



Facility Changes at the Harding Charter Schools

Plans for additional upgrades at the two Charter Schools at Harding continue. As reported a year ago Harding Fine Arts renovated parts of the building to provide two new classrooms, a new media/library, drama room and dance studio. Plans are now underway to improve the science classroom to include both instructional and laboratory facilities. The estimated cost will be \$120,000 and must be raised from grants and fundraising activities since charter schools do not receive funds for maintenance or improvements to the building from the school district and charter schools are inhibited from issuing bonds or incurring debt by state law.

Part of the funds for the science room project will come from the HFFA annual fundraising campaign "Arts and Education Awards Dinner". The rest will come from grant applications and donations. The Harding High School Alumni Association helped start the fundraising process

this fall with a donation of \$3000.00

If you visit HCP in the near future you will see new display cases in center hall. Donations of \$3500.00 from the HHSAA and two individual alumni paid for most of the costs of the cases. Some memorabilia from the 50's and 60's will be on display.

HCP is also in the midst of fundraising for a major upgrade of their science facilities that will bring them up to modern science standards. The goal is to raise \$250,000. The school will rely on local fundraising and grants to reach their goal.

Class of '66 Reunion May 20-22, 2014

May 20

Golf: organized by Harold Clark
chili66@cox.net

Girl's Party: at Pam Frew Rust's home, 2:00—4:00 p.m.

Explore Bricktown: on your own.

Pre-mixer: Hilton Garden Inn Bar, 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Evening Mixer: Bricktown Brewery, 7:00—11:00 p.m.

May 21

Harding Program and Tour: 10:00 a.m.—noon

Lunch: Johnnie's on Britton Rd 12:30 p.m.

Evening Party: Will Rogers Event Center, 7:00 p.m.—11:00 p.m.

May 22

Brunch: Bellini's, details to be announced

Further information at
www.harding66.com

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Outstanding Alum— Linda Madison-Hibbs ‘60

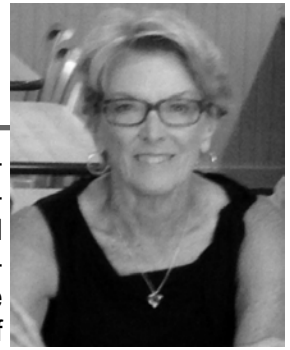
Linda Madison Hibbs liked school so much that she just couldn't leave. Following graduation in the summer of 1960, Linda was involved in a life-threatening car accident while returning from a swimming party at Lake Hiwassee. Following months of hospitalization, she married Ralph Alexander and began a 15-year journey that brought her back to Oklahoma. During those fifteen years she lived in Germany, California, Kentucky, and Colorado. During the many moves, she continued to attend school and received credit from fifteen different colleges and universities, finally graduating from Phillips University in Enid, OK in 1970 with a degree in Elementary Education.

As a now single mom, Linda worked as a remedial reading and math specialist in Sperry, OK and with Oklahoma City Public Schools while earning her master's degree in Counseling Psychology. She also received certification as a

School Psychologist and worked in that position for 7 years in OKCPS. While working as a School Psychologist, she met and married Gerald Hibbs who worked as a school counselor at Capitol Hill Middle School. They spent 31 adventuresome and loving years together until his death in 2013. Linda was also certified to teach students with disabilities and soon rose to the position of Administrator of Related Services in Oklahoma City Public Schools. She spent another year of school earning her administrator's certification and in 1990 became principal of Andrew Johnson Elementary School in north Oklahoma City. Johnson was named a School of Excellence by a national publication for its collaborative efforts with the families of students with disabilities.

Linda retired from OKCPS in 2000 and began teaching at Oklahoma City University. She became a National Board Certified School Psychologist and a

Licensed Professional Counselor, and served as Co-Chair of the Department of Education and Director of



Linda Madison Hibbs

Teacher Education during her seven year tenure at OCU. Following her "retirement" from OCU, Linda became a consultant for the Oklahoma State Department of Education, and Supervisor of Student Teachers at the University of Central Oklahoma. She continues working in those positions today. Her favorite memories of Harding are the prom after-parties at Miss Miller's home and the wonderful hours spent backstage and onstage in Allece Locke's drama productions. Linda has one daughter, Lee Ann Alexander, who lives in Austin, TX and works as an attorney.

Class of '60 Reports on Their 55th Reunion

The Harding Class of 1960 reunion committee had so much fun planning our 50 year reunion celebration in 2010, that we decided to get back together to plan a celebration for our 55th reunion for September of 2015. Committee members **Linda Madison Hibbs, Carol Prosser Magness, John Couch, Phil Truss, Bob Moore, Steve Craven, Sam Williamson, Charlie Mugg, Jim Cook, Lynn Rippetto Cook, Danny Martin, and Bob Gow** agreed that getting together to plan the event was probably as much fun as attending the event itself. So, despite our trepidation surrounding Oklahoma's unpredictable weather, and acknowledging that the committee members might be the only alums attending the

party, we planned a Saturday night dinner in the beautiful backyard of Phil Truss' Nichols Hills home, and began contacting our classmates.

Each committee member pitched in to make this a truly wonderful celebration of friendship and remembrance. Lynn provided the lovely table decorations, Bob Gow printed nametags with our senior pictures (we all look better now) and large font names (for obvious reasons), Phil cleverly pasted the numeral "5" over the zero on our 50th reunion banner, and John kept track of reservations on his class list.

Much to our delight, we were greeted with one of those rare and beautiful Oklahoma evenings

with no wind, no rain, no mosquitos, and moderate temperatures. Seventy-five alums and guests spent a delightful evening reconnecting with old friends, remembering our lost and missing classmates and enjoying a barbeque dinner from, appropriately, Bedlam Bar-B-Que. We were all delighted to welcome classmates who were attending their first reunion as well as those who traveled long distances to greet one another. We ended the evening by gathering around the pool to sing the Harding fight song and looking forward to beginning our planning for the 60th reunion in 2020. Won't you join us?

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Harding Charter Schools Gain Recognition

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*donations made 3/15/15 - 3/14/16

Last fall Harding Fine Arts Academy celebrated the 10th year since it's inception. The 10th year brought national recognition when the school was named a National Blue Ribbon School for 2015. Additionally the school received a grade of A+ when evaluated by the Oklahoma Department of Education.

HFAA students participated in a Putnam City High School event for acting, speaking and debate in January. The 25 students who participated won the class 5A Sweepstakes trophy (most team points).

At Harding Charter Prep, two students, Isaac Kabrick and Tristan Dow, were named National Merit Scholarship Finalists. The HCP academic team consisting of Martin Alba, Jacob Lange and Mackenzie Williams took second place at the OSSAA Regional Tournament. Harding Charter Prep also received an A+ grade by the Oklahoma Department of Education.

In the past few years, both schools have been listed in various national publications as being among the best public high schools in the US.

Fallen Eagles

Frank Broadstreet '61, 1/27/16, Fayetteville, AK.
Judy Swafford Buxmann '58, 12/18/15, Colorado Springs, CO.
Stephen Earnheart '64, 12/11/15, Blanchard, OK.
Michael Goble '58, 10/9/15, Mustang, OK.
James Hyde '64, 12/24/15, Oklahoma City, OK.
David Oller '68, 2/20/16, Albuquerque, NM.
Charles Palme '68, 10/25/15, Oklahoma City, OK.
Robert Parker '68, 8/9/15, Midwest City, OK.
Doris Young Thompson '63, 12/17/15, Tulsa, OK.
Valgeen Wheeler, Teacher, 1/12/16, Southlake, TX.
 (Report recent deaths at www.hardingalumni.org)

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE HHSAA MEMBERSHIP

Saturday July, 23rd
 12:00 P.M.

Johnnie's Charcoal Broiler
 2652 W. Britton Road

Please purchase your lunch and join other alumni in the private room on the southwest side of the restaurant



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