctor G. Raymond Campbell, minister of Westminster Presbyterian Church, give the baccalaureate service at his graduation. John received his M.D. degree from the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine in 1966 and completed his residency in Otolaryngology at the OU Medical Center. From 1968 to 1970 John served as flight surgeon in the U.S. Air Force. From 1973 to 2005 John practiced general otolaryngology in Tulsa, where he also served as Clinical Professor at the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine and was Director of Student and Resident Education at the OU College of Medicine, Tulsa Campus. Among his many professional achievements and honors, John has been active in the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery and served as President of the Academy. John served his college alma mater in many capacities over the years and was a member of the Board of Trustees. An active participant in the medical community Tulsa, enumeration of his services would not fit in the space provided for this article. John was a member of the Tulsa Community College Board of Regents for seven years. Since retirement in 2005, John enjoys spending time with his wife and four grandchildren, playing golf, reading and traveling. He is active in his church where he has been a Deacon, Elder and Trustee.



HHSAA Officers 2006-2007

President: Mary Susan Sisk Bond '64
Vice President: Greg Robertson '64
Vice President: Larry Logo '66
Past President: Johnny McCharen '64
Secretary: Carole Looney Hill '61
Assistant Secretary: Marty Sanger McCharen '63
Treasurer: Roger Edwards '63
Assistant Treasurer: John Woodson '58
Sargent at Arms: Hawthorne Farr '61

Thank you Johnny McCharen!

The Harding High School Alumni Association has had an auspicious beginning. Much of our early success was due to the leadership and guidance of our first President, **Johnny McCharen**. It all started one day when Johnny decided to go by Harding and see what was happening at our old school. He was both interested and excited to learn that a charter preparatory school had started its first year at Harding. The preparatory school's primary goal was to prepare its students for college. That sounded much like the Harding we had all attended.

Immediately Johnny noticed that the American flag was not being flown. He purchased an American flag and flag pole and had it installed at his own expense. After realizing that the science department

lacked many materials needed to teach the students, he provided those classes with state-of-the-art supplies and equipment.

Johnny then found an old classmate, **Phil Kernan**, who had a vision of bringing Harding Alumni together to help support excellence in education. When Phil had to return to his home in Utah, Johnny continued organizing the Harding High School Alumni Association. Johnny spent untold hours establishing the HHSAA and serving as our first President! He sacrificed his personal and business time to accomplish so much! Were it not for Johnny McCharen, the HHSAA would not be where we are today!

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Take a Look

We now have a website

www.hardinalumni.org

- ✎ Announcements of upcoming events.
- ✎ Links to websites of some classes
- ✎ How to contact us
- ✎ Purpose and history
- ✎ Submit change of address, phone and e-mail
- ✎ Report Fallen Eagles
- ✎ Copies of past issues of our newsletter, *The Marionette*

McCharen (from page 2)

Johnny is a successful business man, father and friend. He graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a degree in Business Administration in 1968 and then purchased an electrical contracting company, Osborne Electric, from his father. He has worked to see Osborne Electric become one of the largest and most respected electrical contracting companies in Oklahoma. He also established two other businesses in which he is active. Johnny has often said that he owes his success to the dedicated faculty at Harding who cared so much about educating their students.

Class of 1961 Celebrates 45 Years

Barbara Kite Spencer and husband Dennis opened their lovely home for the class of 1961's 45th reunion the evening of September 16th, 2006. Their home, which overlooks the Gaillardia golf course, was the perfect setting for a Mexican dinner from Ted's and much camaraderie. Class members enjoyed music from the 50's and 60's and renewed friendships from their Harding years. Alumni came from Oklahoma, Texas, Colorado and beyond. Those traveling the farthest included **Carol Green Longmire** and husband **Barry Longmire** (class of '60) from New Jersey and **Paul Booton** from Florida. In a drawing which consisted of names of alumni who are members of the HHSAA, **Judy Kirk Pellagrino** won a framed picture of the bronze eagle at the zoo. Organizers of the event included **Becky Blackstock, Sheri Black Crenshaw, Margie Galt, Carole Looney Hill and Barbara Spencer**. See pictures from the reunion on the HHSAA website www.hardinalumni.org.

Fallen Eagles

Cathie A. McElroy Carlson '63, September 8, 2004

Bill Cochran, '59, 2003, Norman, OK.

Susan Beasley Morton '68, November 11, 2004, Lake Oswego, OR.

Please report recent deaths at:
www.hardinalumni.org

Grades Are In For HCP

Preliminary Academic Performance Index (API) scores for Harding Charter Prep have been announced. Congratulations to the faculty and students for the return of Harding to academic excellence! Students scored an average 1374 points out of a possible 1500 points. If the final score stays at this level or above, Harding Charter Prep will have scored higher than any other public school in last year's evaluation and will be in the top five public high schools in the state of Oklahoma.

Committee Chairs 2006-2007

Newsletter—Becky Blackstock '61

Mentor— Roger Edwards '63

Membership— Susan Moorman Edwards '63

Finance— Roger Edwards '63

Special Projects— Katherine Bowman-Berryman '62

By Laws—Paul Fernald '59

Scholarship— Greg Robertson '64

HHSAA Board Members

1958—Dorthlyn Dent Gaddis, Gene Melton, John Woodson

1959—Paul Fernald, Denny Kaufman, Nancy Wilson Ellis

1960—Carolyn Bulla Crepps, Sandra Cook Bates, Carol Prosser Magness

1961— Becky Blackstock, Hawthorne Farr, Carole Looney Hill

1962— Katherine Bowman Berryman, Robin Johnson

1963— Roger Edwards, Susan Moorman Edwards, Marty Sanger McCharen

1964— Johnny McCharen, Greg Robertson, Mary Susan Sisk Bond

1965— Steve Bentley, Marilyn Novak Sullivan

1966—Larry Lago

1967— Hal McKnight, Tom Roach

1968-

1969-

Our goal is to have three board members for each class. Each class has one vote and all members from the class need not be at each meeting. If you are interested in filling a vacant seat for your class call 405-942-5772. We anticipate having six meetings per year.



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Time to Renew Memberships!

Your Alumni Association has accomplished a lot over the past two years. It is the contributions from dues that makes this possible. Please help us continue by sending in your 2006-07 dues (\$10.00) or become a lifetime member (\$100.00).

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Middle Name: _____ Maiden Name: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____ HHS Class: _____

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

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

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